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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposal amends Idaho Code Section 23-404 to transfer 1.5% of the Liquor Fund distribution to the General Fund to the Peace Officers Standards and Training Fund each year. Revenue in the POST Fund is insufficient to support the appropriation in the POST program and as revenues decline over time the problem continues to worsen. Underfunding related to inherent limitations in POST's funding sources has been a persistent concern for over a decade. POST has found it necessary to cut spending to compensate for shortfalls in available cash and has consequently reverted large amounts of appropriation over the last several fiscal years.

The problem of insufficient revenues has been addressed with temporary solutions in the form of one-time cash transfers from other funds over the last three fiscal years. Those transfers have had a huge impact on POST's operations by providing for badly needed repairs and improvements and supporting appropriate staffing levels. However, without a long-term, permanent solution to cash shortfalls POST will continually struggle in future years to deliver services, maintain equipment and facilities, and sustain appropriate staffing levels.

POST's spending cuts impact state, county, and city stakeholders throughout Idaho, requiring those agencies to absorb additional costs themselves or opt to delay critical training. Without additional funding, POST will be unable to sustain its current level of services in future years. This will impact law enforcement agencies and public safety throughout the state of Idaho. The additional funding proposed would provide POST with revenue necessary to meet growing demand for services by sustaining appropriate staffing levels, maintaining operations, and providing for necessary repairs, maintenance, and upgrades for POST facilities and equipment.

### FISCAL NOTE

This change would reduce the distributions from the Liquor Fund to the General Fund by seven hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$777,500) and would increase distribution to the POST Dedicated Fund by the same amount in FY2023. Each year thereafter the amount impacting the General Fund and the POST Dedicated Fund would change proportionately with the growth of Liquor Fund Distributions. The 1.5% is estimated at \$777,500 in FY2023, \$812,000 in FY2024, \$847,800 in FY2025, and \$885,100 in FY2026. The changes proposed to section 19-5116 would ensure that with the additional revenue source proposed by the changes to section 23-404, the year-end POST Fund balance will never exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and any funding in excess would be returned to the General Fund.

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