

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposal amends Idaho Code Section 23-404 to transfer eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) each fiscal year to the Peace Officers Standards and Training dedicated fund from the liquor account.

Revenue in the POST Fund is insufficient to support the appropriation in the POST program and as revenues decline over time the problem continues to worsen. It is important to understand that POST is not over-appropriated, POST is under funded. Under funding related to inherent limitations in POST's funding sources has been a persistent concern for over a decade. POST has found it necessary to cut spending to compensate for shortfalls in available cash and has consequently reverted large amounts of appropriation over the last several fiscal years.

POST's spending cuts impact state, county, and city stakeholders statewide, requiring those agencies to absorb additional costs themselves or opt to delay critical training. Without additional funding, POST will be unable to sustain its current level of services in future years. This will impact law enforcement agencies and public safety throughout the state of Idaho. The additional funding proposed would provide POST with revenue necessary to meet demand for services by sustaining appropriate staffing levels, maintaining operations, and providing for necessary repair, maintenance, and upgrades for POST facilities and equipment.

FISCAL NOTE

This change would reduce the annual distribution from the Liquor Fund to the General Fund by \$400,000. It would also reduce the total distribution for all Idaho counties and cities from the Liquor Fund by \$400,000. It would increase the POST Dedicated Fund by \$800,000 annually.

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