

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26438

Passed in 2008, Idaho Code 39-114 requires anyone planning to burn crop residue to pay a fee in an amount of two dollars per acre to the department prior to burning. This requires growers to estimate acreage they expect to burn without knowing field, soil, air quality, or weather conditions that could prevent them from burning. To simplify the fee payment process, and at the recommendation of the Crop Residue Burning Advisory Committee, DEQ is proposing to change the timing of when fees are paid to an annual invoice structure for actual acres burned rather than a fee due when acres are registered. The change will ensure farmers do not risk paying for acres they did not burn and will remove any confusion regarding a registration fee and the actual burn approval permitting process. Additionally, it will streamline the agency's administrative processes.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no fiscal impact to the state. The current crop residue burn fee structure of two dollars per acre as outlined in 39-114(4) is not being changed. This revision will only change the timing of when fees for burning crop residue are due. The change will not impact resources used by DEQ to implement the crop residue burn program.

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