

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1229

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR FISCAL
 2 YEAR 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS;
 3 PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECTING
 4 SALARY REDUCTIONS; DIRECTING COMMISSIONER SALARY REDUCTIONS;
 5 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Public Utilities Commission the follow-
 9 ing amounts to be expended according to the designated expense classes from the listed funds
 10 for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
11 FROM:			
12 Public Utilities Commission			
13 Fund	\$3,484,700	\$1,408,300	\$4,893,000
14 Federal Grant Fund	<u>49,700</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>69,200</u>
15 TOTAL	\$3,534,400	\$1,427,800	\$4,962,200

16 SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Public Utilities Com-
 17 mission is authorized no more than forty-nine (49) full-time equivalent positions at any point
 18 during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section
 19 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations
 20 Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.
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22 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the
 23 extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statuto-
 24 rily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical
 25 essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the ed-
 26 ucation of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to
 27 manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the
 28 responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature
 29 finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that
 30 impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly,
 31 by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of fur-
 32 loughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature
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1 that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the
2 extent allowed by law.

3 SECTION 4. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and
4 inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force;
5 and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required
6 by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all
7 salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent
8 (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall
9 use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two
10 percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay
11 schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning mini-
12 mum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this
13 law.

14 SECTION 5. COMMISSIONER SALARY REDUCTIONS. Notwithstanding the provi-
15 sions of Section 61-215, Idaho Code, the salaries for the Public Utilities Commissioners shall
16 be \$89,402 for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

17 SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to
18 exist, Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and
19 approval.