

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25171

First, the intent of this legislation is to remove the personnel cost of staff attorneys, who work for the district judges at the county level, from the counties and place them officially as employees of the Idaho Supreme Court. The purpose is to ensure staff attorneys are being paid by the entity which employs them. Secondly, this is intended to remove pressure from the county's justice fund levy.

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost surrounding staff attorneys is \$3.9 million currently paid for by the counties and will now be attributed to the Supreme Court. Any future changes in this amount will be subject to any CEC or payroll decisions made by the Supreme Court in its routine budgeting process.

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