

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Kratom is a plant-derived agricultural product related to the coffee plant that is legally sold and widely used in the United States, with an estimated 24 million Americans using kratom. Natural kratom leaf contains a naturally occurring alkaloid profile with only trace amounts of 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), and products containing elevated or concentrated 7-OH are not natural leaf kratom. Similar consumer protection legislation has been enacted in approximately nineteen (19) states. This legislation was requested by stakeholders and Idahoans seeking clear, uniform standards to address unsafe and adulterated products. The purpose of this legislation is to establish limited, Idaho-specific standards focused on product integrity, protecting the public from unsafe and adulterated products, and preserving lawful adult access, while avoiding unnecessary expansion of government by targeting bad actors in the marketplace and providing clear, enforceable standards without licensing programs, fees, or new regulatory bureaucracy.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no fiscal impact to the state or to local governments, as it does not create new programs, fees, or personnel requirements.

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