

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25328

This legislation, clarifies the intent of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative which charged our correction department with 21 changes to reduce recidivism and increase public safety. The policies of this bill address challenges facing Idaho's criminal justice system. The revolving door of recidivism is the focus of the changes to the Parole Commission. This includes adding two members so the board can make certain decisions that require less than a quorum, increasing the efficiency of the commission's work. While many of the changes proposed in this legislation will have no fiscal impact, the removal of the graduated sanctions for technical violators may increase costs associated with incarceration.

FISCAL NOTE

The costs for the improvements at the Parole Commission which prevent further delays in the revocation hearing process are anticipated at \$307,900. This includes two additional commissioners, staff to support them and an increase in the daily compensation. There could be increased costs associated with incarceration of those sent back to the Department of Correction. Without the improvements at the Parole Commission there would be the need for additional appropriation to the Idaho Department of Correction for incarceration costs which is difficult to determine. With additional preparation for release and close supervision recidivism can be reduced.

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