

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26977

This is the FY 2020 original appropriation bill for the Public Utilities Commission. It appropriates a total of \$6,634,500 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 49.00. For benefit costs, the bill maintains the current appropriated amount for health insurance at \$11,650 per eligible FTP; provides a 5.5% increase for the employer's share of PERSI contributions; and temporarily reduces the rate agencies pay the Division of Human Resources for its services. Funding for replacement items includes \$82,700 for software maintenance and IT equipment. For statewide cost allocation, \$14,700 is provided. The bill also provides funding for the equivalent of a 3% change in employee compensation for permanent employees, with a minimum increase of \$550 for each employee and the remaining amount to be distributed based on merit. Funding for a 3% upward shift in the compensation schedule is also included. The bill funds three line items, which provide \$11,700 for a 3% change in employee compensation for the Public Utilities Commissioners; \$4,500 for Network Equipment Replacement; and a reduction of 3.00 FTP and \$188,700 for IT Consolidation. Section 3 of the bill amends Section 61-215, Idaho Code, to raise the Public Utilities Commissioners' annual salary to \$110,074 to allow for the 3% salary increase in line item 1. Section 4 of the bill provides reappropriation authority for the FY 2019 supplemental appropriation for the agency's Chinden Campus relocation.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2019 Original Appropriation	52.00	0	6,356,700	325,900	6,682,600
1. Chinden Campus Relocation	0.00	0	2,419,300	0	2,419,300
FY 2019 Total Appropriation	52.00	0	8,776,000	325,900	9,101,900
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2019 Estimated Expenditures	52.00	0	8,776,000	325,900	9,101,900
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(2,511,200)	0	(2,511,200)
FY 2020 Base	52.00	0	6,264,800	325,900	6,590,700
Benefit Costs	0.00	0	9,700	300	10,000
Replacement Items	0.00	0	82,700	0	82,700
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	0	14,700	0	14,700
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	0	102,300	6,600	108,900
FY 2020 Program Maintenance	52.00	0	6,474,200	332,800	6,807,000
1. CEC for Commissioners	0.00	0	11,700	0	11,700
GOV TECH 1. Network Equip Replacement	0.00	0	4,500	0	4,500
GOV TECH 3. Modernization - Consolidate	(3.00)	0	(188,700)	0	(188,700)
Budget Law Exemptions	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2020 Total	49.00	0	6,301,700	332,800	6,634,500
Chg from FY 2019 Orig Approp	(3.00)	0	(55,000)	6,900	(48,100)
% Chg from FY 2019 Orig Approp.	(5.8%)		(0.9%)	2.1%	(0.7%)

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