

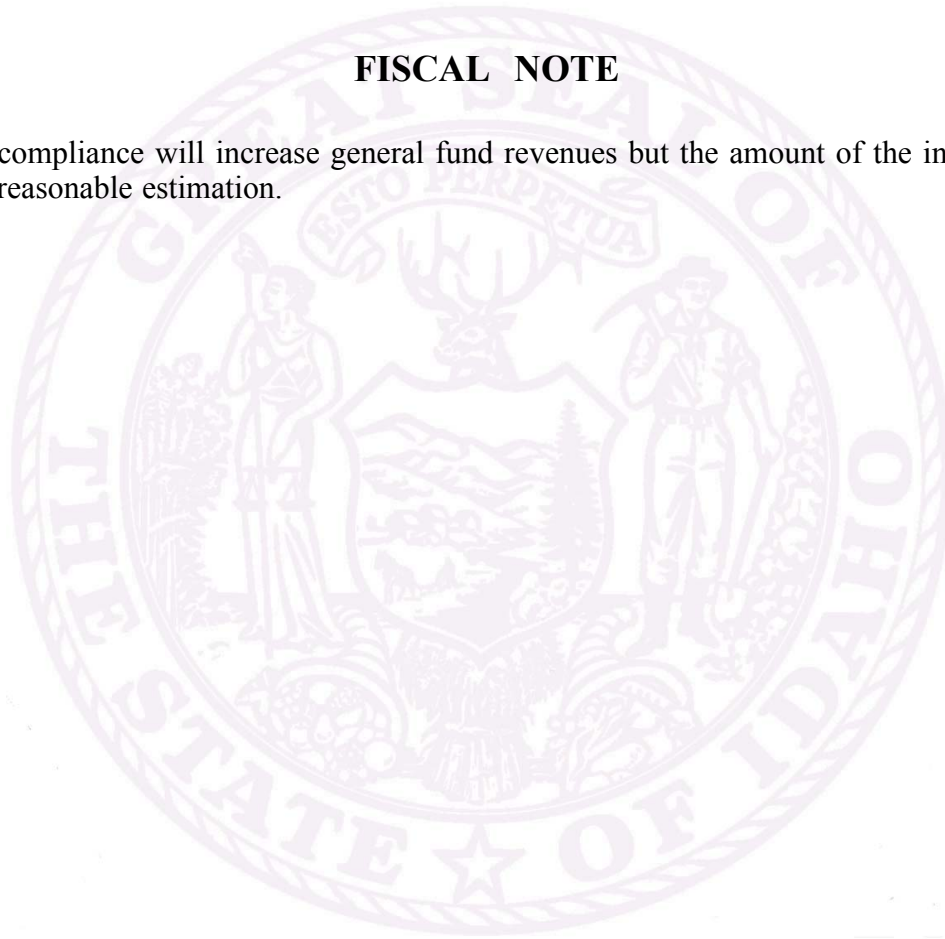
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21647

Idaho Code section 73-121 currently prohibits the State Tax Commission from using resources to translate information into a language other than English. This puts the agency at a disadvantage in trying to boost voluntary compliance among non-English populations, especially the Spanish-speaking, who account for more than 10 percent of Idaho's population. This bill amends Idaho Code section 73-121 to include the Tax Commission among the agencies or types of agencies exempt from the prohibition. This would remove a major obstacle in getting non-English speaking individuals to understand their obligations as taxpayers and, as a result, enhance the state's revenue collection efforts.

FISCAL NOTE

Improved compliance will increase general fund revenues but the amount of the increase is not subject to reasonable estimation.



Contact:

Mike Chakarun
Tax Commission
(208) 334-7537