

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25648

Section 54-2602, Idaho Code, in relevant part, provides exemptions from plumbing licensure for homeowners (54-2602(1)(a)) and certain maintenance plumbing work (54-2602(1)(e)). The exceptions currently allow property owners of a single or duplex family dwelling to perform plumbing work and allow employers to perform alterations, extensions, and new construction on the premises of their place of employment using regularly employed maintenance plumbers without a certificate of competency (license). The Plumbing Board members and industry representatives feel the statute should more clearly indicate that a homeowner should be allowed to perform plumbing work on the owner's primary or secondary residence, accessory buildings, quarters and grounds used for non-commercial purposes. They also feel that in places of employment in commercial buildings, maintenance personnel should be allowed to perform repairs and replacements of fixtures and equipment, but any alterations, extensions, or new construction must be done by a licensed plumbing contractor. These statute changes more clearly define the scope of work in both instances.

### FISCAL NOTE

There would be no fiscal impact on the dedicated Plumbing Board fund or state General Fund as permits are required regardless of the licensure exemption. There could potentially be a negative impact on facility owners currently utilizing uncertified plumbers to perform new installations on their own premises.

#### Contact:

John Nielsen  
Division of Building Safety  
(208) 332-7112

**DISCLAIMER: This statement of purpose and fiscal note are a mere attachment to this bill and prepared by a proponent of the bill. It is neither intended as an expression of legislative intent nor intended for any use outside of the legislative process, including judicial review (Joint Rule 18).**