

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1143

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Division of Veterans Services, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$922,600			\$48,900	\$971,500
Miscellaneous Revenue					
Fund	11,510,900	\$5,338,800	\$594,500		17,444,200
Veterans Home Endowment Income					
Fund	59,900	493,000		1,500	554,400
Federal Grant					
Fund	<u>5,303,900</u>	<u>4,945,800</u>	<u>146,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,396,600</u>
TOTAL	\$17,797,300	\$10,777,600	\$741,400	\$50,400	\$29,366,700

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Division of Veterans Services is authorized no more than three hundred sixteen and seventy-hundredths (316.70) 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. 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

1 be the result of innovation and reorganization efforts that create savings.
2 Such savings should be reinvested in employees. Agencies are cautioned to
3 use one-time funding for one-time payments and ongoing funding for permanent
4 pay increases.