

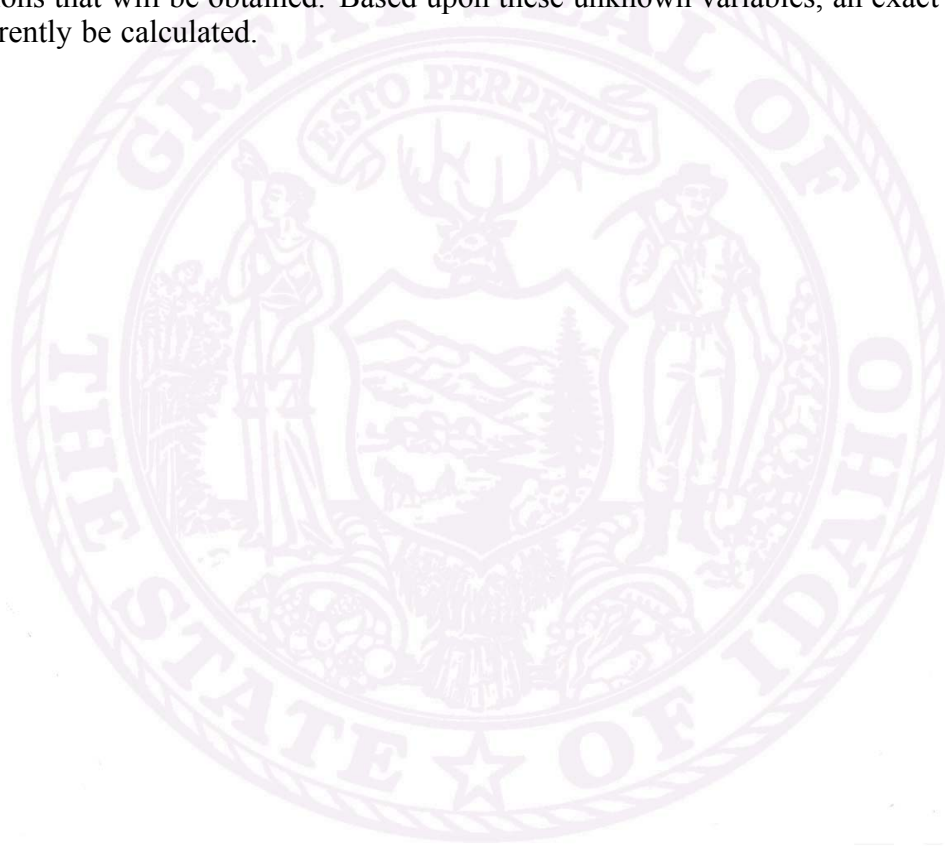
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22698

The purpose of this legislation is to enhance penalties for persons convicted of felony violations against older persons.

FISCAL NOTE

An exact measure of the fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be accurately calculated, due to a number of factors. Currently, there are no mechanisms for gathering data on the number of cases involving elder abuse. As a result, the number of possible cases involving these crimes cannot be predicted. In addition, prosecutors have the discretion of whether and how to prosecute crimes and it is impossible to know the extent to which prosecutors will choose to use this statute. Finally, any increase in incarceration costs cannot be determined in the absence of evidence of the number of convictions that will be obtained. Based upon these unknown variables, an exact fiscal impact cannot currently be calculated.



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