

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation increases the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) sticker fee to \$20.00 for Idaho residents, \$30 for nonresidents, and \$30 for rental machines. Funds collected are distributed directly to the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), county sheriffs, and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), as in current law. The purpose of the increase is to provide additional funds to support the OHV trail program, to provide additional funding to OHV law enforcement, to adopt an accountability model for use of OHV law enforcement funds, and to increase the fee retained by vendors such as county assessors and retail outlets.

In 1972, dirt bike enthusiasts started a motorbike sticker program to fund the construction and maintenance of motorized recreation trails throughout Idaho. The initial fee was \$3.00. The trail program has grown to maintain over 1,850 miles of trails annually and support over 200,000 users ranging from dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs and other off-highway vehicles. The fee has increased four times since inception, with the last increase being in 2009. The 2009 fee increase was to create distributions to IDL and sheriffs only. There has been no sticker increase to adjust for inflation effects to the trails program since 1994. The inflation-adjusted fee from 1972 to present would justify an increase to over \$22.00.

FISCAL NOTE

The sticker fee increase is estimated to raise an additional \$400,000 for annual law enforcement funding, an additional \$210,000 for IDPR program administration costs, and an additional \$1,190,000 for IDPR OHV trail and education programs. This revenue all accrues to state dedicated funds.

With the vendor fee increase, sticker sales through county assessor/Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices are estimated to provide an additional \$87,138 to counties, and the sticker sales through IDPR are estimated to provide an additional \$183,770 to IDPR dedicated funds.

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