

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19115**

This proposal amends Idaho Code section 67-3004(1)(c), to correctly define the Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification responsibilities in reference to latent fingerprints generated from crime scenes, evidence, and law enforcement agencies.

In 1999, when the Department of Law Enforcement was reorganized into, and renamed the Idaho State Police, one section of Idaho Code was overlooked. Title 67, Chapter 30 governs the Bureau of Criminal Identification, and section 67-3004(1)(c) is specific to the Bureaus responsibilities with regard to latent fingerprints. This section references the Bureaus responsibility to conduct crime scene investigations for the detection and identification of latent fingerprints. The Bureau no longer performs crime scene investigations: that function is now part of the Forensics program. The Bureau does have other responsibilities relating to latent fingerprints, which need to be expressed in this section.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to this proposal. The change is an operational one that occurred 10 years ago and did not have a budgetary impact.

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