

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31199 / S1318

This legislation updates the Dig Once Policy and encourages the installation of broadband across Idaho. Essentially, the Dig Once Policy states that when the Idaho Department of Transportation does a highway project, it shall consider whether it would be appropriate to include the installation of broadband infrastructure during the construction. This legislation narrows the definitions to a wired broadband infrastructure for the purpose of the Dig Once Policy. It also gives more participation to counties, cities and towns over broadband infrastructure in their jurisdictions, which will help fulfill the requirements of the Local Land Use Planning Act of 1975 found in chapter 65 of title 67 of Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

There is not expected to be an impact on state or local funding from the changes in this legislation since this legislation clarifies the definitions of infrastructure for the Dig Once Policy and affirms the role of local governments in zoning coordination.

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