

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22776

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law in 2011. The proposed Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rule for FSMA would have a devastating impact on Idaho agriculture. Compliance with the water quality rules would be impossible or impractical throughout much of Idaho including an FDA estimated cost of \$30,566 first-year cost per farm. Also, the proposed transportation rules would be difficult and costly to Idaho Business.

This Joint Memorial expresses the Idaho Legislature's opposition to the proposed FDA rules and requests that the Congress of United States prohibit the FDA from adopting the proposed rules including any numerical water quality standards for irrigation water, transportation rules and any future FSMA rules until a clear understanding of their impact can be determined.

FISCAL NOTE

Although there is no direct fiscal impact to the general fund the direct dramatic impact on Idaho industry would result in an unidentified but potentially dramatic negative impact on the general fund.

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