## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS24473

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or other funds.

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