

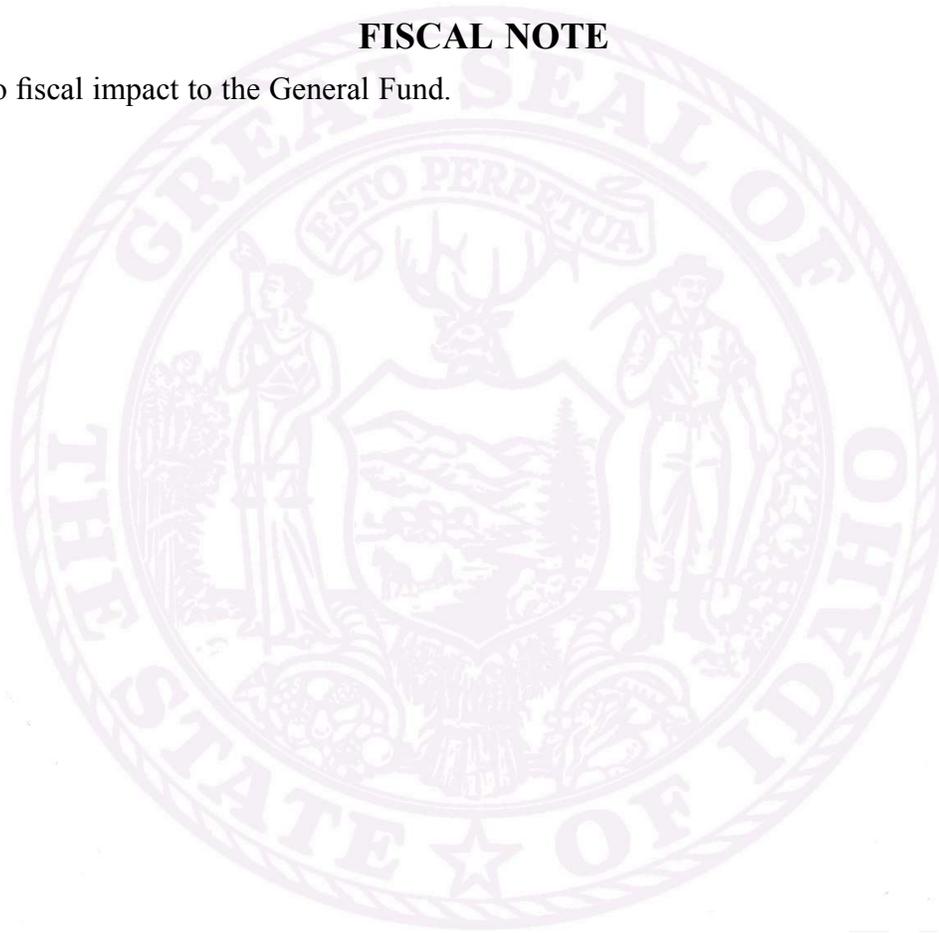
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24517

The purpose of this legislation is to remove minors who self-produce and distribute sexually exploitive material (commonly known as "sexting") from statutes codified to target sexual predators, thereby eliminating the risk that "sexting" result in registry as a sex offender and reserving felony status for cases of repeated mass-distribution. The act also creates a clear differentiation between the act of the initial "sext" and the extortive behavior that often follows—to the great trauma of the original sender. The intent of the legislation is to create an environment where the sender of a "sext" feels more comfortable seeking help if he/she is being extorted by clearly declaring that, as an operation of law, the act of extortion is the greater evil.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.



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