

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26797

This legislation will remove this Transportation of Wheelchair-Bound Veterans Fund Grant Program (Section 65-208, Idaho Code). In past years, the Idaho Division of Veterans Services (IDVS) has only been able to offer the Program services to a limited number of Veterans located in the Treasure Valley. During the 2017 legislative session, IDVS received legislative approval to enter into agreements with transportation vendors to provide the transportation services to eligible wheelchair confined Veterans. The intent was to leverage the \$7,000 appropriation with existing services, however, IDVS has since found that there are currently transportation resources now available for wheelchair-bound Veterans that were not previously available in 2017. As such, this action will not impact any of the Veterans previously served. IDVS has, and will continue to, successfully refer Veterans over to one of the other transportation resources.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact. Currently there is an ongoing appropriation built into the base of IDVS' budget in the amount of \$7,000. If this repeal is approved, these statutory funds would be reverted back to the state's general funds.

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