

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25964

Section 31-871, Idaho Code, requires counties to retain all records, including digital files of video and audio recordings from body worn cameras, for a minimum of two years. Given the cost associated with management and storage of the digital media files associated with body worn cameras, many counties are currently unable to retain digital media recordings for the minimum requirement of two years. This legislation will add language to define digital recordings and a set minimum retention requirement for specified digital media files based upon the evidentiary value of the digital media file. These amendments will encourage counties to invest in digital recording devices by making the retention of county law enforcement records more achievable under county budgets.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the State's General Fund. The approximate cost for digital storage of media from the typical use of a body worn camera is \$1,000 per year per employee. Reducing the length of time counties are required to retain digital storage of media from body worn cameras will result in a cost savings to counties.

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