

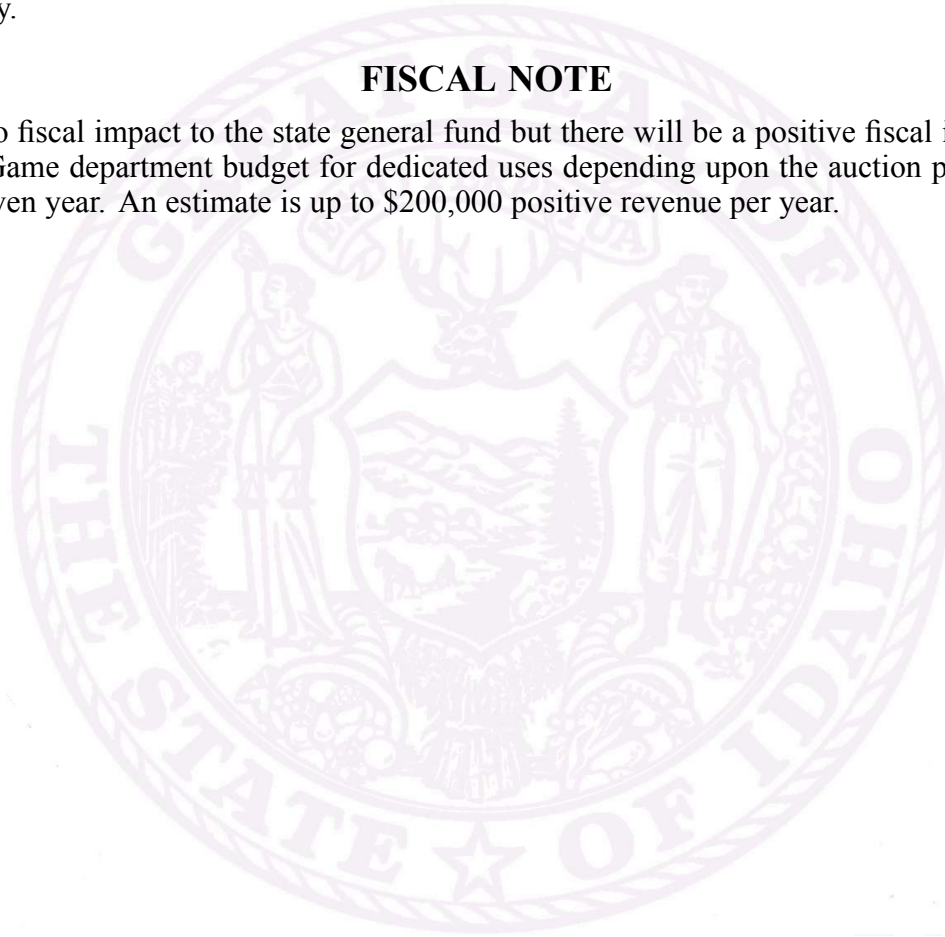
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24335

This bill provides that the Idaho Fish & Game Commission enact Idaho Code 36-408, the Governor's Tag Program. This will provide the Idaho Department of Fish & Game an increased revenue stream. Revenue will be appropriated to the Access Yes! Program which is a collaborative effort to increase hunter access across private property. Revenue increases will be used for wildlife habitat projects and wildlife management projects to increase the quantity and quality of big game herds. The legislation authorizes the Commission to designate one moose, and three elk, deer and antelope tags respectively, and it will designate one wild sheep and one mountain goat tag per year. Tags would be taken from the nonresident tag pool thereby not diminishing resident hunting opportunity.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund but there will be a positive fiscal impact to the Fish and Game department budget for dedicated uses depending upon the auction price for each tag in a given year. An estimate is up to \$200,000 positive revenue per year.



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