

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18269

This legislation will amend the annual license fee for food establishments in the Food Establishment Act under Idaho Code 39-1607 to increase the fee from \$65 to a higher level depending on the type of food facility. The new fees will be based on a three tiered system to ensure a more equitable means to have industry share in a portion of the cost for Idaho's food safety program. The tiers and fees are as follows: \$191 for intermittent, temporary and mobile food establishments; \$200 for medium risk food establishments; and \$212 for high risk food establishments. The fees will be phased in over a two year period. The first year the fee will move halfway between the current fee and the new fees. The second year the fees will move to the full fee. The fee increase will require that the food industry pay a larger portion of the cost of the food safety program.

This legislation also amends the definition section of the Food Establishment Act under Idaho Code 39-1602 to add definitions for the types of food establishments described in the tiered system of Idaho Code 39-1607.

FISCAL NOTE

This change will shift a greater portion of the current funding sources for the Food Safety Program from state and county funds to the licensed food establishments operating in Idaho. The estimated dollar amount of this shift is \$1,214,500. There is no change in operational costs (budget neutral), but rather a shift in source of funding.

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