

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation adds two misdemeanors of sexual battery and domestic violence to the list of crimes for which collection of a DNA sample and thumbprint impression are required. The misdemeanors added can be indicative of a tendency to more serious conduct, including: (a) crimes which may be precursors to more violent activities; (b) crimes that may have been originally charged as felonies, but were pleaded down to misdemeanor; or (c) crimes that evidence an unwillingness to comply with existing legal constraints.

Second, the legislation seeks to clarify the roles and responsibilities of offenders and government officials in the process of collecting DNA samples and thumbprint impressions. At the time of sentencing, judges will order sentenced offenders to submit to collection and order certain government officials to cause the samples to be collected within a time certain. It also sets specific time frames and responsibilities for collection from other offenders who are already sentenced or entering the state pursuant to an interstate compact for supervision.

FISCAL NOTE

The Idaho State Police (ISP) estimates a fiscal impact of \$63,000 annually for the legislation. They estimate needing \$100 per conviction for the collection supplies and DNA processing reagents, with approximate 630 convictions per year. The ISP does not anticipate needing any new equipment or personnel. ISP Forensic Services researched actual convictions and remaining convictions and arrived at 630 convictions per year under Section 18-918 and 18-924, Idaho Code.

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