

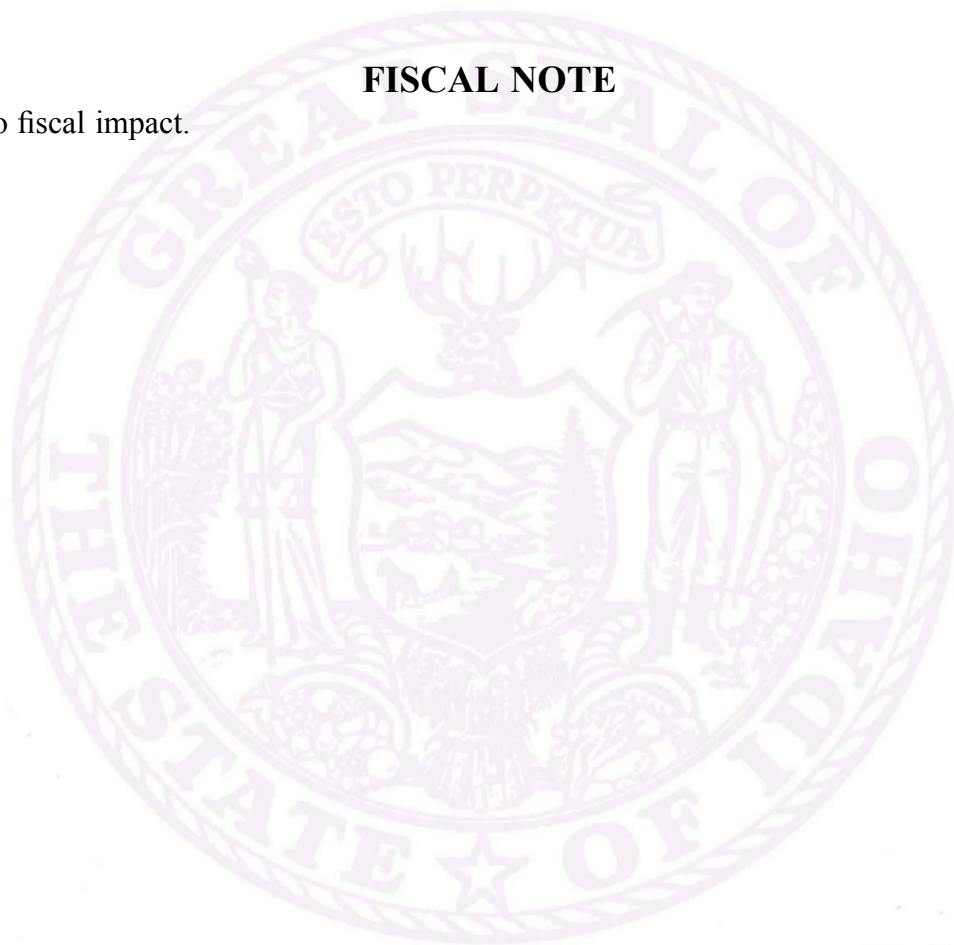
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19757

Mint growers "flash burn" their pre-emerged and plowed-under mint fields as a treatment for diseases, insects, pests and weed emergence. This long-standing practice reduces the need to treat the fields with chemicals, and produces minimal or no combustion and emissions when compared to other allowable forms of open burning that do not require preapproval of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) or payment of a fee. The permit and fee requirements of Section 39-114, Idaho Code, will continue to apply to burning mint fields containing crop residue.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.



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