

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29661 / S1360

JFAC approved a Statewide Decision for CEC for FY 2023 of a 3% pay increase, plus an additional \$1.25 per hour merit-based raise, for permanent employees of the state. Judicial salaries must be separately established by the Legislature and are set forth in section 59-502, Idaho Code, which also indexes such salaries to a Supreme Court Justice's salary to avoid salary compression among the four types of judgeships. To accomplish the intent of both the budget process as well as the salary statute, a 3% plus \$1.25 per hour increase to the current Magistrate Judge salary is first calculated. This calculation results in a \$6,572 salary increase, which is then added to the Supreme Court Justice salary so as to maintain the salary differentials currently existing in section 59-502, Idaho Code. This results in a \$6,572 salary increase per judicial officer. This bill sets the annual salary of a justice of the Supreme Court at \$166,972, which is a 4.1% increase of the current salary. As set forth in established Idaho Code, the difference between the salary of a Supreme Court Justice and a Court of Appeals Judge remains at \$10,000 (resulting in a 4.4% salary increase for Court of Appeals Judges); the difference between the salary of a Court of Appeals Judge and a District Judge remains at \$6,000 (resulting in a 4.6% salary increase for District Judges); and, the difference between the salary of a District Judge and a Magistrate Judge remains at \$12,000 (resulting in a 5.0% salary increase for Magistrate Judges).

FISCAL NOTE

The total annual fiscal impact for this increase in salary and associated benefits, which are paid from the general fund, is \$1,430,738.

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