LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-second Legislature

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 262

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC

DEFENDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF THE
STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE
COMPENSATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chapter 173, Laws of 2012, and any other appropriation provided for by law, there is hereby appropriated \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Office of the State Appellate Public Defender, to be expended for operating expenditures, for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of the State Appellate Public Defender from the General Fund, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014:

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TOTAL

\$1,758,800

Operating Expenditures

<u>314,800</u>

\$2,073,600

SECTION 3. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Office of the State Appellate Public Defender is authorized no more than twenty-three (23) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 4. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. The Legislature finds that investing in state employee compensation should remain a high priority even in tough economic times, and therefore strongly encourages agency directors, institution executives and the Division of Financial Management to approve the use of salary savings to provide either one-time or ongoing merit increases for deserving employees, and also target employees who are below policy compensation. Such salary savings could result from turnover and attrition, or be the result of innovation and reorganization efforts that create savings. Such savings should be reinvested in employees. Agencies are cautioned to use one-time funding for one-time payments and ongoing funding for permanent pay increases.

SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 1 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.