

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26995

This Joint Resolution proposes amendments to Section 22, Article 1 of the Idaho Constitution, relating to the rights of crime victims. It states the question to the electorate, "Shall Section 22, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to provide additional rights to crime victims, including the right to reasonable and timely notification of open criminal justice proceedings, the right to be heard at certain open criminal justice proceedings, and to provide standing to assert their rights?". It directs Legislative Council to prepare statements required by Section 67-453, Idaho Code, and file the same, and directs the Secretary of State to publish the proposed amendment and arguments as required by law.

FISCAL NOTE

An independent economic analysis on a similar but expanded proposal for Idaho estimated the high end of costs should be around \$553,000 annually for counties and local government to implement. The estimate reflects a total for all of Idaho, but researchers determined the actual cost would likely be less because many counties already do or could find ways to collaborate and share resources to meet victim notification requirements. Most of the additional notices can be handled by the existing Victims Information Notification Everyday program, or VINE Network.

There is an estimated cost to the General Fund of \$205,000 for the Idaho Secretary of State to publish the proposed amendment and arguments to the electorate as required by law, and there should be no impact to local units of government as they will be holding a regularly scheduled election.

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