

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation is an attempt to create clarity in Idaho code with regard to a new category of bicycles increasingly popular on Idaho roads, paths and trails.

These bicycles utilize small electronic motors to provide a boost to the rider on hills or flat roads where extra speed is desirable. They are called "E-bikes" and have all the features common to regular bicycles.

Bicycle manufacturers have agreed on an industry standard to create three basic categories of E-bikes. This legislation incorporates those categories into state law, and uses them to establish a framework for how cities, counties and the state regulate the use of E-bikes, without preemption. Local control will remain in place.

This legislation also clarifies that E-bikes are not mopeds or motorcycles and they will have to follow all existing laws and "rules of the road" for bicycles.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund or to any local government fund.

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