

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS23958

This legislation calls for a buy-out of Federal Funds between the Local Highway Jurisdictions and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), that are non-mandated for the local system. As a result, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) will continue to provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions, but will no longer receive federal aid or administer it. This approach will reduce administrative costs by LHTAC, and give local jurisdictions more flexibility with their funding for roads.

Any mandated federal funds for the local system will be administered by the Idaho Transportation Department.

### FISCAL NOTE

Approximately \$20 to \$30 million in Federal Funds are directed to be used annually on the local system (non-mandated). Based on this, it is estimated between \$1 million to \$1.5 million more will be directed to highway construction contracts that otherwise would be spent on administration.

Additional savings may also be realized in staff reductions at LHTAC.

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