

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS30069 / SCR101

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) play an important part of the first responder system in the State of Idaho. EMS personnel and volunteers save countless lives every year across our State. Currently, EMS is not classified as an essential service. As the population in Idaho grows, demand for EMS services is increasingly stressed. There is no statewide EMS system and funding for EMS services is sporadic and unreliable in many areas. This Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) encourages the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to develop a plan and draft legislation to address this statewide concern.

### FISCAL NOTE

A total of \$700,000 of EMS Dedicated funds are committed to planning activities split equally between SFY23 and SFY24. There are adequate funds and appropriation to cover the expenditures in SFY23. A Decision Unit has been submitted for a \$350,000 appropriation increase in the EMS Dedicated fund to cover the projected expenditures in SFY24. The EMS dedicated fund has an adequate balance to cover all expenses to fulfilling this SCR.

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