

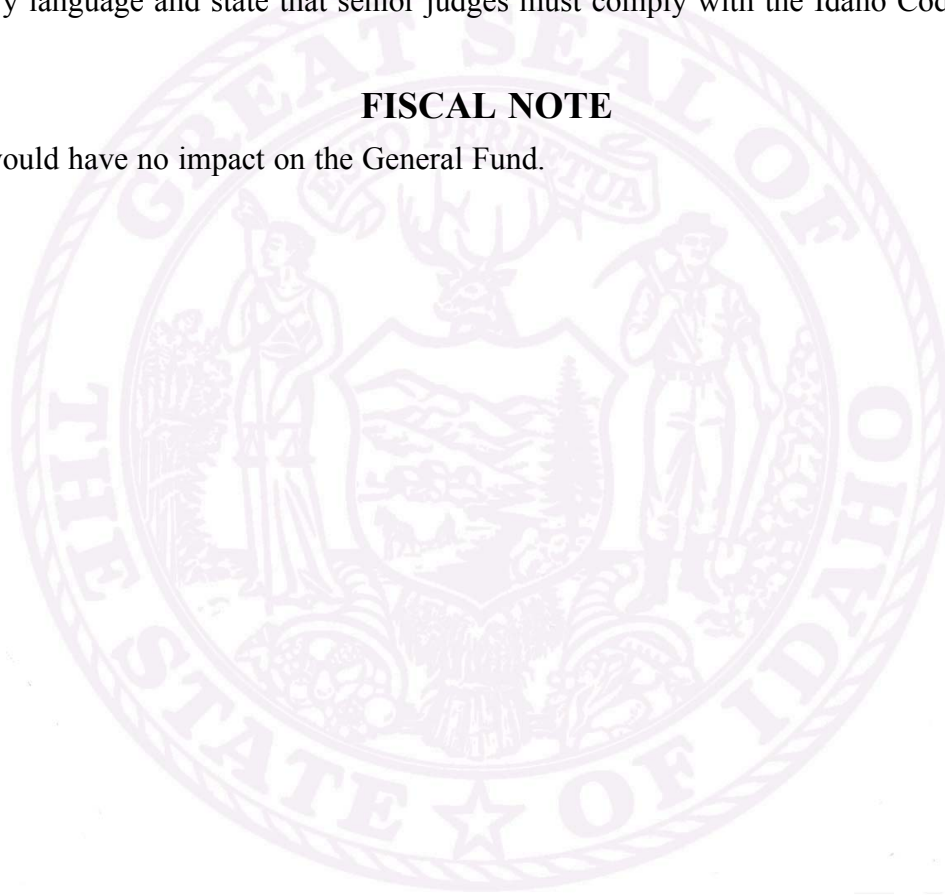
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23349

This bill would remove an unnecessary provision in the statutes relating to senior judges, who provide an essential resource for dealing with Idaho's judicial case load. Under Idaho Code §§ 1-2004 and 1-2221, justices and judges who retire or leave office and who have been designated as senior judges are not permitted to "accept a position in another branch of state government or any political subdivision" or "accept a position in the government of the United States or of another state or nation . . ." This is far more restrictive than the provisions in the Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct concerning the outside activities of sitting elected justices and judges. Under the statutes as now written, a senior judge could not teach a course at one of Idaho's state colleges or universities, or serve in a reserve unit of the armed forces or the National Guard. This bill would remove the unnecessary language and state that senior judges must comply with the Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no impact on the General Fund.



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