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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28449 / H0126

The purpose of this legislation is to legalize the production, processing, research, and transportation of industrial hemp in the state. Industrial hemp is now legal in 49 states, two territories, and more than 40 tribal areas. This legislation will allow Idaho farmers the opportunity to produce industrial hemp if they so choose.

FISCAL NOTE

It is unknown at this time the number of producers interested in participating in a hemp program. Cost will of course vary according to interest and number of participants.

- Dedicated Funds:
 - It is anticipated that ongoing costs will be offset by industry fees as determined by rule and the state plan.
 - This bill does propose the establishment of a hemp administration fund.
- General Fund:
 - o Personnel: Estimated \$100,000
 - Program manager: Tasked with the development of a hemp plan, rulemaking, oversight, and administration.
 - Inspector/Sampling Agent: Tasked with inspection and sampling requirements. Could possibly be contracted.
 - Operating: Estimated \$50,000
 - Start-up Expenses: Computer, resources, etc.
 - Software/IT: Software/programing will be required to meet the information sharing requirement set by USDA.
 - Sampling/Testing: Resources needed to carryout sampling and testing requirements.
 - Travel: Transportation requirements.

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