## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS28920 / S1206

This is the FY 2022 original appropriation bill for the Attorney General. It appropriates a total of \$27,587,800 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 220.00. For benefit costs, the bill maintains the current appropriated amount for health insurance at \$11,650 per eligible FTP, extends the holiday for the employer's sick leave contribution rate for another year, and restores funding for the employer's unemployment insurance contribution rate. Funding for replacement items includes \$129,900 for computer equipment, forensic workstations, and servers. The bill also provides funding for the equivalent of a 2% change in employee compensation for permanent state employees. The bill funds three line items, which provide \$332,800 for partial restoration of special litigation funds; 1.00 FTP and \$94,200 for a civil litigation paralegal; and \$150,000 onetime for mediation costs associated with the Coeur D'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

|                                       | FTP    | Gen        | Ded     | Fed       | Total      |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| FY 2021 Original Appropriation        | 219.00 | 24,512,500 | 834,400 | 1,196,500 | 26,543,400 |
| Removal of Onetime Expenditures       | 0.00   | (136,200)  | 0       | 0         | (136,200)  |
| FY 2022 Base                          | 219.00 | 24,376,300 | 834,400 | 1,196,500 | 26,407,200 |
| Benefit Costs                         | 0.00   | 76,700     | 2,000   | 2,600     | 81,300     |
| Replacement Items                     | 0.00   | 129,900    | 0       | 0         | 129,900    |
| Statewide Cost Allocation             | 0.00   | (24,600)   | 0       | 0         | (24,600)   |
| Change in Employee Compensation       | 0.00   | 391,300    | 10,700  | 15,000    | 417,000    |
| FY 2022 Program Maintenance           | 219.00 | 24,949,600 | 847,100 | 1,214,100 | 27,010,800 |
| 1. Litigation Funds Restoration       | 0.00   | 332,800    | 0       | 0         | 332,800    |
| 2. Deputy AG DHW                      | 0.00   | 0          | 0       | 0         | 0          |
| 3. Paralegal Civil Litigation         | 1.00   | 94,200     | 0       | 0         | 94,200     |
| 4. CSRBA Mediation Costs              | 0.00   | 150,000    | 0       | 0         | 150,000    |
| Budget Law Exemptions and Adjustments | 0.00   | 0          | 0       | 0         | 0          |
| FY 2022 Total                         | 220.00 | 25,526,600 | 847,100 | 1,214,100 | 27,587,800 |
| Chg from FY 2021 Orig Approp          | 1.00   | 1,014,100  | 12,700  | 17,600    | 1,044,400  |
| % Chg from FY 2021 Orig Approp.       | 0.5%   | 4.1%       | 1.5%    | 1.5%      | 3.9%       |
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