

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20067

This is one of a series of bills that the Supreme Court has recommended in its annual report to the Governor concerning defects or omissions in the laws, as required under article V, section 25 of the Idaho Constitution. Idaho Code § 1-612 requires the Administrative Director of the Courts to procure data on the business of the courts and other matters as of the close of the calendar year and to report these data for each calendar year to the Supreme Court and the Governor. This bill would require the Administrative Director to make these reports for each fiscal year, rather than each calendar year. This would make the reporting requirement consistent with Idaho Code § 67-2203, which requires departments to make their annual reports on a fiscal year basis. Providing a report for each fiscal year would allow the work of the courts to be more directly related to the expenditure of funds for each year. It would also enable the Administrative Office of the Courts to prepare these reports well in advance of the following year's legislative session, which would allow the Legislature to better evaluate the resources needed for the Judicial Branch to carry out its vital functions.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the general fund.

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