

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation does two things. First, for the human food manufactures, the primary oversight for food safety and inspections falls within the jurisdiction of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), under the authority of the Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA). The FDA contracts a number of these inspections out to the State of Idaho. Currently, they are contracted with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. This legislation would transition that responsibility over to the Idaho Department of Agriculture by fiscal year 2020. In addition, FSMA requires food safety inspections in some instances for production agriculture under the auspices of the federal produce safety rule. This legislation authorizes the ISDA to administer and enforce the produce safety rule, not to exceed the standards required by federal law.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation transition funds that currently go into the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the seven health district offices. Idaho currently contracts with the FDA to conduct 70 inspections at \$844.83 per inspection or \$59,138.10 total each year. Contracting authority would transition over to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and funding to carry out the contract would also transition to ISDA.

In 2020, there may be the need for a general fund request of \$86,000.00 in order to cover the cost of part of one inspector to carry out contracted human manufactured food inspections. Cost associated with implementation of Chapter 54, the Idaho Produce Safety Law will be covered by federal funds.

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