STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22355

Idaho statute authorizes three wildlife special license plates but currently specifies that two of the designs are an elk and a cutthroat trout. This bill replaces the specific elk and cutthroat design references in Section 49-417(2), Idaho Code, with "mammal" and "fish." This change would create broader marketing opportunity to recruit and maintain customer interest in purchasing wildlife license plates to sustain important revenue for the set-aside account for the nongame management and protection program under the direction of the fish and game commission. The state highway account, the department of agriculture's livestock disease control fund, the department of parks and recreation fund, and the fish and game department's wildlife disease laboratory program also receive revenue from special wildlife plate sales.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund. This bill does not create a fiscal effect to the fish and game nongame set-aside account or the other funds that derive revenue from the wildlife special license plates. This bill is a step in creating sales opportunity to sustain and bolster revenue from wildlife special plates but actual plate design and customer interest will create any fiscal effect.

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