

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26544C1

This bill identifies Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) otherwise known as Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) as an occupational injury that affects Idaho's First Responders. Under current law, a mental injury must be accompanied by a physical injury. This changes current statute that if a First Responder has "clear and convincing" evidence of a physiological injury, the treatment would be handled through worker's compensation. The provision of this act shall be null, void, and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE

The National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) expects that the enactment of such legislation will increase cost on workers' compensation rates that local municipalities pay as claims come in. However, the extent of such increase is difficult to estimate due to significant data limitations. Workers' compensation rates are averaged over a three-year period of time. There is no impact on the General Fund.

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