

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

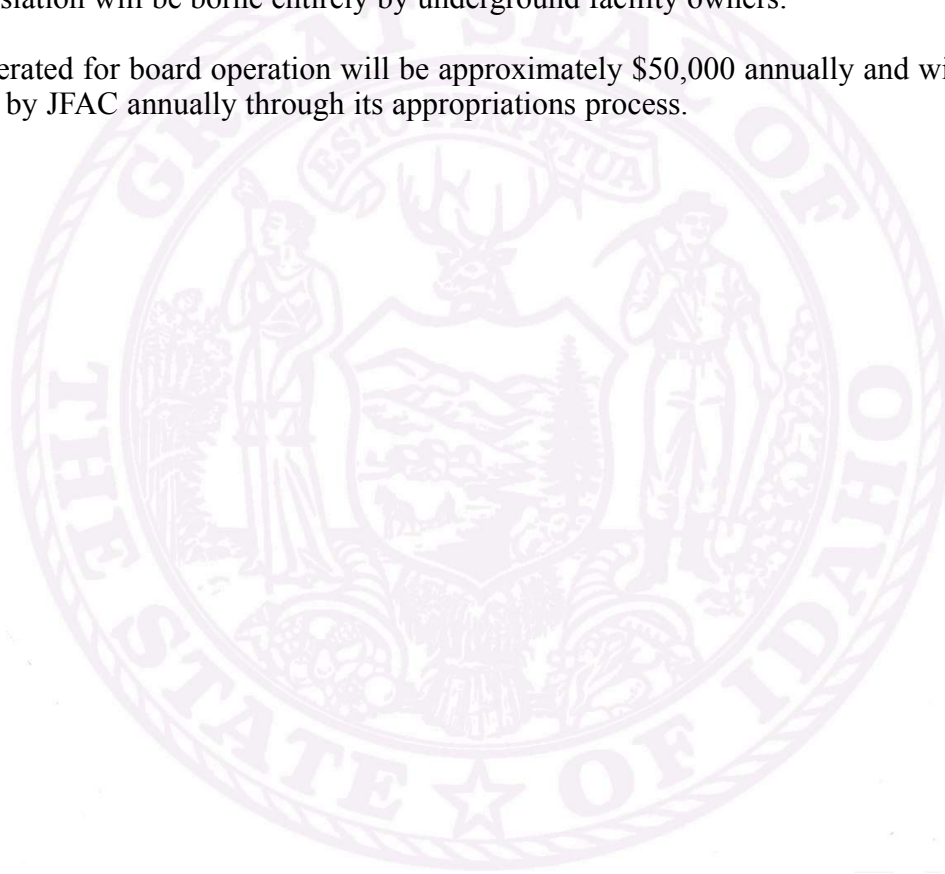
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The purpose of this legislation is to provide for Idaho primacy in the protection of the public health and safety regarding underground facilities and to reduce damages to those facilities by the creation of a representative stakeholder board housed at the Division of Building Safety that will provide statewide education and administrative enforcement of the underground damage prevention statutes. If adopted, this legislation also will prevent federal oversight and enforcement related to underground facilities that is authorized by 49 CFR Part 198 that took effect on January 1, 2016.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the general fund. Recovery of costs associated with administration of this legislation will be borne entirely by underground facility owners.

Funds generated for board operation will be approximately \$50,000 annually and will need to be authorized by JFAC annually through its appropriations process.



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