

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Until just a few years ago most investor-owned utilities (IOU's) were growing at a reasonable rate of around two percent per year. Within the last few years energy demand has spiked across the country. Without strong guardrails on IOU's, existing customers could see their utility rates spike. In other places around the country where large loads have come onto the systems existing customers pay the price for adding these new loads. This legislation does not affect existing large load customers but will set the standard for new large loads. This legislation will set standards and guidelines for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to follow when contemplating a new large load contract.

## FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not cost additional funds. This legislation may actually save the Idaho Public Utilities Commission money by requiring them to charge new large loads for the technical analysis required to model the impacts they will have on an electrical system.

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