

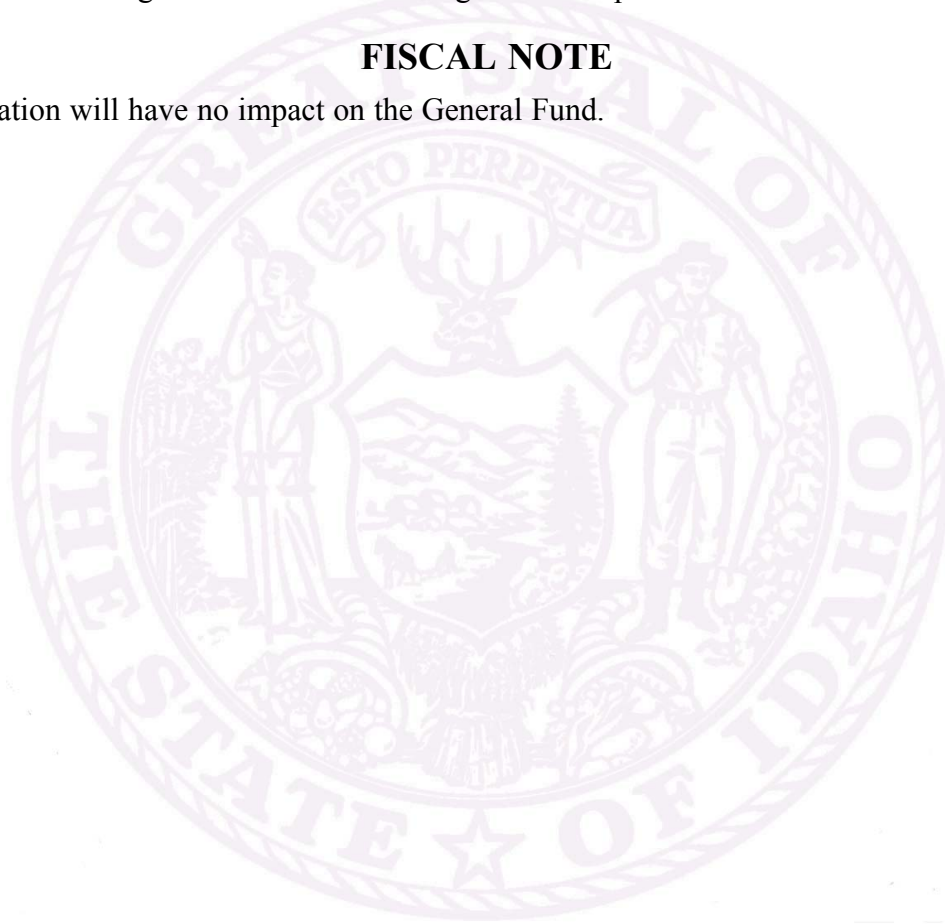
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho Statute §56-1012(12) defines EMS as "the system utilized in responding to a perceived individual need for immediate care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury." While the current definition describes the venue in which EMS is delivered, it does not describe when care provided to sick and injured persons by individuals or organizations is considered EMS. The lack of clarity in the definition of EMS can potentially allow untrained individuals to provide inappropriate and potentially harmful interventions to sick and injured persons. A clear definition of EMS in Idaho Statute would strengthen the EMS Bureau's ability to protect the health and safety of Idaho citizens while satisfying the mandate in Title 56 to provide reasonable regulation of Idaho EMS agencies and personnel.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the General Fund.



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