

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26666

This legislation will update statutes governing the nonresident set-aside and tag-allocation system administered by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) in conjunction with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board, such that it accurately and fully captures actual outfitted use, reflects current trends in hunter demand, and provides more dependable access for the public to outfitted tags.

This legislation would direct the IDFG Commission to establish the number of nonresident elk and deer tags to set-aside for outfitter use when setting big game seasons and implement a new formula for determining an outfitter's historic use. The changes would more accurately describe an outfitter's historic use and provide a better means of distributing tags and collecting data through the IDFG point of sale machines.

This legislation also directs the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board to designate the tags set-aside in capped or controlled zones in a more fair and equitable manner and to report these designations to IDFG for distribution. This legislation will not affect the number of resident elk or deer tags.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no direct effect on the General Fund. If new administrative functions are required by IDFG, they are not expected to cost more than \$50,000 in dedicated license funds. There is no reason to expect any additional costs to be incurred by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board as a result of this legislation as it does not attribute any additional tasks or responsibilities to that agency, but in fact eliminates the tasks they currently perform under the existing statute (recording of use and distribution).

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