

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS24213**

This bill re-authorizes Title 67, Chapter 90, Idaho Code, short-titled the "Idaho Rural Development Partnership Act," with technical and conforming amendments. These amendments (1) clarify the appointing authority for certain positions on the Idaho Rural Partnership Board, (2) remove the requirement that the Executive Director of the Partnership be a full-time state employee, and (3) make minor changes to the definitions and mission of the Partnership to conform with the current practices and funding of the National Rural Development Partnership, 7 U.S. Code section 2008m.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

Re-authorization of the Idaho Rural Development Partnership Act will have no impact to the General Fund. The Idaho Rural Partnership frequently operates solely on donated federal and private sector grants, and this re-authorization makes no changes to funding mechanisms or requirements. Grantors may choose to provide funding to the Partnership if, in their opinion, their goals and missions can be accomplished more efficiently through broad-based collaboration among federal, state, tribal, private for-profit and private non-profit participants. Along those lines, the current administration has requested an appropriation of \$50,000 for the Partnership, earmarked to accomplish certain specified rural development objectives.

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