

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26292

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the Public Utilities Commission. It appropriates \$6,682,600 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 52.00.

For benefit costs, the bill removes \$1,450 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency. Inflationary adjustments include \$9,800 for a 3% increase for leased office space. Funding for replacement items includes \$91,900 for laptops, printers, a server, office furniture, IT equipment maintenance, and software renewals. For statewide cost allocation, \$49,700 is provided, as Attorney General fees will increase by \$48,000, fees for Legislative Audits will increase by \$2,000, risk management costs will decrease by \$900, and State Controller fees will increase by \$600. The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the agency head, and a 3% increase in the compensation schedule.

The bill funds one line item, which provides \$11,400 for a 3% salary increase for each of the three Public Utilities Commissioners. Section 3 of the bill amends Section 61-215, Idaho Code, to statutorily raise the Public Utilities Commissioners' annual salary to \$106,868, to allow for the 3% increase.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	52.00	0	6,248,800	324,000	6,572,800
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(91,500)	0	(91,500)
FY 2019 Base	52.00	0	6,157,300	324,000	6,481,300
Benefit Costs	0.00	0	(66,400)	(4,400)	(70,800)
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	0	9,800	0	9,800
Replacement Items	0.00	0	91,900	0	91,900
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	0	49,700	0	49,700
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	0	103,000	6,300	109,300
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	52.00	0	6,345,300	325,900	6,671,200
1. CEC for Commissioners	0.00	0	11,400	0	11,400
FY 2019 Total	52.00	0	6,356,700	325,900	6,682,600
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	0.00	0	107,900	1,900	109,800
% Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	0.0%		1.7%	0.6%	1.7%

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