

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho Right to Farm Act protects agriculture as one of the foundations of our economy and the Idaho way of life. The Act protects lawfully conducted agricultural operations but lacks the practical protections for meritless lawsuits or complaints. This legislation provides that if a lawsuit alleging nuisance is filed against a lawfully conducted agricultural operation and the agriculture operator prevails, then they are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. It also provides fines and penalties for filing multiple meritless complaints with applicable state and local agencies.

FISCAL NOTE

This is not anticipated to have any significant fiscal impact on state or local funds as it is hard to predict whether a lawsuit or complaint will be filed. This legislation will help reduce frivolous lawsuits and complaints and the time and resources they consume.

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