

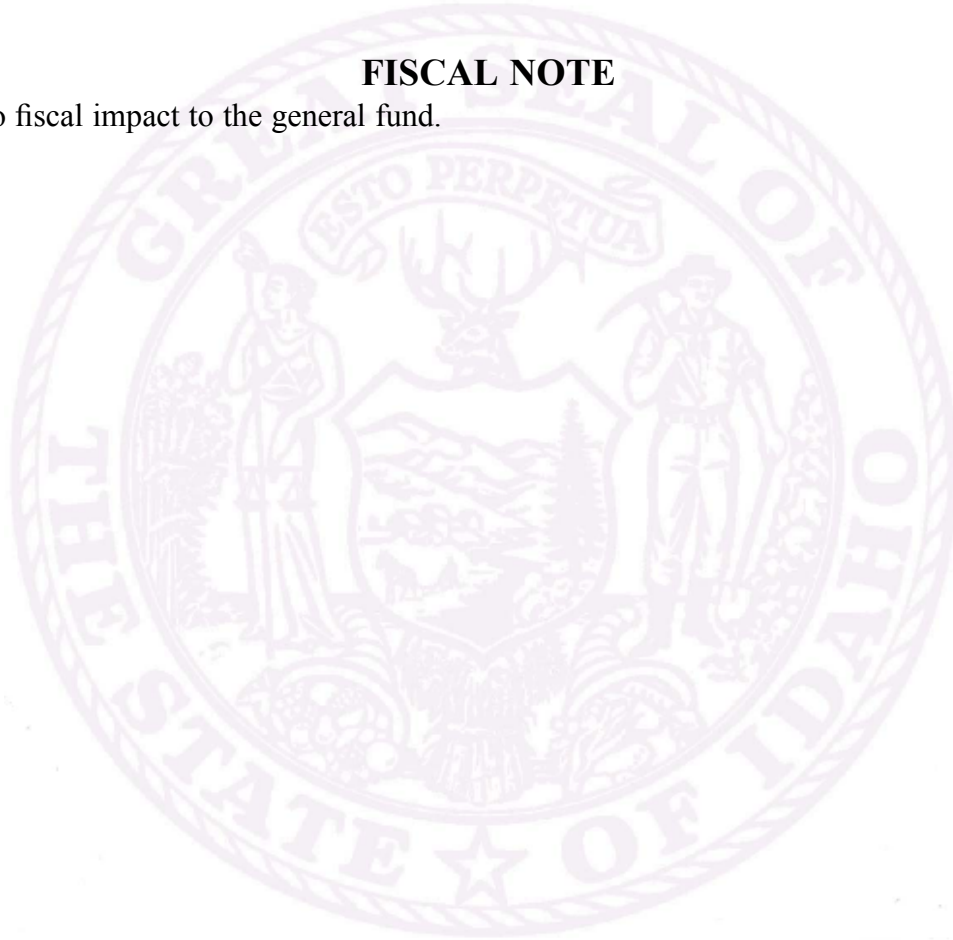
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18352

Idaho's grape and wine industry is an important and growing agricultural industry in the state. Funding to assist with research, education and continued growth of this industry is critical to sustain its viability. This legislation asks for minimums in assessments to be set in place for grape producers and wineries to fund such needed activities. This legislation also clarifies that wineries are taxed on wine production separately from their vineyard production. The assessment will be set through rule-making with the Department of Administration after the 2009 legislative session.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.



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