STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25021

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of peace officers as it pertains to conducting investigations. The current code allows for limited authority outside an officer's original jurisdiction but does not allow detectives to interview suspects, victims, or witnesses, or gather evidence outside their political jurisdiction within the state of Idaho. The intent of this amendment is not to allow or encourage regular enforcement efforts outside a peace officer's original jurisdiction, but simply provides for greater public safety by adding the ability for officers to conduct follow-up investigation, such as interviews and evidence gathering, on crimes that were committed within their jurisdiction. This amendment provides greater protection from suppression hearings and liability issues while improving overall public safety by removing an administrative hindrance to conducting proper criminal investigations.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no impact on the General Fund of the State.

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