

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18393

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for two purposes. It reimburses the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2008 costs to survey for pests on state and private lands. And, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs incurred in fiscal year 2008 that are associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$569,700 from the General Fund to two deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2008 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$10,700 for a gypsy moth survey, \$88,400 for an exotic pest survey, \$100 for Karnal Bunt and \$412,200 for potato cyst nematode (PCN) survey and treatment. As a result, \$511,400 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department after taking into account federal reimbursements.
- 2) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state totaled \$112,000. Of that amount, \$20,300 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$91,700 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants; however, an additional \$33,400 was later recovered after the issuance of deficiency warrants. As a result, \$58,300 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund.

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