

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26715

The purpose of RS26715 is to provide a layer of safety for the public propane consumer. The safety of Idahoans is put at risk when discount propane providers (DPP's) fill propane tanks already leased to customers by legitimate Idaho propane companies. The DPP's do not conduct safety inspections, they do not leak tests, and very often overfill tanks to dangerous levels. The proposed law will protect consumer safety by restricting the filling of propane gas storage tanks or cylinders to its owner or someone having the owner's authorization. The law additionally provides liability protection and legal recourse in the event of violation. One, who owns a container, or his agent, has the greatest interest in seeing that only safe filling procedures are followed and that all governmental requirements are met. Propane tanks owned by the customer can be filled by any company the customer chooses and would not be affected by this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund because this legislation does not require any State funds be expended.

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