

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1252

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-3537, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A LIMITATION ON INCREASES IN STATE BUDGETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 35, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 67-3537, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

67-3537. LIMITATION ON INCREASES IN STATE BUDGETS. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Restraint of Government Uncontrolled Expansion (ROGUE) Act."

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual maintenance budget of an entity of the state government of the state of Idaho, including but not limited to any department, agency, office, officer, board, commission, institution, or state college or university, shall not increase by more than the average percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the west region as determined by the United States bureau of labor statistics for the twelve (12) calendar months preceding the month and year in which state entities submit maintenance budget requests to the legislature and the governor. If such percentage reflects a zero percent (0%) increase or a decrease, the state entity maintenance budget request shall not exceed the dollar amount of the previous fiscal year maintenance budget as approved by the legislature.

(3) Any annual increase of a maintenance budget of any entity of the state government of the state of Idaho may be higher than the budget increase restriction provided in subsection (2) of this section in the case of exigent situations, federally mandated expenditures, or sustained difficulties in keeping with such restriction as it relates to meeting operational objectives.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2026.