

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25585

This is a trailer appropriation to S1099. S1099 establishes a new division head within the Idaho Department of Lands to handle oil and gas conservation matters currently handled by program staff (1.34 FTP plus 1.00 FTP in FY 2018 appropriation bill) in the Lands and Waterways Division. The division administrator will lead an oil and gas division to be created by the director. The administrator will serve the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and must possess the qualifications necessary to successfully implement a professional oil and gas conservation program in Idaho.

In addition to current program staff and appropriation, the new Oil and Gas Division will require three (3.0) additional new full time positions and \$375,000 ongoing and \$3,900 one-time general fund support for personnel costs and associated operating expenses, to include: (1) ongoing general fund support for the new Oil and Gas Division Administrator (unclassified) in the amount of \$120,000 for annual salary and \$40,700 for benefits; (2) ongoing general fund support for an Analyst 3/Information Specialist (grade M) in the amount of \$52,300 for annual salary and \$27,000 for benefits; (3) ongoing general fund support for an Administrative Assistant 2 (grade I) in the amount of \$32,500 for annual salary and \$20,500 for benefits; and (4) a one-time capital outlay appropriation of \$3,900 for three personal computers and monitors. This bill also provides an ongoing general fund operating expense appropriation in the amount of \$22,000 for administrative overhead and \$60,000 for contracted hearing officers and professional engineering services.

An emergency clause, added by the House of Representatives, adds 2 months or 1/6 of personnel costs and operating expenditures for FY 2017.

FISCAL NOTE

Appropriates an additional \$66,400 from the General Fund to the Department of Lands for FY 2017. Also, appropriates an additional \$375,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Lands for FY 2018, ongoing. Authorizes an additional 3 full-time equivalent positions.

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