

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31645 / H0713

JFAC approved a Statewide Decision for CEC for FY 2025 of a 1% across-the-board increase, plus an additional 2% merit-based raise, for permanent employees of the state. Judicial Salaries must be separately established by the Legislature and are set forth in section 59-502, Idaho Code, which also indexes such salaries to a Supreme Court Justice's salary to avoid salary compression between the four types of judgeships. To accomplish the intent of both the budget process as well as the salary statute, a 3% increase to the current Magistrate Judge salary is first calculated. This calculation results in a \$4,296 salary increase, which is then added to the Supreme Court Justice salary so as to maintain the salary differentials currently existing in section 59-502, Idaho Code. This results in a \$4,296 salary increase per judicial officer. This bill sets the annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court at \$169,508, which is a 2.6% increase of their current salary. As set forth in Idaho Code, the difference between the salary of a Supreme Court Justice and a Court of Appeals Judge remains at \$8,000 (resulting in a 2.7% salary increase for Court of Appeals Judges); the difference between the salary of a Court of Appeals Judge and a District Judge remains at \$6,000 (resulting in a 2.8% salary increase for District Judges); and the difference between the salary of a District Judge and a Magistrate Judge remains at \$8,000 (resulting in a 3.0% salary increase for Magistrate Judges. If a judge elects to retire and does so at a time other than at the conclusion of his term of office, the judicial vacancy created shall remain vacant until a qualified candidate is successfully elected during the next available judicial election.

## FISCAL NOTE

The total annual fiscal impact for increase in salary and associated benefits, which are paid from the general fund, is \$958,741.

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