

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25579

This is a trailer appropriation bill that provides \$307,900 to the Commission of Pardons and Parole for FY 2018 to address the fiscal impact of S1113, which, among other things, repeals various subsections under Section 20-229B, Idaho Code, regarding intermediate sanctions for parole violators. Intermediate sanctions were added to Idaho Code as part of S1357 (2014) (commonly referred to as the Justice Reinvestment Initiative) in order to divert certain parole violators from lengthy prison stays. Prior to the passage of S1357, parole violators were incarcerated for a median term of five months before disposition. After implementation of S1357, the median term decreased to four months. Removing intermediate sanctions is expected to increase the median term to at least five months, and potentially up to eight months. This will result in a substantial increase to the Department of Correction's bed utilization. To increase the parole hearing capacity of the Commission of Pardons and Parole, and to thereby mitigate the fiscal impact of repealing intermediate sanctions, S1113 increases the number of members on the commission from five to seven; allows the commission to address disposition of parole violations with a panel of two commissioners; and increases their pay by 50% (from \$200 to \$300 per day). To assist the commissioners, a technical records specialist (TRS) and two hearing officers are also contemplated.

### FISCAL NOTE

For FY 2018, this bill provides 3.00 FTP and an additional appropriation of \$307,900 from the General Fund to the Commission of Pardons and Parole as follows: \$76,600 in ongoing personnel costs and \$25,000 in ongoing operating expenditures, for a total of \$101,600 for commissioners; 1.00 FTP, \$49,000 in ongoing personnel costs, \$1,000 in ongoing operating expenditures, and \$2,800 in one-time operating expenditures, for a total of \$52,800 for the TRS; and 2.00 FTP, \$145,400 in ongoing personnel costs, \$2,500 in ongoing operating expenditures, and \$5,600 in one-time operating expenditures, for a total of \$153,500 for the hearing officers.

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