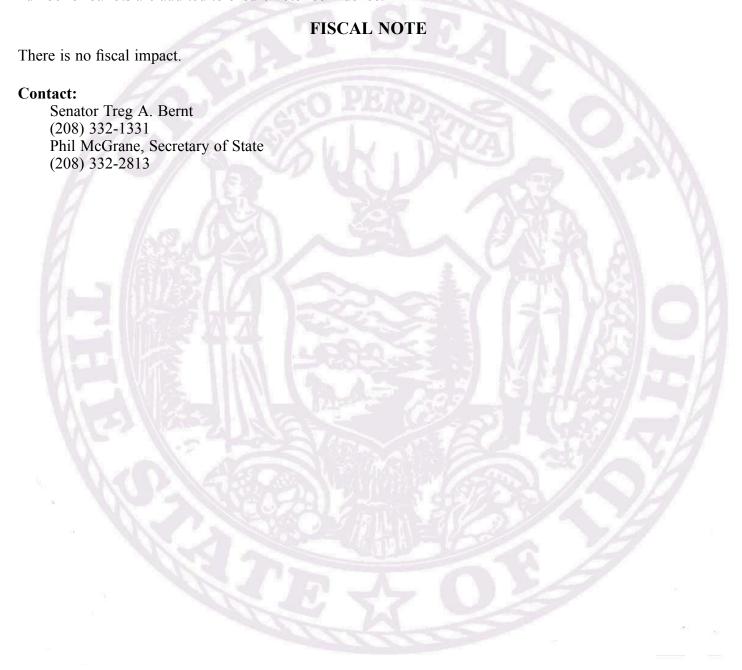
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30218 / S1048

This bill creates an exemption from post-election audits for precincts that have a close race that is within the legal margin for a free recount. Following the completion of the first post-election audits, a conflict arose where ballots were being handled as part of the audit even though it was already known that these same ballots were needed to be preserved for a contested recount. This legislation addresses the conflict and ensures that full number of ballots are audited to ensure voter confidence.



DISCLAIMER: This statement of purpose and fiscal note are a mere attachment to this bill and prepared by a proponent of the bill. It is neither intended as an expression of legislative intent nor intended for any use outside of the legislative process, including judicial review (Joint Rule 18).