

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25957

Idaho's Victim Protection Act includes a new section of Idaho code that provides a definition and gives crime victims certain additional protections. It provides an Idaho solution that expands government protections for crime victims to include reasonable and timely notifications of proceedings such as post-conviction, pardon, commutation, escape or absconson. It also provides reasonable protections from the accused and those acting on behalf of the accused and fair and timely restitution.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be an increased cost associated with providing notice to victims and updating the Victims Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) network. A previous study conducted in 2017 by the independent firm, EcoNorthwest, assessed statewide crime data, and determined that similar legislation could cost Idaho \$553,000 annually. County specific fiscal demands will vary. Their estimate is based on the potential need to add 13.2 additional FTEs to the statewide system for notification requirements.

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