

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25616

The purpose of this amendment is to add two (2) additional members to the State Public Defense Commission: a second representative chosen by the Idaho Association of Counties and a second defending attorney. The greatest impact of the work of the State Public Defense Commission is on the counties and defending attorneys of Idaho. Administration of indigent defense varies greatly in counties depending on the concentration of population in urban areas compared to counties where smaller populations are spread over larger geographic areas. Stakeholders throughout Idaho would be better represented on the Commission with two (2) additional members who have distinctive knowledge specific to the delivery of indigent defense in the state's diverse demographic and geographic regions. The counties can now be represented by a member from a rural area and another from an urban area. More defending attorneys would have representation on the Commission with membership of one defending attorney who is contracted by a county and a defending attorney from an institutional office, since the challenges each type of indigent defense delivery system faces are different.

### FISCAL NOTE

The impact to the General Fund would be an additional appropriation to the State Public Defense Commission to pay for travel and per diem of members when working on behalf of the Commission. The estimated cost would be \$10,000.

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