

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26983

H230 (2017) added significant financial resources to prevent wildlife/crop depredations and pay claims for wildlife damages/losses. In 2018, the Idaho Fish and Game Department received a claim from a single agriculture producer for specialty, organic crops that equaled or exceeded the total amount of the other 43 claims received from all agriculture producers combined, including record claims from corn producers. That was the first time in the history of the depredation claim program that had occurred. "Outlier" claims like that one will inevitably result in pro-rating claims for all producers who file a claim in any given year. Using the current (FY19) appropriation for the Expendable Big Game Depredation Trust Account, we would likely be pro-rating at less than fifty-cents on the dollar.

The purpose of this legislation is to place a cap on the amount paid on any single claim to not exceed ten percent (10%) of the annual Expendable Big Game Depredation Trust Account appropriation for that fiscal year.

In addition, this legislation provides that the total amount paid to any person for approved claims in the aggregate in a fiscal year, including any payment to any pass-through entity as defined in Title 63, Chapter 30, Idaho Code — a pass-through entity from which the claimant or any household member receives income — shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original Expendable Big Game Depredation Trust Account appropriation for the fiscal year.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund. The Expendable Big Game Depredation Trust Account is a dedicated fund paid by sportsmen.

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