

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In order to snowmobile in Idaho, users are required to have a snowmobile use certificate, or sticker. This bill raises the use certificate fee from \$31.00 to \$49.50, a voluntary user fee that has not been increased since 2007. Fees are primarily used to annually construct and maintain groomed snowmobile trails throughout Idaho. Funds are also used to maintain winter parking lots, toilets, grooming huts and for equipment purchases and labor. Increased fees will be used to support these programs, and to also add support to the state search and rescue fund and to assist Idaho Department of Lands with recreation management. This will promote, enhance and increase winter sports recreation opportunities. Snowmobiling's economic impact to Idaho exceeds \$197.5 million annually.

FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the general fund. Estimated \$43,000+ annual addition to snowmobile search and rescue fund. Estimated \$43,000+ annually to Idaho Department of Lands for recreation impact mitigation. Estimated addition of \$709,500+ annually to state snowmobile fund. Each recipient fund is a dedicated fund.

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