

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill protects the integrity of the Idaho State Police Forensic Services (ISPFS) laboratories and addresses security and accreditation concerns by prohibiting non-ISPFS employees from using state resources such as laboratory facilities, instrumentation, equipment, and supplies. The intent of the legislation is to bolster ISPFS laboratory internal security and accreditation policies relating to use of facilities and other resources by making the agency policies state law. The new wording specifically prohibits private forensic consultants from using state owned forensic laboratory facilities, equipment, instrumentation, or supplies to perform any type of analysis. The new wording makes allowance for ISPFS approved subcontractors, such as maintenance or validation contractors, to use and operate laboratory assets. The legislation will prevent contamination in laboratory work areas, protect the integrity of other cases in process in the laboratory, and eliminate potential misuse of state resources by private consultants.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.

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