

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation grants express authority for incorporated cities, counties, and port districts in Idaho to build and maintain broadband infrastructure ensuring communities across the state can gain crucial access to the internet. It ensures the public process for accounting and contracting are followed and supports free market competition by incentivizing internet service providers to partner with municipalities to build open access networks, to provide for connectivity for telehealth, education, and economic prosperity, and to prevent the use of eminent domain by municipalities to protect incumbent service providers and their property.

## FISCAL NOTE

There is no cost or fiscal impact to state or local units of government to implement this legislation. However, there may be additional transfers to Idaho State Department of Commerce and then to local units of government from the General Fund as directed by the Legislature.

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