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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27249 / S1330

The purpose of this legislation is to codify the Extended Employment Services (EES) Program. The legislation would statutorily establish the EES program with a twofold mission: 1) provide work skills training on a short-term basis for Idahoans with the most significant disabilities for whom competitive integrated employment has not been successful due to the specific limitations of their disability or disabilities; and 2) serve Idahoans with the most significant disabilities who require long-term supports in order to maintain competitive integrated employment due to the specific limitations of their disability or disabilities. The legislation would further stipulate that the EES program supports Idahoans who are not otherwise eligible for any other public program funding for like services, including Department of Health and Welfare Medicaid Waivers. In other words, the EES program would be the payer of last resort and would not supplant or duplicate any other public funding source.

FISCAL NOTE

The EES program is currently funded through the appropriation for the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The proposed legislation is consistent with current practices for administering these funds and would result in no additional fiscal impact. The use of the funds appropriated for the EES program is subject to annual appropriation. In any year where there are not enough funds to serve all eligible applicants, applicants would be placed on a waiting list.

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