

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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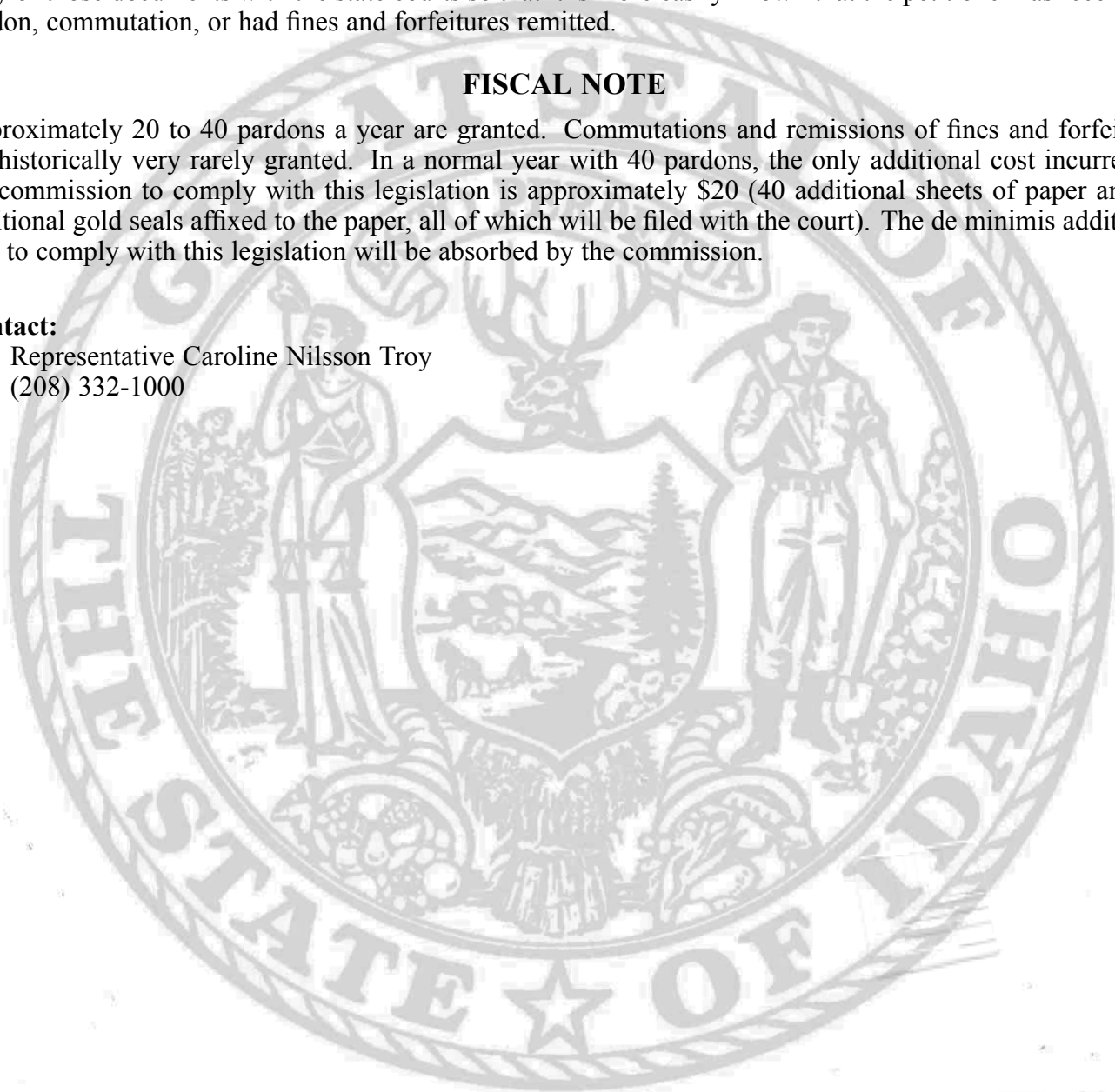
The Commission of Pardons and Parole is required by Article IV, Section 7 to file pardons, commutations, and remissions of fines and forfeitures with the Secretary of State. This legislation requires the commission to give an original copy of the pardon, commutation, or remission of fines and forfeitures document to the petitioner as well as retain an original copy at the commission. This practice will now be codified, but it has already been the practice of the commission to do this. Additionally, this legislation requires the commission to file an original copy of those documents with the state courts so that it is more easily known that the petitioner has received a pardon, commutation, or had fines and forfeitures remitted.

### FISCAL NOTE

Approximately 20 to 40 pardons a year are granted. Commutations and remissions of fines and forfeitures are historically very rarely granted. In a normal year with 40 pardons, the only additional cost incurred by the commission to comply with this legislation is approximately \$20 (40 additional sheets of paper and 40 additional gold seals affixed to the paper, all of which will be filed with the court). The de minimis additional cost to comply with this legislation will be absorbed by the commission.

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