

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25682

This proposal amends Idaho Code Section 41-406(1)(e) to transfer \$2,000,000 each fiscal year to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) dedicated fund from the distribution of insurance premium taxes currently transferred to the General Fund. Revenue in the POST fund is insufficient to support the appropriation in the POST program, and as revenues decline over time the problem continues to worsen. It is also important to understand that POST is not over-appropriated, POST is underfunded. Underfunding related to inherent limitations in POST's funding sources has been a persistent concern for over a decade. POST has found it necessary to cut spending to compensate for shortfalls in available cash and has consequently reverted large amounts of appropriation over the last several fiscal years. POST continues to struggle to deliver services, maintain equipment and facilities, and sustain appropriate staffing levels. POST's spending cuts have impacted its state, county, and city agency stakeholders, requiring those agencies to absorb additional costs themselves or opt to delay critical training. Without additional funding, POST will be unable to sustain its current level of services in future years, impacting law enforcement agencies and public safety throughout the state of Idaho. This additional funding would provide POST with the revenues necessary to meet demand for services, maintain administrative operations, and provide for much-needed repair and maintenance of POST facilities and equipment. This proposal includes an emergency clause to make the legislative change effective upon passage and approval. Because the funds will not be transferred to POST until June 30th of each year, it is necessary to have the legislation effective before June 30 of FY 2018 in order for the funds to be available to POST on July 1 of FY 2019. If funds are not made available in time for FY 2019, POST may be forced to cut services until FY 2020. This proposal also amends Idaho Code Section 19-5116 to include revenue from 41-406(1)(e) in the POST fund, and to increase the POST fund cap from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year. It is necessary to increase the cap due to the timing of the transfer, which will occur on June 30th each year. If the cap is not raised to accommodate the inflow of cash on June 30th, POST will be forced to transfer it back to the General Fund on the same date.

### FISCAL NOTE

This change would add \$2,000,000 per year to the POST dedicated fund and reduce the General Fund by \$2,000,000 per year.

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