

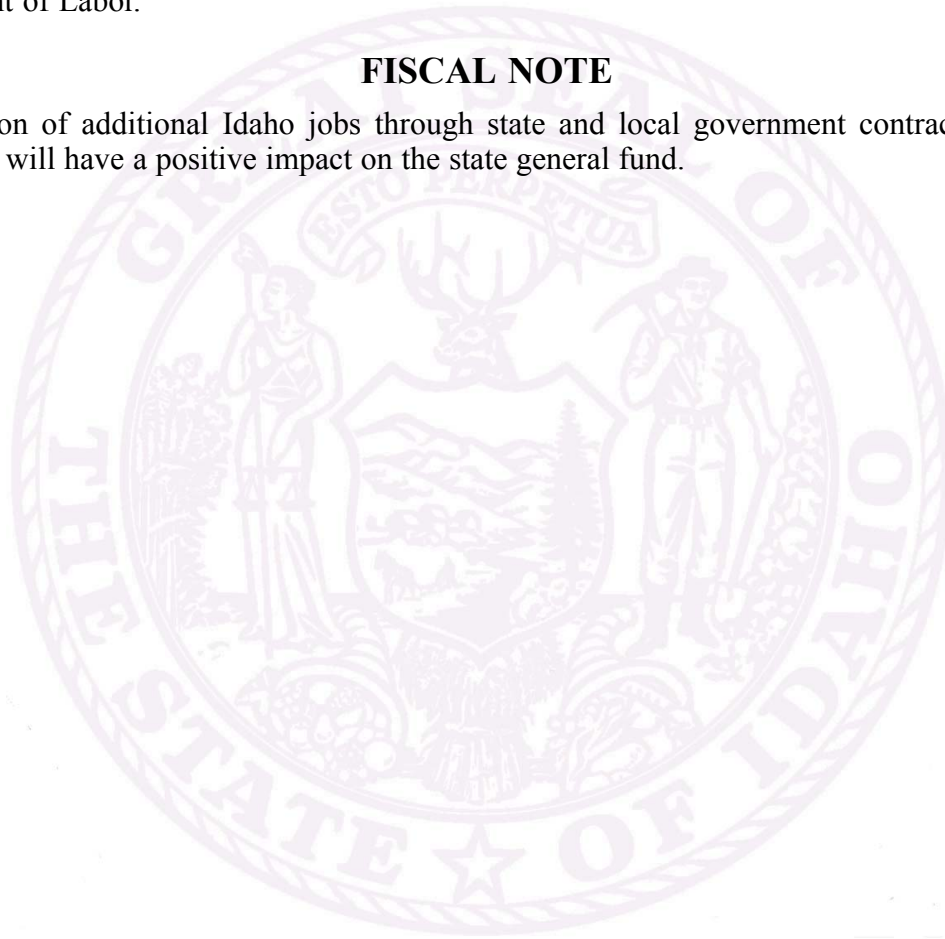
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24242

The Hire Idaho Act gives Idaho-based businesses increased opportunities to win state and local government contracts. The act provides a preference for Idaho-based businesses, laborers, and Idaho materials in state and local government contracts of less than \$5 million by allowing governmental entities to select Idaho-based businesses and materials over out-of-state competitors as long as the Idaho-based businesses bid is no more than five percent (5%) higher than the out of state bid. The act includes an emergency clause to quickly enhance the prospects of Idaho businesses, and requires that at least fifteen percent (15%) of contract laborers on projects worth \$500,000 or more are enrolled in an apprenticeship program actively registered with the Department of Labor.

FISCAL NOTE

The creation of additional Idaho jobs through state and local government contracts for Idaho businesses will have a positive impact on the state general fund.



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