

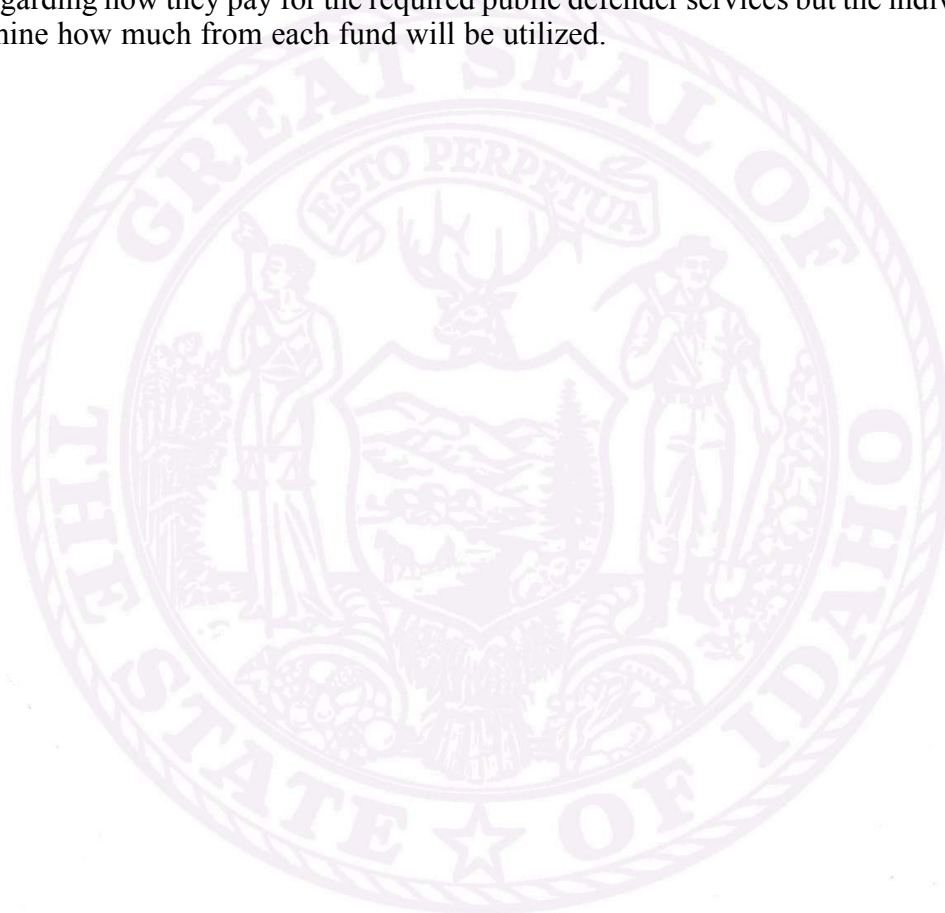
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24540

This bill provides that counties may cover the cost of public defense services for indigent individuals out of the justice fund, the current expense fund or the indigent fund. This clarifies a difference of interpretation among some counties but more importantly provides the countries with additional needed flexibility to pay for the required public defense services from one or more of these funds.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have no impact on the State general fund. The legislation provides flexibility to the counties regarding how they pay for the required public defender services but the individual county will determine how much from each fund will be utilized.



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