

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23012

This bill appropriates \$13,522,800 to the Office of Species Conservation for fiscal year 2015 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 12. The bill includes funding for the employer's share of increased costs for health insurance, accounts for an increase in statewide cost allocation, and includes an adjustment for network billing costs from the Department of Administration. There are two line items. The first is for \$200,000 one-time for sage grouse management. This funding will support the Governor's Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Alternative also known as Alternative E. Alternative E takes into account land-use activities and offers the best option for conserving sage grouse habitat and avoiding the unnecessary listing of the species. Second, funding in the amount of \$42,000 is included to spend moneys that are expected to be received soon from the Department of Justice. This is due to Idaho's successful challenge against the US Department of Interior for the listing of Slickspot peppergrass. The bill provides funding for a 1% ongoing salary increase and a 1% one-time bonus, both based on performance, and provides guidance for employee compensation.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2014 Original Appropriation	12.00	478,300	15,000	12,749,500	13,242,800
1. Sage Grouse Lek Monitoring	0.00	50,000	0	0	50,000
FY 2014 Total Appropriation	12.00	528,300	15,000	12,749,500	13,292,800
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(50,000)	0	0	(50,000)
FY 2015 Base	12.00	478,300	15,000	12,749,500	13,242,800
Benefit Costs	0.00	7,500	0	10,500	18,000
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	500	0	2,700	3,200
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	7,400	0	9,200	16,600
FY 2015 Program Maintenance	12.00	493,700	15,000	12,771,900	13,280,600
1. Sage Grouse Management	0.00	200,000	0	0	200,000
2. Reimburse Legal Expenses	0.00	0	42,000	0	42,000
Dept. of Admin. Network Billing	0.00	100	0	100	200
FY 2015 Total	12.00	693,800	57,000	12,772,000	13,522,800
Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp	0.00	215,500	42,000	22,500	280,000
% Chg from FY 2014 Orig Approp.	0.0%	45.1%	280.0%	0.2%	2.1%

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