

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23359

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the Legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for three purposes. First, it reimburses the Department of Lands for the costs of fighting fires on wild lands protected by the state and timber protective associations. Second, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture for prior fiscal year costs to survey and control pests on state and private lands. And third, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$17,981,900 from the General Fund to three deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2015 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of Lands had a negative ending balance of \$17,529,000 in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund at the end of FY 2014. This appropriation retires that deficiency warrant.
- 2) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$16,600 for an exotic pest survey, \$315,100 for Japanese Beetle treatment, and \$57,700 for potato cyst nematode (PCN) monitoring. As a result, JFAC appropriated \$389,400 from the General Fund to transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department in FY 2014.
- 3) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state that totaled \$101,400. Of that amount, \$19,600 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$81,800 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants. However, an additional \$18,300 was later recovered after the issuance of those deficiency warrants, leaving a deficit of \$63,500. This appropriation retires this remaining deficiency.

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