

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25968

This bill requires the Department of Health and Welfare to compile an annual report that identifies fifty (50) employers who employ fifty (50) or more employees that have the highest number of employees on public benefit programs. The purpose of this bill is to identify employers that pay low wages and insufficient benefits to the extent that their employees are compelled to resort to public benefit programs. When large, profitable employers pay low wages and limited benefits, they shift the burden of these saved costs to taxpayers in the form of public benefit programs. This report will help the legislature obtain data that can be used to protect workers and strengthen the economy of Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this bill is to the Department of Health and Welfare. This may require additional staffing and housing to accommodate the production of this annual report, however, it most likely will be absorbed into the department's existing operating budget.

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