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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation deals with state budget issues. First, it makes state government more efficient by requiring state agencies to identify all employee positions that have been vacant for at least 180 days or more and reducing the agency budget request accordingly. For positions vacant for 180 to 364 days, agencies must either eliminate the position and reduce the agency budget request accordingly, or fund and fill the position using existing funds.

This will reduce the size of government agencies to a level at which they have already demonstrated the ability to operate. Second, it requires state agencies to report on employee travel for the previous fiscal year when each state agency submits its annual budget request to the Governor and Legislature. Third, the legislation transfers to the legislative branch one third of the positions eliminated in the executive branch including associated fringe benefits.

## FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not increase or decrease governmental revenues, while it reduces the expenditure of government funds. It will have the effect of reducing government spending as unneeded positions vacant for 180-364 days, and all positions that have been vacant for a year or more are eliminated. For every position being added to the legislative branch, two positions are being eliminated from the overall number employed by the State of Idaho. The exact amount of such savings will not be known until all agency budget requests are submitted on September 1, 2026. Additional savings on state employee travel expenses are likely as better data on these cost are compiled and submitted to state budget policy-makers.

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