STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19282

This bill raises the license fees paid by Idaho attorneys. The purpose of this bill is to allow the Idaho State Bar to continue to administer its regulatory functions. This matter was presented to Idaho lawyers for a vote in November 2009, and was approved by a 64% majority. The last general attorney license fee increase was in 2000. The proposed increase is phased in over a two year period, 2011 and 2012. Even with the increase, Idahos attorney license fees are representative of those in the Western United States. The November 1 effective date is proposed so the increase is in effect for the 2011 attorney licensing process.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The Idaho State Bar is self funded and receives no tax dollars.

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