

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26445

Idaho Code section 55-2205(2) requires underground facility owners to locate and mark all underground facilities in the state of Idaho. Some underground facility owners are also end user consumers of utility services or commodities. Service laterals are underground facilities located in public rights of way or utility easements. End users do not have operational control of, locational knowledge of, or the expertise or equipment to locate or mark service laterals, despite owning them, because the laterals are in rights of way or utility easements. This legislative proposal will exempt end users from the requirement to locate and mark service laterals. This legislative proposal will also require underground facility owners with the ability to locate and mark service laterals to do so.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact, positive or negative, to any state funds, including the state General Fund and the Damage Prevention Board fund. There will be a positive fiscal impact for those underground facility owners who are exempted from the requirement to locate and mark service laterals. There will be a negative fiscal impact to underground facility owners who are required to locate and mark service laterals; however, many of these underground facility owners are already locating and marking service laterals.

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