

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS28169 / S1033

Funding for the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives is paid from the Legislative Account, which is authorized in Section 67-451, Idaho Code. The State Controller is directed to make four transfers from the General Fund into the account totaling \$6,755,000 annually. A statutory change is required to increase the amount that is transferred each year and this legislation would increase the transfers by \$1,756,000 annually. This would increase the annual total amount to \$8,511,000, which is a 26% increase. This increase is necessary because year-end fund balances have been declining significantly over the past several years due to an increased number of interim committees, working groups, and a special session. Previous increases were 29% in FY 2002 and 21% in FY 2009. Based upon agreements between the Senate and House of Representatives, the Senate receives 37% of the transfers and the House receives 63%. The funds are perpetually appropriated and do not revert back to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year. This bill includes an emergency clause which would make the increased transfers effective retroactively to January 1, 2021.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation would increase the annual amount transferred from the General Fund to the Legislative Account by \$1,756,000 on an ongoing basis. Because the transfers would be retroactive to January 1, 2021, \$1,324,500 of the increase would occur in FY 2021 and \$431,500 would occur in FY 2022.

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