

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The structure of Idaho's forest products industry has changed significantly since the Forest Products Commission was established in 1992. Idaho Code currently requires the executive directors of the intermountain forest industry association (IFIA) be one of five permanent advisory members to the commission. IFIA was disbanded in 2010. Additionally, Idaho Code currently requires two members from district 4 (all counties south of the Salmon River) and one member from each of the other three districts. Amending the Code to provide for one member from district 4 and additional members to be "at-large" members coming from anywhere in the state would provide more opportunity and flexibility for people to serve on the Commission while maintaining regional representation. Lastly, private forest landownership has changed dramatically in recent years. Companies have reorganized through consolidations or separation and new legal entities including real estate investment trusts (RIETS) and timber investment management organizations (TIMOS) have changed ownership patterns. Amending the Code to address this issue would clarify businesses that are subject to the IFPC assessment.

FISCAL NOTE

A net increase in Idaho Forest Products Commission assessments of approximately \$30,000 per year.

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