

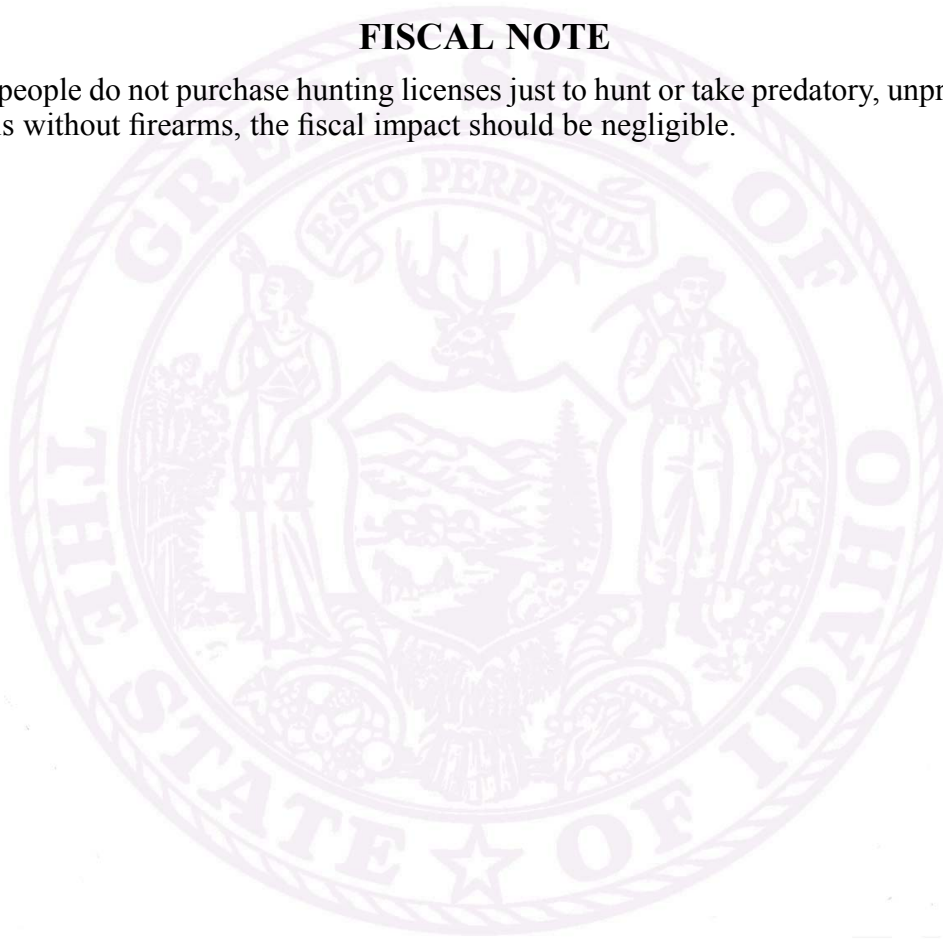
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho Code Section 36-401 prohibits with limited exceptions the taking of any wild animal, bird or fish without a license. One exception to the licensing requirement is "resident children under the age of twelve (12) years to hunt, take or kill predatory, unprotected birds and animals by means other than with firearms." Another similar exemption applies to "resident children under the age of fourteen (14) years to trap muskrats from irrigation ditches or property on which they live during the open season." This bill would expand those exemptions to include any person. The exemption does not apply to taking with firearms. Broadening the exemption is in keeping with Article 1, Section 23 of the Idaho Constitution preserving rights to hunt, trap and fish in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

Assuming people do not purchase hunting licenses just to hunt or take predatory, unprotected birds and animals without firearms, the fiscal impact should be negligible.



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