

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26940

JFAC approved a Statewide Decision for CEC for FY 2020 of a 3% pay increase for permanent employees of the state with the provision that within this 3% each employee must receive a minimum increase of no less than five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00). Judicial Salaries must be separately established by the Legislature and are set forth in section 59-502, Idaho Code, which also indexes such salaries to a Supreme Court Justice's salary to avoid salary compression between the four types of judgeships. To accomplish the intent of both the budget process as well as this specific salary statute, a 3% increase in the total judicial salary pool is first calculated. This sum is divided so as to maintain the salary gaps existing under section 59-502, Idaho Code. When distributed to maintain the existing statutory gaps, this results in a \$3,800 salary increase per judge. This bill sets the annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court at \$155,200. As set forth in established Idaho Code, the difference between the salary of a Supreme Court Justice and a Court of Appeals Judge remains at \$10,000; the difference between the salary of a Court of Appeals Judge and a District Judge remains at \$6,000; and, the difference between the salary of a District Judge and a Magistrate Judge remains at \$12,000.

### FISCAL NOTE

The total annual fiscal impact for this increase in salary and associated benefits is \$769,500, which is paid from the general fund and results from a 2.95% increase in the total judicial salary pool.

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