

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28417 / H0160

The Legislature, at its 2019 annual session, enacted legislation that established new processes and fees for local authorities (defined as every county, highway district, municipal and other local board or body having authority over local highways and streets) and the Idaho Transportation Department to designate routes and issue permits allowing vehicles with gross weights between 105,501 Gross Vehicle Weight and 129,000 Gross Vehicle Weight to access highway and streets under their jurisdictions. The 2019 legislation contained sunset clauses that were effective on June 30, 2021. The reason for the sunset clauses was to allow interested parties the opportunity to determine the effectiveness of the processes and fees contained in the legislation. All interested parties have now concluded that the legislation is effective and appropriate. Accordingly, they have requested this legislation to remove the sunset clauses. This legislation also provides that applicants seeking designated routes for such vehicles no longer must pay a special five thousand (\$5,000) fee to local authorities for technical analyses by such authorities. It also increases the dollar amount for grants to local authorities for technical analyses from five thousand (\$5,000) to ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

## FISCAL NOTE

The funding for the technical analyses in this legislation comes exclusively from users' fees paid by the operators of vehicles operating at 105,501 Gross Vehicle Weight to 120,000 Gross Vehicle Weight. The fees collected are used to provide grants by the Idaho Transportation Department to local authorities for such analyses.

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