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First Regular Session - 2013

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 263

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

2 APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; LIMITING

3 THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING APPROPRIATION

4 FROM OBJECT AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR

5 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; DIRECTING THE RECALCULATION OF CERTAIN LEGAL

6 FEES; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICE FEES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Attorney General, the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014:

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13		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
14		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
15	I. STATE LEGAL SERVICES:				
16	FROM:				
17	General				
18	Fund	\$16,041,300	\$690,800		\$16,732,100
19	Consumer Protection				
20	Fund	215,600	153,000	\$35 , 500	404,100
21	Federal Grant				
22	Fund	704,800	346,600	<u>0</u>	1,051,400
23	TOTAL	\$16,961,700	\$1,190,400		
24	II. SPECIAL LITIGATION:				
25	FROM:				
26	General				
27	Fund		4660 400		4660 400
21	r unu		\$669 , 400		\$669,400
28	GRAND TOTAL	\$16,961,700	\$1,859,800	\$35 , 500	\$18,857,000

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Attorney General is authorized no more than one hundred eighty-eight and one-tenth (188.1) 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 3. EXEMPTIONS FROM OBJECT AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. For fiscal year 2014, the Attorney General is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(1),(2) and (3), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers between object codes and between programs, for all moneys appropriated to it for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

 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. DIRECTING THE RECALCULATION OF CERTAIN LEGAL FEES. The Division of Financial Management is directed to recalculate the fees for services provided by the Attorney General as included in the statewide cost allocation for the Idaho Transportation Department, Department of Health and Welfare and the Military Division. These agencies will no longer pay the Attorney General directly, but rather provide payment to the General Fund, thereby recovering their costs through the statewide cost allocation process, through the Division of Financial Management, as provided for in section 67-3531, Idaho Code.

SECTION 6. DIRECTING THE COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL LEGAL SERVICE FEES. The Division of Financial Management is directed to collect additional legal service fees in the amount of \$100,800 from the Idaho Transportation Department, and \$100,800 from the Idaho State Police, in addition to all other Attorney General fees calculated for statewide cost allocation.