STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposal amends Idaho Code section 19-5506, to enhance the DNA data base by including all convicted felons, effective July 1, 2013. Idaho is the only state in the United States that does not include all felons in the statewide or national data base.

The Idaho State Police Forensics program operates the Statewide DNA Index System, feeding DNA identifiers from convicted felons subject to sample collection to the National DNA Index System (NDIS). Increasing the data base to include all convicted felons enhances the ability to accurately identify repeat offenders and increases the opportunity to solve crimes not only within Idaho, but across the nation, as other states access the NDIS.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposal increases the workload associated with DNA sample processing into the convicted offender DNA data base by approximately 3,700 samples per year, compared with the current workload of roughly 1,700 samples annually. A competent Forensic scientist may process 100 samples per month; at a minimum, 2 additional Forensic Scientist 2 positions are required to address the increase. Additionally, other than personnel costs associated with 1 Forensic scientist, no operating expenses or capital outlay costs of the existing convicted offender DNA data base were funded when it was created, or are funded currently. The fiscal impact statement captures unfunded current sample processing costs as well as costs of increasing data base activities to 5,400 samples annually.

Ongoing		
Personnel: 2FTPs @ $72,000	=	$ 144,000
Operating: FBI annual training @ $2,000 annually	=	$ 4,000
Sample processing reagents and other consumables	=	$ 270,000
Total ongoing costs:		$ 418,000
One time		
Operating: start up expenses (telephones, office supplies, initial training) @ $2,000	=	$ 4,000
Capital Outlay: (desks, computers) @ $3,000	=	$ 6,000
1 3500 x1 23 capillary unit (processing instrument)	=	$ 180,000
Instrument software upgrade	=	$ 140,000
Total one-time costs:		$ 330,000
Total all costs:		$ 748,000

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