

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26575

This legislation amends Idaho Code Sections 44-1806 and 44-1807 pertaining to firefighter collective bargaining. Under existing law, in the event that an impasse between the representative(s) of the employer and the firefighters is reached, the parties select neutral fact-finders. The proposed amendments affect how fact-finders are selected; institute a process for how a final contract is produced using previously negotiated Articles in conjunction with the fact-finders' recommendation; and make the fact-finders' decision final and binding upon both parties rather than merely advisory.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no projected increase or decrease in existing or future appropriations, and/ or the increase or decrease in revenue by the state or units of local government. Fact finding is a current firefighters collective bargaining process that results in a certain amount of expense. This legislation does not increase that expense, because it simply provides for the fact-finders' recommendation to be binding instead of advisory and otherwise makes the process operate more effectively.

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