

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21824

The Independent Ethics Commission Act seeks to establish an ethics commission to review complaints brought by Idaho citizens about possible breaches of ethics, misuse of funds, or violation of law by state employees and elected state officials.

The commission would be made up of 5 members: 2 Idaho residents chosen by the governor and of different political parties, one member from the office of the Attorney General, one from the Division of Financial Management, and one from the Legislative Services office.

The bill allows the commission to establish practices for administrating the commission and sets quarterly meetings. They will investigate complaints and report back to the appropriate agency with their findings and recommendations.

FISCAL NOTE

The commissioners will be compensated similar to other commissions, \$5000.00 per year. There is an additional estimate of cost of establishing the commission, \$25,000 for the first year.

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