

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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A primary legislative responsibility as stated in the Idaho Constitution is that the “first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home.” It also states that the “legislature should further all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality.” The legalization and normalization of unlawful drugs is in direct conflict with the Constitutional mandate. Such legalization is detrimental to the community, to the environment, to the economy and to the health of individuals and families. Therefore, a constitutional amendment addressing these findings is hereby declared to be reasonable and necessary.

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL NOTE This constitutional amendment proposes no changes to existing statutes. Hence, there is no fiscal impact, except the cost of placing this on the ballot. According to the Secretary of State, the approximate cost of any ballot measure is not more than \$200,000.00. Historically, the Secretary of State receives a biennial appropriation of \$300,000.00 to cover the costs of ballot measures.

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