#### LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. XXX

# BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO THE BROADCASTER FIRST INFORMER ACT; AMENDING
3	CODE 31, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 59.
4	IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED PLANNING SYSTEM FOR
5	FIRST INFORMER BROADCASTERS IN THE UNIFIED INCIDENT
6	COMMAND SYSTEM AND THE IDAHO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
7	PLAN; TO PROVIDE A PRIVATELY FUNDED TRAINING PROGRAM; TO
8	PROVIDE CERTIFICATION TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL
9	BROADCASTERS; TO PROVIDE FOR A SHORT TITLE; TO PROVIDE FOR
10	DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.
11	Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Idaho:
12	SECTION 1.
	As used in this subsection, the term: (A) 'Broadcaster' means any corporation or other
	entity that is primarily engaged in the business of broadcasting video or audio
	programming, whether through the public airwaves, cable, direct or indirect satellite
	transmission, or any other similar means of communication; (B) 'Emergency' means the
	declaration of a state of emergency or disaster as provided in Idaho Code.
	(C) 'First informer broadcaster' means a broadcaster in Idaho who makes application
	to the Idaho Emergency Management Agency for designation as a first informer
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	pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director of emergency
23	management.
26	SECTION 2.
27	The unified incident command system and the Idaho Emergency Operations Plan
	shall, by July 1, 2017, establish planning for first informer broadcasters such that first
	informer broadcasters, to any extent practicable, may during an emergency:
	(A) Have access to areas affected by an emergency for the purpose of restoring,
	repairing, or resupplying any facility or equipment critical to the ability of a broadcaster
	to acquire, produce, or transmit emergency related programming, including but not
	limited to repairing and maintaining transmitters and generators and transporting fuel
	for generators:

- 35 (B) Have access to the distribution of fuel, food, water, supplies, equipment, and any
- 36 other materials necessary for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting
- 37 signal; and
- 38 (C) Not have vehicles, fuel, food, water, and any other materials seized or condemned
- 39 that are essential for maintaining or producing a broadcast or broadcasting signal.

### 40 **SECTION 3.**

- 41 The Idaho Emergency Management Agency may develop or adopt courses of
- 42 instruction for use in training personnel of first informer broadcasters on personal safety
- 43 and navigation in an area affected by an emergency. The requirements of any such
- 44 training shall be established pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the director
- 45 of emergency management. The costs of any such training shall be paid by the first
- 46 informer broadcasters participating in the training."

#### 47 **SECTION 2.**

48 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.