

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation amends Section 18-333 of the Idaho Code to address the growing threat of “swatting” and its dangers to both public and private sectors. It establishes legislative intent to combat the harmful consequences of false emergency reports, revises existing provisions on false police reports, and introduces a new section to criminalize false reports of violence or emergencies in public or private places. The bill includes clear definitions, specifies penalties for offenders, and makes necessary technical corrections to improve clarity and enforcement.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will not result in additional expenditures or revenue changes for state or local governments. However, it has the potential to save public resources by preventing the unnecessary waste caused by false emergency responses, which could result in cost savings at the state and local levels.

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