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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to ensure first responders under Idaho Code § 59-1356 can be considered for employment in Idaho after they retire. In 2022, the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) brought forward reemployment legislation stating first responders may be rehired after their retirement with a clear separation in employment from their department. However, the legislation required first responders to retire prior to January 1, 2022, and did not require a PERSI contribution from the employee or employee. This amends Idaho Code § 59-1356, First Responder Reemployment Legislation to change the sunset clause to 2027, define the bonafide separation of employment as 30 days, removes the retired by date, and requires public safety officers to contribute into PERSI. The employee rate was set by PERSI at 9.8 percent and the employer rate is 13.26 percent.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the State General Fund nor to any local units of government. PERSI will continue to receive contributions from the employee and employer, but the retirement will not increase.

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