

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27652 / S1302

This legislation amends Idaho Code §§ 44-1806 and 44-1807 pertaining to firefighter collective bargaining. Under existing law, if an impasse between the representative(s) of the employer and the firefighters is reached, the parties will use Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (FMCS) as mediators to try and resolve the issue(s). If the issue(s) is/are not resolved through mediation, the proposed amendments affect how fact-finders are selected; institutes a process for how a final contract is produced using previously negotiated articles in conjunction with the fact-finder's recommendations; and makes the fact-finder's decision final and binding upon both parties, rather than merely advisory. A two-week period will be available for both sides to come together and resolve the issue before the fact-finding decision becomes binding.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no projected increase or decrease in existing or future appropriations, and/or the increase or decrease in revenue by the state or units of local government. Fact finding is currently in the firefighters collective bargaining process that results in a certain amount of expense. This legislation does not increase that expense, as it simply provides for mediation, makes the fact-finder's recommendation binding instead of advisory, and otherwise makes the process operate more effectively.

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