

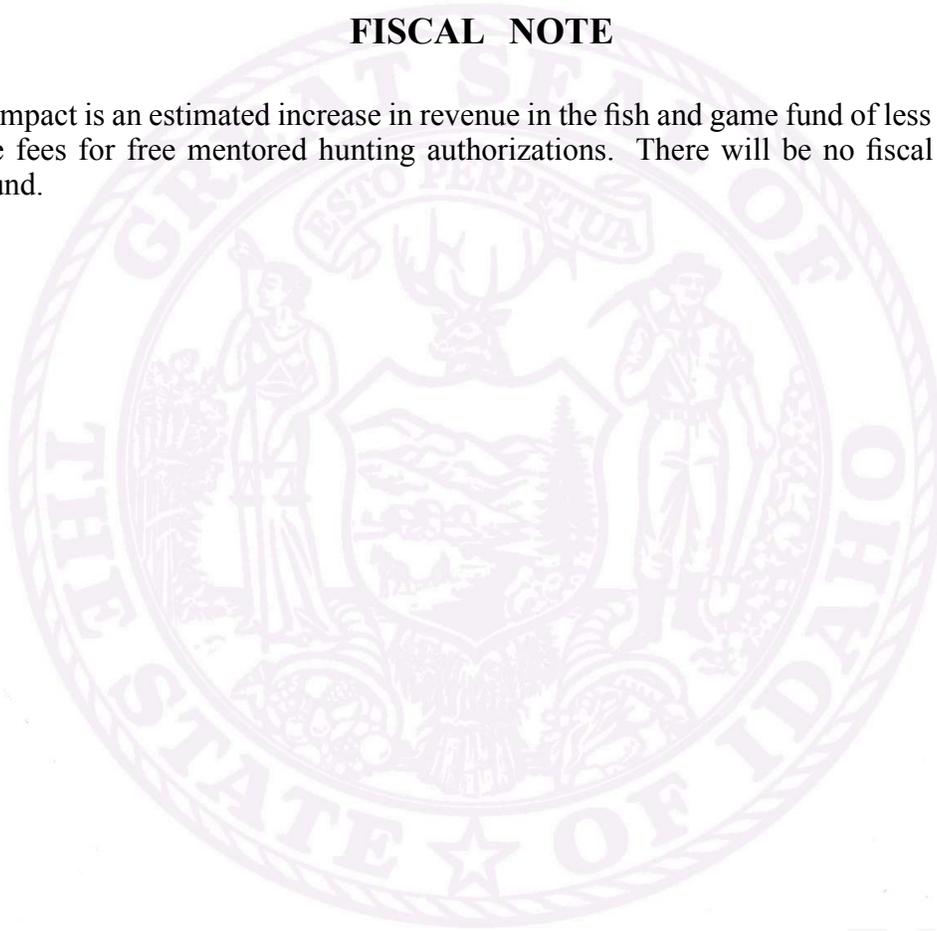
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19984

This bill provides discretionary authority to the fish and game commission to create rules for a mentored hunting program. As a hunter recruitment tool, several states have created mentored hunting programs that allow any person who has not yet received hunter education certification or acquired a hunting license to receive special authorization to hunt while being accompanied by a mentor. This allows a hunter to experience hunting before committing to hunter education and the provisions of Idaho Code 36-411 to get a hunting license in Idaho. This program would enhance hunter recruitment in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is an estimated increase in revenue in the fish and game fund of less than \$15,000 in issuance fees for free mentored hunting authorizations. There will be no fiscal effect to the General Fund.



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