

SOP HB 300

This legislation allows for the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to issue permits for the interstate transportation of hemp, to define terms, to provide for the hemp development fund, to provide intent language for the state of Idaho to have primary regulatory authority over the production of hemp through a negotiated rule-making process.

**FISCAL NOTE**

One time start-up costs include: \$100,000 for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to coordinate planning efforts with stakeholders such as growers, processors, the Idaho State Police, and others and to contract with experts to develop a US Department of Agriculture-compliant plan with the goal of having a plan approved by the USDA for the 2020 spring growing season; \$50,000 for additional IT needs specific to the USDA requirements and other program start-up expenses. As it is unknown to what extent Idaho growers and entrepreneurs will invest in growing and processing hemp, it is anticipated that initial plant and oil samples will be sent to a lab that utilizes approved testing standards. Current and ongoing costs will be offset by grower, transporter and processor fees as determined by rule. Ongoing costs: \$150,000 for salary, benefits and operating expenses that includes 1 FTP Ag Program Manager and .5 FTP Ag Investigator Sr. for program planning, coordination, informational sessions, and plan compliance.