

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22921**

Governmental entities exist to serve a public purpose and must be subject to standards of accountability so that the public, other local governmental entities, and state government can be apprised of their status and activities; for many years it has been impossible to compile a complete and accurate list of all the special purpose governmental entities operating in the state or to ascertain basic information about how those entities are operated, where they receive their funding, and how they expend their resources. Numerous concerns relating to the accountability and transparency of such entities have arisen and most recently come to the legislature's attention through the Special Districts in Idaho report conducted by Legislative Services Office (LSO). The report shows that only about 35.5% of the taxing districts are in compliance with the auditing requirements. It is the intent of the legislature to enact legislation, to improve public accountability and transparency of all special purpose governmental entities in the state of Idaho, for the benefit of the people whom these entities serve.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to the State of Idaho with this proposed legislation. In terms of providing the link and new forms LSO has agreed to use existing state resources. There may be costs incurred for the mailing of notices.

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