

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25624

The proposed legislation would amend Section 72-205, Idaho Code, adding language that would require a postsecondary institution to cover a student through the institution's workers' compensation policy, if the employer the student is placed with does not cover the student through its policy. The definition of "work experience student" includes work-study students of Idaho's public higher education institutions. Adult students, when employed by an institution or placed in an off-campus work experience, are covered as employees by the employer's workers' compensation coverage. The existing language requires the postsecondary institution to include the student in its policy, even if the employer has already covered the student through its workers' compensation policy.

FISCAL NOTE

The current language requires public higher education institutions to maintain workers' compensation coverage for students placed in work-study positions outside of the institution. The proposed legislation would result in a reduction of workers' compensation premiums paid by higher education institutions for students who are covered by an employer's policy. Estimates based on 2016 calendar year premiums range from no fiscal impact at some institutions to an estimated savings of \$66,483 for Boise State University.

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