

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24634

This bill appropriates \$13,878,400 to the Office of Species Conservation for fiscal year 2017 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 12.63. The bill includes funding for the increased costs for health insurance and an increase in statewide cost allocation. It also includes an ongoing 3% merit-based increase in employee compensation for permanent employees to be distributed at the discretion of agency heads and accounts for the 27th payroll.

There are two line items. The first is \$500,000 from the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund for sage grouse conservation. Funding includes \$250,000 for conservation projects on state and private land; \$100,000 for lek monitoring to be conducted by Idaho Fish and Game; \$110,000 for equipment and training for the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations; \$25,000 for infrastructure mitigation program development regarding future power lines, wind farms, oil and gas development, and large scale mines; and \$15,000 for coordination costs of the Office of Species Conservation. The second line item authorizes the conversion of a temporary position to permanent and adds 0.63 FTPs.

Legislative intent is included to recognize that although the greater sage grouse is not an endangered species and not warranted for protection under the endangered species act, the Office of Species Conservation is to continue working on sage grouse conservation actions.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	12.00	1,004,800	15,000	12,785,700	13,805,500
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(500,000)	0	0	(500,000)
FY 2017 Base	12.00	504,800	15,000	12,785,700	13,305,500
Benefit Costs	0.00	5,500	0	7,600	13,100
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	400	0	0	400
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	12,000	0	15,000	27,000
27th Payroll	0.00	15,400	0	17,000	32,400
FY 2017 Program Maintenance	12.00	538,100	15,000	12,825,300	13,378,400
1. Sage Grouse Conservation	0.00	0	500,000	0	500,000
2. Coordination and Outreach Travel Costs	0.00	0	0	0	0
3. Convert Temp to Permanent	0.63	0	0	0	0
FY 2017 Total	12.63	538,100	515,000	12,825,300	13,878,400
Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp	0.63	(466,700)	500,000	39,600	72,900
% Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp.	5.3%	(46.4%)	3,333.3%	0.3%	0.5%

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