

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25805

The legislation will allow government entities to publish legal notices on government websites in lieu of the requirement to have them printed in a newspaper. The electronic publication of legal notices is optional, has the same legal effect as printed notification, and will not alter any of the advance notice requirements currently in statutes. Similar to other records requirements, government entities would be required to maintain historical records of notices provided online.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact on the General Fund is uncertain because this is a strictly optional procedure change and requires no additional oversight by any state agency. Some state agencies may opt for electronic public notices. The Department of Administration currently spends about \$130,000 on public notice publishing, which could be eliminated or reduced via electronic public notice. At the local level, government entities will be able to reduce expenditures by avoiding expensive newspaper publication fees. One larger county estimates a potential savings of \$60,000. The Idaho Association of Counties estimates savings for county governments of at least \$600,000.

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