

REVISED

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Under current law, an individual who is receiving an unreduced retirement benefit pursuant to Idaho Code § 59-1346 and who has been retired for more than six months may again become employed as a result of being elected to a public office—other than an office held prior to retirement—while continuing to receive a Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) retirement benefit. During such employment, the individual does not accrue additional service credit, and no employee or employer contributions are made.

This legislation expands that provision to include individuals who are appointed to an elected office, allowing them to continue receiving a PERSI retirement benefit under the same conditions, as if they were elected to the office. Individuals appointed to an elected office are required to run for that office at the next general election. As a result, the maximum duration this provision could apply to an appointed individual is approximately two years. If the individual is elected, they may continue to receive the PERSI benefit as allowed under current law. If the individual is not elected or chooses not to run, the provision would no longer apply.

It is anticipated that this change would affect one to two individuals per year.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state General Fund and will not affect the PERSI fund. Individuals appointed to an elective office will continue to receive their existing PERSI benefits but will not accrue additional benefits, consistent with current law governing elected officials.

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