

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19377

This is a fiscal year 2010 supplemental appropriation to the Public Utilities Commission for the Electricity Regulators Assistance Grant in the amount of \$232,700 from the American Reinvestment Fund. Funding provided includes \$12,500 in one-time spending authority and \$220,700, ongoing, for the duration of a 3.5-year grant.

This grant, providing assistance to electricity regulators, became available to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to meet objectives specified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), otherwise known as the stimulus bill of 2009. Objectives include increasing capacity to manage significant increases in dockets and other regulatory actions resulting from ARRA electricity-related topical areas. Topical areas include energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage and transmission, and smart grid technology.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates \$220,000 additional ongoing spending authority and \$12,500 additional one-time spending authority, for a total of \$232,700 from the American Reinvestment Fund.

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