

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The existing Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Fund, I.C. 39-3628A, supports investments in farm and ranch projects that improve water quality standards in impaired water bodies in Idaho. Confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) are not eligible for these projects because CAFOs do not directly discharge to water bodies. The purpose of this legislation is to make a fund available to support investments in environmental projects on CAFOs to improve livestock byproduct, waste, nutrient and water management, its land application and storage systems.

FISCAL NOTE

A one-time appropriation of \$5 million from the General Fund is expected as part of the DEQ appropriation.

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