

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The current classification predicated on a system of mainly paper files as provided in Idaho Code §31-871 requires counties to retain digital files of video and audio recordings for a minimum of two years as they, by default are considered temporary records. Given the size and volume of media files, plus the hard costs of management and storage, counties are currently unable to retain digital recordings for the minimum requirement of two years. This legislation will add language to define digital recordings and set a minimum retention requirement for specified media files based upon the evidentiary value of the media. These amendments will encourage counties to invest in digital recording devices by making the retention of county law enforcement records more achievable under county budgets.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the State's General Fund. The fiscal savings to the counties is difficult to calculate due to the variance in the utilization of body, dash and surveillance cameras by each county. However, the approximate cost for digital storage of media for the typical use of a body camera is \$1,000 per year per employee.

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