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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation provides an alternative way for owners of electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids to pay the additional registration fees based on actual miles traveled. Currently, electric vehicles are charged the base registration fee of \$45-69 (based on the age of the vehicle) plus an additional \$140 in acknowledgement that an electric vehicle does not pay gas tax; and plug-in hybrid vehicles are charged the same base registration fee of \$45-69 plus an additional fee of \$75. This legislation institutes an optional road usage charge of \$.01/mile that would replace the additional fee of either \$140 for electric vehicles or \$75 for plug-in hybrid vehicles, capped at the additional fee rate. Vehicle owners would opt-in to a program that would be managed by a contractor that would allow for the collection of information related to cumulative miles traveled.

FISCAL NOTE

There is minimal anticipated impact to the state highway fund. Currently there are 5,394 electric vehicles and 2,032 plug-in hybrid vehicles registered in Idaho, and not all are anticipated to join the opt-in fee per mile program. These two categories of vehicles represent approximately 470.45% of the passenger vehicles registered in Idaho. There will be a cost for the contractor or vendor to administer the opt-in mileage tracking program. This contract cost would be paid for through the dedicated funds of the Idaho Transportation Department. There is no impact to the state general fund because registration fees go in to the state highway fund.

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