

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS23432**

In 2004, the Idaho Legislature passed the Idaho Elevator Safety Code Act. The purpose of the Act was to ensure Idaho's elevators were safely maintained by licensed personnel and to be inspected every five years by qualified elevator inspectors. However, the requirements to obtain the current licenses to install or perform work on elevators are not in the Idaho Elevator Safety Code Act but are instead briefly described in the Division of Building Safety's general rules for electrical licensing. The existing requirements are basic and not specific to the elevator industry and do not address the complexity of the advanced mechanical and technical aspects particular to the industry. This legislation would move the existing licenses and provide statutory authority to the Idaho Elevator Safety Code Act to define the mechanical operation, erection, installation, alteration, maintenance, inspection and repair of elevators and escalators. New language would also be adopted that conforms to other nationally recognized requirements of the profession and approved by industry. This language will fully define elevator contractors and mechanics; the process of applying for license; license requirements; the role of the Division of Building Safety in issuing licenses; continuing education requirements associated with license renewal; insurance; fees and the ability for the Administrator of the Division of Building Safety to issue temporary licenses in the event of disaster or emergency. No new safety or standards board would be created. All existing license holders will be offered grandfather protections under the terms of this legislation.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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