

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal representation to the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and allows IDL to hire or contract its own legal counsel.

FISCAL NOTE

The Attorney General's revenue reduction is estimated to be \$382,311 annually. IDL's line item budget appropriation for legal counsel is set at \$400,000. LSO has established the cost for private outside counsel at \$250 per hour. This legislation would give IDL the ability to contract legal counsel on an as needed hourly rate, rather than hiring three full-time, full benefit attorneys. Therefore, the estimated cost to IDL is difficult to estimate.

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