

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26242

The purpose of this legislation is to correct the inequities that exist with regards to how much each city and county receives from the sales tax distribution formula. The current formula for determining how much each city and county is partially based on the antiquated system of historical calculations based on the now non-existent personal property tax assessed to every Idaho citizen which included among other things, the number of pigs, chickens, cows, silverware and other personal items. The current system creates additional inequities because it relies on property values. This has created a situation where some cities and counties receive ten times the amount than other cities and counties receive when compared to how much they would receive if calculated based solely on population.

This legislation freezes the current distribution to cities and counties and distributes new revenue based on population. If the state collects more revenue than the previous year, the excess funds are distributed to cities and counties that receive less than their respective counterparts based on per capita calculation.

FISCAL NOTE

There will no fiscal impact to the state. However, cities and counties will see changes to their portion of the sales tax distribution. See the attached spreadsheets for changes to specific cities and counties.

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