

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to give the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources explicit authority to receive, file, record, or retain documents of record on media other than paper. This legislation would enable use of digital documents, online form submissions, and other document technology to conduct the duties of the department, including long-term document storage. Paper documents of historical significance will be digitized, and the physical copies will be retained by the Department of Water Resources or archived with the Idaho State Archives.

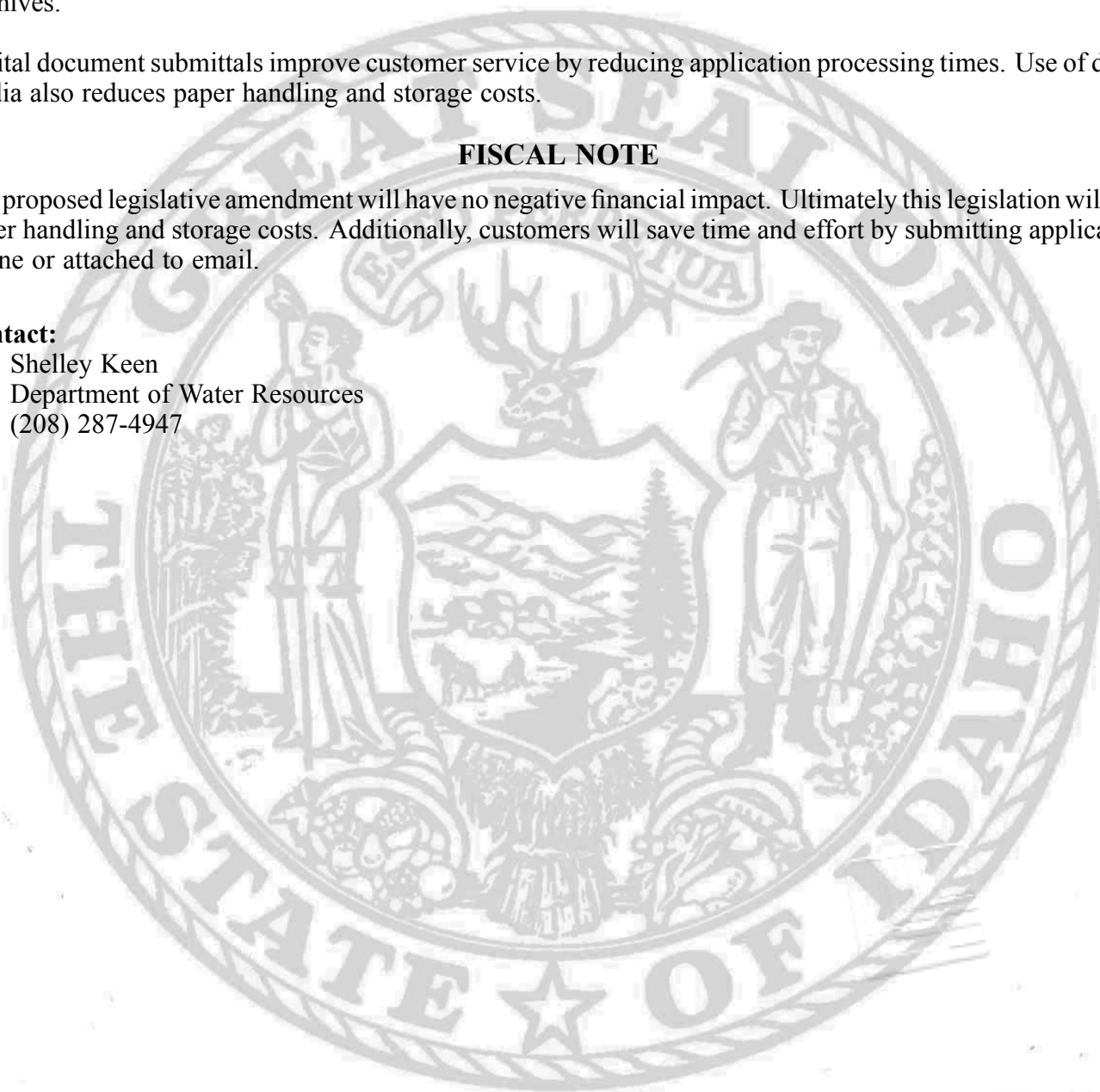
Digital document submittals improve customer service by reducing application processing times. Use of digital media also reduces paper handling and storage costs.

### FISCAL NOTE

The proposed legislative amendment will have no negative financial impact. Ultimately this legislation will save paper handling and storage costs. Additionally, customers will save time and effort by submitting applications online or attached to email.

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