

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS21828

The purpose of this legislation is to request the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to stagger issue the benefits citizens receive from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is more commonly referred to as "food stamps." The issuance of SNAP benefits would change from a single day issuance to a multi-day issuance which would occur over the course of ten days..

### FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$683,200 for implementation. This figure includes the initial implementation, as well as the first year of operation. Ongoing costs are estimated at \$231,600 per year with that amount of money being split in half between state and federal funds. The initial start up money and first year of operation money is being held in reserve by the Department of Health and Welfare. It is money they received from the federal government as a program "bonus."

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