

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26597

This legislation will provide for inmate trainee participation in work training programs offered through the Idaho Correctional Industries (ICI). The bill will offer training stipends for participants in the programs but states that inmate trainees are not employees of the Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC) and are not entitled to worker's compensation or unemployment compensation. It will amend section 20-413A, Idaho Code to provide for contracts for agricultural training programs for inmate trainees. Included are conditions for rules regarding inmate trainee safety and will make technical corrections to existing legislation.

Creating opportunities for inmates to get training in work place atmospheres can help reduce recidivism and bridge the way to successful reentry into society.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The revision to the statute will operate financially the same as the perishable food program. The program will pay for itself through billing the agricultural employer and dispersing the funds to the Inmate Betterment Fund. That fund will then disperse a stipend to the inmate trainee. All program costs incurred by the IDOC and ICI will be covered through the billing of the agricultural employer.

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