STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

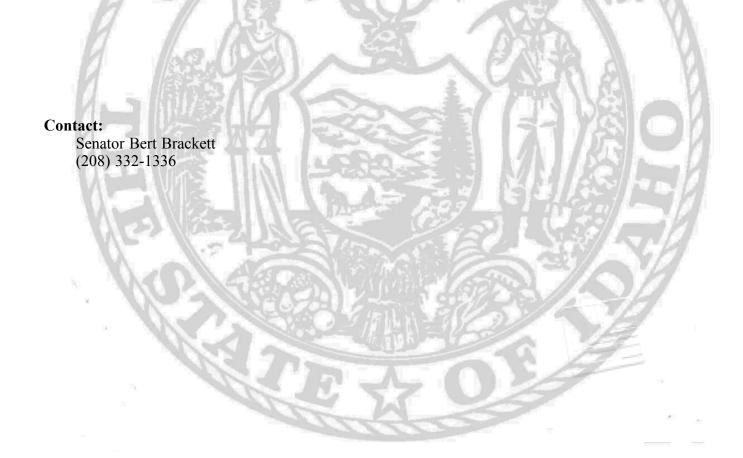
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The purpose of this legislation is to designate Chronic Depredation Zones and Wolf Free Zones based on big game hunting units designated by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. In units so designated, wolves may be taken year-round by any hunter with a valid hunting license and a wolf tag.

The legislation also has "trigger" language of 20 packs of wolves (200 wolves), which serves as a buffer for the 15 packs that is currently contained in the Idaho Wolf Management Plan.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no negative fiscal impact to the General Fund as all Idaho Fish and Game funds are dedicated funds. Possible positive impacts to the Idaho Fish and Game funds could exist as there may be a slight increase due to increased hunting license and wolf tag sales.



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