

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22105**

This bill provides the authority of port districts to construct and maintain an open access dark fiber optic cable network. The fiber optic network will be assessable to all service providers on an equal basis. The open access infrastructure will encourage access to all service providers desiring to offer competitive services. The port district will not offer end user services.

Within the meaning of Section 70-1501, Idaho Code, a port district may..."equip, maintain, and operate any and all facilities and services reasonably incident to the operation of a modern, efficient and competitive port, together with industrial and economic development facilities of any kind or nature which maintain or increases employment opportunities in a port district."

The proposed legislation will clarify the port districts authority to provide fiber optic cable infrastructure to maintain and increase employment opportunities in a port district.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund.

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