

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation restores the separation and balance of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government. Specifically, this legislation ensures that all Idahoans have the right to work, provide for their families and contribute to the economy during any emergency disaster declaration. The legislation also limits the length of emergency disaster declarations to a maximum of 30 days unless extended by a legislative concurrent resolution. All constitutional rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and explicitly the right to assemble for worship, are definitively protected in the legislation. The legislation clarifies that the governor may not alter, adjust or suspend Idaho Code during a disaster declaration. And finally, this legislation terminates all currently existing emergency disaster declarations that have existed longer than 30 days.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no expected fiscal impact to the General Fund, nor to any other state or local budgets or agencies. This legislation allows the legislature to extend disaster declarations; consequently, any federal funds associated with an emergency disaster declaration can be continued.

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