IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

1 AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION; REPEALING SECTION 63-3024A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO 2 FOOD TAX CREDITS AND REFUNDS; REPEALING SECTION 63-3077G, IDAHO CODE, 3 RELATING TO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FOOD TAX CREDITS AND 4 REFUNDS; REPEALING SECTION 63-3077H, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO EXCHANGE 5 OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FOOD TAX CREDITS AND REFUNDS; AMENDING 6 CHAPTER 36, TITLE 63, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 7 63-3622H, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX 8 ON SALES OF FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION; AMENDING SECTION 63-3638, IDAHO 9 CODE, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR SALES TAX REVENUE AND TO 10 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 63-3024, IDAHO CODE, TO 11 REVISE THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR INDIVIDUALS, TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO 12 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 63-3025, IDAHO CODE, TO 13 REVISE THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR CORPORATIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-14 RECTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 63-3029B, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO INCOME 15 TAX CREDITS FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 63-602HH, IDAHO 16 CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 63-30291, IDAHO 17 CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR INVEST-18 19 MENT IN BROADBAND EQUIPMENT; AMENDING SECTION 63-4402, IDAHO CODE, TO 20 PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 63-4403, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CAPITAL INVEST-21 MENT; AMENDING SECTION 63-4407, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE 22 REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 63-4408, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT 23 CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 63-4502, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE 24 25 REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 74-107, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REF-ERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 74-115, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE 26 REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICA-27 TION AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES. 28

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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SECTION 1. That Section 63-3024A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That Section 63-3077G, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That Section 63-3077H, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That Chapter 36, Title 63, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 63-3622H, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

63-3622H. FOOD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. There is hereby exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter the sale of food sold for human consump-

tion. The types and kinds of food products eligible for exemption by this section shall be the same types and kinds of food products that are eligible for purchase with benefits provided under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and do not include restaurant sales of food. As used in this section, "food" shall have the same definition as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2012 as that section existed on January 1, 2018.

 SECTION 5. That Section 63-3638, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 63-3638. SALES TAX -- DISTRIBUTION. All moneys collected under this chapter, except as may otherwise be required in sections 63-3203 and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and except as provided in subsection (16) of this section, shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
- (1) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims. All refunds authorized under this chapter by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account, and those moneys are continuously appropriated.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the permanent building fund, provided by section 57-1108, Idaho Code.
- (3) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the water pollution control account fund established by section 39-3628, Idaho Code.
- (4) An amount equal to the sum required to be certified by the chairman of the Idaho housing and finance association to the state tax commission pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code, in each year is continuously appropriated and shall be paid to any capital reserve fund, established by the Idaho housing and finance association pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code. Such amounts, if any, as may be appropriated hereunder to the capital reserve fund of the Idaho housing and finance association shall be repaid for distribution under the provisions of this section, subject to the provisions of section 67-6215, Idaho Code, by the Idaho housing and finance association, as soon as possible, from any moneys available therefor and in excess of the amounts which the association determines will keep it self-supporting.
- (5) An amount equal to the sum required by the provisions of sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code, after allowance for the amount appropriated by section 63-718(3), Idaho Code, is continuously appropriated and shall be paid as provided by sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code.
- (6) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 53, title 33, Idaho Code.
- (7) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 87, title 67, Idaho Code.
- (8) For fiscal year 2011, and each fiscal year thereafter, four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), of which two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) shall be distributed to each of the forty-four (44) counties in equal amounts, and one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) of which shall be distributed to the forty-four (44) counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. For fiscal year 2012, and for each fiscal year thereafter,

the amount distributed pursuant to this subsection, shall be adjusted annually by the state tax commission in accordance with the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, but in no fiscal year shall the total amount allocated for counties under this subsection, be less than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000). Any increase resulting from the adjustment required in this section shall be distributed to each county in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. Each county shall establish a special election fund to which shall be deposited all revenues received from the distribution pursuant to this subsection. All such revenues shall be used exclusively to defray the costs associated with conducting elections as required of county clerks by the provisions of section 34-1401, Idaho Code.

- (9) One dollar (\$1.00) on each application for certificate of title or initial application for registration of a motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or other vehicle processed by the county assessor or the Idaho transportation department, excepting those applications in which any sales or use taxes due have been previously collected by a retailer, shall be a fee for the services of the assessor of the county or the Idaho transportation department in collecting such taxes, and shall be paid into the current expense fund of the county or state highway account established in section 40-702, Idaho Code.
- (10) Eleven Thirteen and five two-tenths percent (11.513.2%) is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the revenue sharing account which is created in the state treasury, and the moneys in the revenue sharing account will be paid in installments each calendar quarter by the state tax commission as follows:
 - (a) Twenty-eight and two-tenths percent (28.2%) shall be paid to the various cities as follows:
 - (i) Fifty percent (50%) of such amount shall be paid to the various cities, and each city shall be entitled to an amount in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities within the state; and
 - (ii) Fifty percent (50%) of such amount shall be paid to the various cities, and each city shall be entitled to an amount in the proportion that the preceding year's market value for assessment purposes for that city bears to the preceding year's market value for assessment purposes for all cities within the state.
 - (b) Twenty-eight and two-tenths percent (28.2%) shall be paid to the various counties as follows:
 - (i) One million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,320,000) annually shall be distributed one forty-fourth (1/44) to each of the various counties; and
 - (ii) The balance of such amount shall be paid to the various counties, and each county shall be entitled to an amount in the proportion that the population of that county bears to the population of the state;
 - (c) Thirty-five and nine-tenths percent (35.9%) of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall be paid to the several counties for distribution to the cities and counties as follows:

- (i) Each city and county which received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
- (ii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each city's and county's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
- (iii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter exceeds the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each city and county shall be entitled to a proportionately increased payment, but such increase shall not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999.
- (iv) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (c) in any quarter exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, any amount over and above such one hundred five percent (105%) shall be paid fifty percent (50%) to the various cities in the proportion that the population of the city bears to the population of all cities within the state, and fifty percent (50%) to the various counties in the proportion that the population of a county bears to the population of the state; and
- (d) Seven and seven-tenths percent (7.7%) of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall be paid to the several counties for distribution to special purpose taxing districts as follows:
 - (i) Each such district which received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as such subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
 - (ii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(d) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each special purpose taxing district's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
 - (iii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (d) in any quarter exceeds the amount distributed under paragraph (i) of this subsection (10) (d), each special purpose taxing district shall be entitled to a share of the excess based on the proportion each such district's current property tax budget bears to the sum of the current property tax budgets of all such districts in the state. The state tax commission shall calculate district current property tax budgets to include any unrecovered foregone forgone amounts as determined under section 63-802(1)(e), Idaho Code. When a special purpose taxing district is situated in more than one (1) county, the state tax commission shall determine the portion attributable to the special purpose taxing district from each county in which it is situated.
 - (iv) If special purpose taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to a base amount equal to the sum of

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the base amounts which were received in the last calendar quarter by each district prior to the consolidation.

- (v) If a special purpose taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received.
- (vi) Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection (10) (d). (vii) For purposes of this subsection (10) (d), a special purpose taxing district is any taxing district which is not a city, a county or a school district.

(11) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 2, chapter 356, laws of 2001, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts beginning in October 2001 for replacement of property tax on farm machinery and equipment exempted pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code. For nonschool districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of this amount certified quarterly to each county. For school districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of the amount certified quarterly to each school district. For nonschool districts, the county auditor shall distribute to each district within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of moneys from the state tax commission. Moneys received by each taxing district for replacement shall be utilized in the same manner and in the same proportions as revenues from property taxation. The moneys remitted to the county treasurer for replacement of property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, may be considered by the counties and other taxing districts and budgeted at the same time, in the same manner and in the same year as revenues from taxation on personal property which these moneys replace. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts which were received in the last calendar quarter by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received. If a taxing district annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection. School districts shall receive an amount determined by multiplying the sum of the year 2000 school district levy minus .004 times the market value on December 31, 2000, in the district of the property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, provided that the result of these calculations shall not be less than zero (0). The result of these school district calculations shall be further increased by six percent (6%). For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues.

(12) Amounts necessary to pay refunds as provided in section 63-3641, Idaho Code, to a developer of a retail complex shall be remitted to the demonstration pilot project fund created in section 63-3641, Idaho Code.

- (13) Amounts calculated in accordance with subsection (4) of section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts for replacement of property tax on personal property tax exemptions pursuant to subsection (2) of section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, which amounts are continuously appropriated unless the legislature enacts a different appropriation for a particular fiscal year. For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts that were received in the last calendar year by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district or revenue allocation area annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts and revenue allocation areas formed after January 1, 2013, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection.
- (14) Amounts collected from purchasers and paid to the state of Idaho by retailers that are not engaged in business in this state and which retailer would not have been required to collect the sales tax, less amounts otherwise distributed in subsections (1) and (10) of this section, shall be distributed to the tax relief fund created in section 57-811, Idaho Code. The state tax commission will determine the amounts to be distributed under this subsection.
- (15) Any moneys remaining over and above those necessary to meet and reserve for payments under other subsections of this section shall be distributed to the general fund.
- (16) One percent (1%) shall be distributed to the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation program established in section 40-720, Idaho Code. The distribution provided for in this subsection must immediately follow the distribution provided for in subsection (10) of this section.
- SECTION 6. That Section 63-3024, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3024. INDIVIDUALS' TAX AND TAX ON ESTATES AND TRUSTS. (1) For taxable year 2001, and each taxable year thereafter, a \underline{A} tax measured by Idaho taxable income as defined in this chapter is hereby imposed upon every individual, trust, or estate required by this chapter to file a return.
 - (a) Through taxable year 2017 and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the tax imposed upon individuals, trusts and estates shall be computed at the following rates:

When Idaho taxable income is:
The rate is:
Uses than \$1,000
One and six-tenths percent (1.6%)

\$1,000 but less than \$2,000
\$16, plus three and six-tenths
percent (3.6%) of the amount over \$1,000

1 2	When Idaho taxable income is: \$2,000 but less than \$3,000	The rate is: \$52, plus four and one-tenth
3		percent (4.1%) of the amount over \$2,000
<i>4 5</i>	\$3,000 but less than \$4,000	\$93, plus five and one-tenth percent (5.1%) of the amount over \$3,000
6 7	\$4,000 but less than \$5,000	\$144, plus six and one-tenth percent (6.1%) of the amount over \$4,000
8 9	\$5,000 but less than \$7,500	\$205, plus seven and one-tenth percent (7.1%) of the amount over \$5,000
10 11 12	\$7,500 and over	\$383, plus seven and four-tenths percent $(7.4%)$ of the amount over $$7,500$
13 14 15		2018 and each taxable year thereafter, c, trusts and estates shall be computed
16	When Idaho taxable income is:	The rate is:
17	<u>Less than \$1,000</u>	One and one-tenth percent (1.1%)
18 19	\$1,000 but less than \$2,000	\$15, plus three and one-tenth percent (3.1%) of the amount over \$1,000
20 21	\$2,000 but less than \$3,000	\$50, plus three and six-tenths percent (3.6%) of the amount over \$2,000
22 23	\$3,000 but less than \$4,000	\$90, plus four and six-tenths percent (4.6%) of the amount over \$3,000
24 25	\$4,000 but less than \$5,000	\$140, plus five and six-tenths percent (5.6%) of the amount over \$4,000
26 27	\$5,000 but less than \$7,500	\$200, plus six and six-tenths percent (6.6%) of the amount over \$5,000
28 29	\$7,500 and over	\$375, plus six and nine-tenths percent (6.9%) of the amount over \$7,500

(2) For taxable year 2000 and each year thereafter, the state tax commission shall prescribe a factor which shall be used to compute the Idaho income tax brackets provided in subsection (a) of this section. The factor shall provide an adjustment to the Idaho tax brackets so that inflation will not result in a tax increase. The Idaho tax brackets shall be adjusted as follows: multiply the bracket amounts by the percentage (the consumer price index for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year to which the adjusted brackets will apply divided by the consumer price index for calendar year 1998). For the purpose of this computation, the consumer price index for any calendar year is the average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve (12) month period for the immediately preceding calendar year, without regard to any subsequent adjustments, as adopted by the state tax commission. This adoption shall be exempt from the provisions of

chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. The consumer price index shall mean the consumer price index for all U.S. urban consumers published by the United States department of labor. The state tax commission shall annually include the factor as provided in this subsection to multiply against Idaho taxable income in the brackets above to arrive at that year's Idaho taxable income for tax bracket purposes.

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 heta 3) In case a joint return is filed by husband and wife pursuant to the provisions of section 63-3031, Idaho Code, the tax imposed by this section shall be twice the tax which would be imposed on one-half (1/2) of the aggregate Idaho taxable income. For the purposes of this section, a return of a surviving spouse, as defined in section 2 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and a head of household, as defined in section 2 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall be treated as a joint return and the tax imposed shall be twice the tax which would be imposed on one-half (1/2) of the Idaho taxable income.
- $(\underline{e4})$ In the case of a trust that is an electing small business trust as defined in section 1361 of the Internal Revenue Code, the special rules for taxation of such trusts contained in section 641 of the Internal Revenue Code shall apply except that the maximum individual rate provided in this section shall apply in computing tax due under this chapter.
- $(\underline{45})$ The state tax commission shall compute and publish Idaho income tax liability for taxpayers at the midpoint of each bracket of Idaho taxable income in fifty dollar (\$50.00) steps to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), rounding such calculations to the nearest dollar. Taxpayers having income within such brackets shall file returns based upon and pay taxes according to the schedule thus established. The state tax commission shall promulgate rules defining the conditions upon which such returns shall be filed.

SECTION 7. That Section 63-3025, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 63-3025. TAX ON CORPORATE INCOME. (1) For taxable years commencing on and after January 1, 2001, a \underline{A} tax is hereby imposed on the Idaho taxable income of a corporation, other than an S corporation, which that transacts or is authorized to transact business in this state or which that has income attributable to this state. For taxable years commencing on and after January 1, 2018, the tax shall be equal to seven and four-tenths five percent (7.4 5%) of Idaho taxable income.
- (2) In the case of an S corporation that is required to file a return under section 63-3030, Idaho Code, a tax is hereby imposed at the rate provided in subsection (1) of this section upon both:
 - (a) Net recognized built-in gain attributable to this state. The amount of net recognized built-in gain attributable to this state shall be computed in accordance with section 1374 of the Internal Revenue Code subject to the apportionment and allocation provisions of section 63-3027, Idaho Code.
 - (b) Excess net passive income attributable to this state. The amount of excess net passive income attributable to this state shall be computed in accordance with section 1375 of the Internal Revenue Code subject to the apportionment and allocation provisions of section 63-3027, Idaho Code.

(3) The tax imposed by subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall not be less than twenty dollars (\$20.00); provided further that the twenty dollar (\$20.00) minimum payment shall not be collected from nonproductive mining corporations.

- (4) The tax imposed by this section shall not apply to corporations taxed pursuant to the provisions of section 63-3025A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 8. That Section $\underline{63-3029B}$, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 9. That Section 63-602HH, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-602HH. PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION -- SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL IN-VESTMENTS. (1) The net taxable value of all property of a taxpayer in excess of eight hundred million dollars (\$800,000,000) located within a single county in Idaho shall be exempt from property taxation and any special assessment.
- (2) The property included in the calculation of the exemption set forth in this section shall include all real property owned, and all personal property owned, leased, or rented that would otherwise be subject to property tax; provided however, with respect to leased or rented personal property, only that portion of the property which a taxpayer is contractually liable for payment of property taxes thereon shall be included in the calculation of the exemption.
- (3) Leased or rented personal property, included in the calculation of the exemption provided by this section shall not be assessable against the owner of such property.
- (4) The exemption set forth in this section shall apply first to owned real and personal property and, if exhausted, shall then apply to leased or rented personal property.
- (5) The taxpayer owning, leasing, or renting the property included in the calculation of the exemption shall designate the property to which the exemption applies.
- (6) The exemption set forth in this section shall not be available to any taxpayer with respect to a given year who, in the immediately preceding calendar year, failed to make significant capital investments of at least twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), by the acquisition or improvement of real or personal property located within the county referred to in subsection (1) of this section.
- (7) The exemption set forth in this section shall not be available to any taxpayer with respect to a given year who, as of the first day of such year, did not employ or engage on a regular full-time basis, or the equivalent thereof, at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) workers within the county referred to in subsection (1) of this section.
- (8) Except for the exemption provided for in subsection (4) of section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, no $\underline{\text{No}}$ other exemption from property tax or any special assessment provided by the statutes of this state shall be applicable to any property described in subsection (2) of this section with respect to a year in which the exemption set forth in subsection (1) of this section applies to any of the same property.

- (9) Property exempted under this section shall not be included on any new construction roll prepared by the county assessor in accordance with section 63-301A, Idaho Code.
- (10) The state tax commission shall adopt all rules that may be necessary to implement this section.
- SECTION 10. That Section 63-3029I, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3029I. INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR INVESTMENT IN BROADBAND EQUIPMENT. (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, for taxable years beginning after January 1, 2001, there shall be allowed to a taxpayer a non-refundable credit against taxes imposed by sections 63-3024, 63-3025 and 63-3025A, Idaho Code, for qualified expenditures in qualified broadband equipment in Idaho.
- (2) The credit permitted in subsection (1) of this section shall be three percent (3%) of the qualified investment in qualified broadband equipment in Idaho and shall be in addition to the credit for capital investment permitted by section 63-3029B, Idaho Code.
 - (3) As used in this section the term:

- (a) "Qualified investment" shall be as defined in section 63-3029B, Idaho Code means property that:
 - (i) Is eligible for the federal investment tax credit, as defined in sections 46(c) and 48 of the Internal Revenue Code subject to the limitations provided for certain regulated companies in section 46(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is not a motor vehicle under eight thousand (8,000) pounds gross weight; or is qualified broadband equipment, as defined in section 63-3029I, Idaho Code;
 - (ii) Is acquired, constructed, reconstructed, erected or placed into service after December 31, 1981; and
 - (iii) Has a situs in Idaho. For purposes of this section, property has a situs in Idaho during a taxable year if it is used in Idaho at any time during the taxable year. Property not used in Idaho during a taxable year does not have a situs in Idaho in the taxable year during which the property was not used in Idaho or in any subsequent taxable year. The Idaho situs of property must be established by records maintained by the taxpayer that are created reasonably contemporaneously with the use of the property.
- (b) "Qualified broadband equipment" means equipment that qualifies for the credit for capital investment permitted by section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, and is capable of transmitting signals at a rate of at least two hundred thousand (200,000) bits per second to a subscriber and at least one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) bits per second from a subscriber, and
 - (i) In the case of a telecommunications carrier, such qualifying equipment shall be necessary to the provision of broadband service and an integral part of a broadband network. "Telecommunications carrier" has the meaning given such term by section 47 U.S.C. 153 of the communications act of 1934, as amended, but does not include a commercial mobile service provider.

- (ii) In the case of a commercial mobile service carrier, such qualifying equipment shall extend from the subscriber side of the mobile telecommunications switching office to a transmitting/receiving antenna, including such antenna, on the outside of the structure in which the subscriber is located. "Commercial mobile service carrier" means any person authorized to provide commercial mobile radio service to subscribers as defined in section 20.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (10-1-99 ed.), as amended.
- (iii) In the case of a cable or open video system operator, such qualifying equipment shall extend from the subscriber's side of the headend to the outside of the structure in which the subscriber is located. The terms "cable operator" and "open video system operator" have the meanings given such terms by sections 602(5) and 653, respectively, of the communications act of 1934, as amended.
- (iv) In the case of a satellite carrier or a wireless carrier other than listed above, such qualifying equipment is only that equipment that extends from a transmitting/receiving antenna, including such antenna, which transmits and receives signals to or from multiple subscribers to a transmitting/receiving antenna on the outside of the structure in which the subscriber is located. "Satellite carrier" means any person using the facilities of a satellite or satellite services licensed by the federal communications commission and operating a fixed-satellite service or direct broadcast satellite services to provide point-to-multipoint distribution of signals. "Other wireless carrier" means any person, other than a telecommunications carrier, commercial mobile service carrier, cable operator, open video operator, or satellite carrier, providing broadband services to subscribers through the radio transmission of energy.
- (v) In the case of packet switching equipment, such packet equipment installed in connection with other qualifying equipment listed in subsections (3) (b) (i) through (3) (b) (iv) of this section, provided it is the last in a series of equipment that transmits signals to a subscriber or the first in a series of equipment that transmits signals from a subscriber. "Packet switching" means controlling or routing the path of a digital transmission signal which is assembled into packets or cells.
- (vi) In the case of multiplexing and demultiplexing equipment, such equipment only to the extent that it is deployed in connection with providing broadband services in locations between packet switching equipment and the structure in which the subscriber is located. "Multiplexing" means the transmission of two (2) or more signals over a communications circuit without regard to the communications technology.
- (vii) Any property not primarily used to provide services in Idaho to public subscribers is not qualified broadband equipment.
- (4) No equipment described in subsections (3) (b) (i) through (3) (b) (vi) of this section shall qualify for the credit provided in subsection (1) of this section until the taxpayer applies to and obtains from the Idaho pub-

lic utilities commission an order confirming that the installed equipment is qualified broadband equipment. Applications submitted to the commission shall be governed by the commission's rules of procedure. The commission may issue procedural orders necessary to implement this section.

- (5) The credit allowed by subsection (1) of this section together with any credits carried forward under subsection (7) of this section shall not, in any one (1) taxable year, exceed the lesser of:
 - (a) The amount of tax due under sections 63-3024, 63-3025 and 63-3025A, Idaho Code, after allowance for all other credits permitted by this chapter; or
- (b) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000). When credits earned in more than one (1) taxable year are available, the oldest credits shall be applied first.
- (6) In the case of a group of corporations filing a combined report under subsection (t) of section 63-3027, Idaho Code, credit earned by one (1) member of the group but not used by that member may be used by another member of the group, subject to the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, instead of carried over. For a combined group of corporations, credit carried forward may be claimed by any member of the group unless the member who earned the credit is no longer included in the combined group.
- (7) If the credit allowed by subsection (1) of this section exceeds the limitation under subsection (5) of this section, the excess amount may be carried forward for a period that does not exceed the next fourteen (14) taxable years.
- (8) In the event that qualified broadband equipment upon which the credit allowed by this section has been used ceases to qualify for the credit allowed by section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, or is subject to recapture of that credit, the recapture of credit under this section shall be in the same proportion and subject to the same provisions as the amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029B, Idaho Code Any recapture of the credit allowed by this section on property disposed of or ceasing to qualify for the credit prior to the close of the recapture period shall be determined according to the applicable recapture provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. In the case of a unitary group of corporations, the increase in tax due to the recapture of investment tax credit must be reported by the member of the group who earned the credit regardless of which member claimed the credit against tax.
 - (9) (a) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, a taxpayer who earns and is entitled to the credit or to an unused portion of the credit allowed by this section may transfer all or a portion of the unused credit to:
 - (i) Another taxpayer required to file a return under this chapter; or
 - (ii) To an intermediary for its use or for resale to a taxpayer required to file a return under this chapter.

In the event of either such a transfer, the transferee may claim the credit on the transferee's income tax return originally filed during the calendar year in which the transfer takes place and, in the case of carryover of the credit, on the transferee's returns for the number of

years of carryover available to the transferor at the time of the transfer unless earlier exhausted.

- (b) Before completing a transfer under this subsection, the transferor shall notify the state tax commission of its intention to transfer the credit and the identity of the transferee. The state tax commission shall provide the transferor with a written statement of the amount of credit available under this section as then appearing in the commission's records and the number of years the credit may be carried over. The transferee shall attach a copy of the statement to any return in regard to which the transferred credit is claimed.
- (c) In the event that after the transfer the state tax commission determines that the amount of credit properly available under this section is less than the amount claimed by the transferor of the credit or that the credit is subject to recapture, the commission shall assess the amount of overstated or recaptured credit as taxes due from the transferor and not the transferee. The assessment shall be made in the manner provided for a deficiency in taxes under this chapter.
- (10) In addition to other needed rules, the state tax commission may promulgate rules prescribing, in the case of S corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates, a method of attributing the credit under this section to the shareholders, partners or beneficiaries in proportion to their share of the income from the S corporation, partnership, trust or estate.
- SECTION 11. That Section 63-4402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-4402. DEFINITIONS. (1) The definitions contained in the Idaho income tax act, shall apply to this chapter unless modified in this chapter or unless the context clearly requires another definition.
 - (2) As used in this chapter:
 - (a) "Commission" means the Idaho state tax commission.
 - (b) "New plant and building facilities" means facility or facilities, including related parking facilities, where employees are physically employed.
 - (c) "Idaho income tax act" means chapter 30, title 63, Idaho Code.
 - (d) "Investment in new plant" means investment in new plant and building facilities that are:
 - (i) Qualified investments; or
 - (ii) Buildings or structural components of buildings.
 - (e) "New employee":

- (i) Means an individual, employed primarily within the project site by the taxpayer, subject to Idaho income tax withholding whether or not any amounts are required to be withheld, covered for unemployment insurance purposes under chapter 13, title 72, Idaho Code, and who was eligible to receive employer provided coverage under a health benefit plan as described in section 41-4703, Idaho Code, during the taxable year. A person shall be deemed to be so employed if such person performs duties on a regular full-time basis.
- (ii) The number of employees employed primarily within the project site by the taxpayer, during any taxable year for a tax-

payer shall be the mathematical average of the number of such employees reported to the Idaho department of labor for employment security purposes during the twelve (12) months of the taxable year which qualified under paragraph (e)(i) of this subsection (2). In the event the business is in operation for less than the entire taxable year, the number of employees of the taxpayer for the year shall be the average number actually employed during the months of operation, provided that the qualifications of paragraph (e)(i) of this subsection (2) are met.

- (iii) Existing employees of the taxpayer who obtain new qualifying positions within the project site and employees transferred from a related taxpayer or acquired as part of the acquisition of a trade or business from another taxpayer within the prior twelve (12) months are not included in this definition unless the new position or transfer creates a net new job in Idaho.
- (f) "Project period" means the period of time beginning at a physical change to the project site or the first employment of new employees located in Idaho who are related to the activities at the project site, and ending when the facilities constituting the project are placed in service, but no later than December 31, 2020 and no longer than ten (10) years after the beginning.
- (g) "Project site" means an area or areas at which new plant and building facilities are located and at which the tax incentive criteria have been or will be met and which are either:
 - (i) A single geographic area located in this state at which the new plant and building facilities owned or leased by the taxpayer are located; or
 - (ii) One (1) or more geographic areas located in this state if eighty percent (80%) or more of the investment required by subsection (2) (j) (i) of this section is made at one (1) of the areas.
 - (iii) The project site must be identified and described to the commission by a taxpayer subject to tax under the Idaho income tax act, in the form and manner prescribed by the commission.
- (h) "Qualified investment" shall be defined as in section 63-3029BI, Idaho Code.
- (i) "Recapture period" means:

- (i) In the case of credits described in sections 63-4403 and 63-4404, Idaho Code, the same period for which a recapture of investment tax credit under section $63-3029B\underline{I}$, Idaho Code, is required; or
- (ii) In the case of credits described in section 63-4405, Idaho Code, five (5) years from the date the project period ends.
- (j) "Tax incentive criteria" means a taxpayer meeting at a project site the requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (j).
 - (i) During the project period, making capital investments in new plant of at least five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) at the project site.
 - (ii) During a period of time beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending at the conclusion of the project period:

- 1. Increasing employment at the project site by at least ten (10) new employees each of whom must earn at least nineteen dollars and twenty-three cents (\$19.23) per hour worked during the taxpayer's taxable year.
- 2. Employment increases above the ten (10) new employees described in subparagraph (ii)1. of this paragraph (j) at the project site shall on average earn at least fifteen dollars and fifty cents (\$15.50) per hour worked during the taxpayer's taxable year. Calculation of the group average earnings shall not include amounts paid to any employee earning more than forty-eight dollars and eight cents (\$48.08) per hour.
- 3. Earnings calculated pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (j) shall include income upon which Idaho income tax withholding is required under section 63-3035, Idaho Code, but shall not include income such as stock options or restricted stock grants.
- 4. For purposes of determining whether the increased employment threshold has been met, employment at the project site shall be determined by calculating the increase of such new employees reported to the Idaho department of labor for employment security purposes over the employees so reported as of the beginning of the project period or no earlier than January 1, 2006, whichever is larger; and
- 5. Maintaining net increased employment in Idaho required by subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (j) during the remainder of the project period.
- (k) "Taxpayer," for purposes of paragraphs (j) and (e) of this subsection (2), means either:
 - (i) A single taxpayer; or

- (ii) In the context of a unitary group filing a combined report under section 63-3027(t), Idaho Code, all members of a unitary group includable in a combined report for the tax years in which the credit provided for by this chapter may be claimed. For all other purposes, the terms of section 63-3009, Idaho Code, and section 63-3027(t)(1), Idaho Code, apply to the meaning of "taxpayer."
- SECTION 12. That Section 63-4403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-4403. ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT. (1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before December 31, 2020, and subject to the limitations of this chapter, a taxpayer who has certified that the tax incentive criteria will be met within a project site during a project period shall, in regard to qualified investments made after the beginning of the project period and before December 31, 2020, in lieu of the investment tax credit provided in section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, be allowed a nonrefundable credit against taxes imposed by sections 63-3024, 63-3025 and 63-3025A, Idaho Code, in the amount of three and seventy-five one hundredths percent (3.75%) of the amount of qualified investment made during the project period, wherever located within this state.

(2) The credit allowed by this section shall not exceed sixty-two and five-tenths percent (62.5%) of the tax liability of the taxpayer.

- (3) The credit allowed by this section shall not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in any one (1) taxable year.
- SECTION 13. That Section 63-4407, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-4407. RECAPTURE. (1) In the event that any person to whom a tax credit allowed by section 63-4403, 63-4404 or 63-4405, Idaho Code, fails to meet the tax incentive criteria, the full amount of the credit shall be subject to recapture by the commission.
- (2) If, during any taxable year, an investment in new plant is disposed of, or otherwise ceases to qualify with respect to the taxpayer, prior to the close of the recapture period, recapture of the credit allowed by sections 63-4403 and 63-4404, Idaho Code, shall be determined for such taxable year in the same proportion and subject to the same provisions as an amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029BI, Idaho Code.
- (3) In the event that the employment level for which the credit allowed in section 63-4405, Idaho Code, is not maintained for the entire recapture period, recapture of the credit allowed in section 63-4405, Idaho Code, shall be determined for such taxable year in the same proportion as an amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029BI, Idaho Code. This subsection shall not be construed to require that the required level of employment must be met by the same individual employees.
- (4) Any amount subject to recapture is a deficiency in tax for the amount of the credit in the taxable year in which the disqualification first occurs and may be enforced and collected in the manner provided by the Idaho income tax act, provided however, that in lieu of the provisions of section 63-3068(a), Idaho Code, the period of time within which the commission may issue a notice under section 63-3045, Idaho Code, in regard to an amount subject to recapture shall be the later of five (5) years after the end of the taxable year in which the project period ends or three (3) years after the end of the taxable year in which any amounts carried forward under section 63-4406, Idaho Code, expire.
- SECTION 14. That Section 63-4408, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-4408. SALES AND USE TAX INCENTIVES -- REBATES -- RECAPTURE. (1) For calendar years beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2020, subject to the limitations of this chapter, a taxpayer who has certified that the tax incentive criteria will be met within the project site shall be entitled to receive a rebate of twenty-five percent (25%) of all sales and use taxes imposed by chapter 36, title 63, Idaho Code, and that the taxpayer or its contractors actually paid in regard to any property constructed, located or installed within the project site during the project period for that site.
- (2) Upon filing of a written refund claim by the taxpayer entitled to the rebate, and subject to such reasonable documentation and verification as the commission may require, the rebate shall be paid by the commission as a refund allowable under section 63-3626, Idaho Code. A claim for rebate un-

der this section must be filed on or before the last day of the third calendar year following the year in which the taxes sought to be rebated were paid or the right to the rebate is lost.

- (3) Any rebate paid shall be subject to recapture by the commission:
- (a) At one hundred percent (100%) in the event that the tax incentive criteria are not met at the project site during the project period, or
- (b) In the event that the property is not used, stored or otherwise consumed within the project site for a period of sixty (60) consecutive full months after the property was placed in service, or
- (c) In the event that the employment required in section 63-4402(2)(j), Idaho Code, is not maintained for sixty (60) consecutive full months from the date the project period ends.
- (d) Any recapture required by subsection (3) (b) or (3) (c) of this section shall be in the same proportion as an amount of credit required to be recaptured under section 63-3029BI, Idaho Code.
- (4) Any recapture amount due under this section shall be a deficiency in tax for the period in which the disqualification first occurs for purposes of section 63-3629, Idaho Code, and may be enforced and collected in the manner provided by the Idaho sales tax act, provided however, that in lieu of the provisions of section 63-3633, Idaho Code, the period of time within which the commission may issue a notice under section 63-3629, Idaho Code, in regard to an amount subject to recapture, shall be the later of five (5) years after the end of the taxable year, for income tax purposes, in which the project period ends.
- (5) The rebate allowed by this section is limited to sales and use taxes actually paid by the taxpayer or its contractors for taxable property related to new plant and building facilities.
- SECTION 15. That Section 63-4502, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-4502. TAX EXEMPTION FOR NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. (1) For calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the net taxable value of all property of a taxpayer, whether acquired before, during or after the qualifying period, in excess of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) located within a single county in Idaho shall be exempt from property taxation and any special assessment, but only if the taxpayer makes a qualifying new capital investment as defined in subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) "Qualifying new capital investment" means an investment of at least one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) made during the qualifying period by the acquisition, construction, improvement or installation of real or personal property related to new plant and building facilities at a project site located within the county referred to in subsection (1) of this section.
 - (b) "New plant and building facilities" means:
 - (i) Qualified investments as defined in section 63-3029<u>BI</u>, Idaho Code; or
 - (ii) Buildings or structural components of buildings, including equipment, materials and fixtures thereof whether used at a

 project site or temporarily stored off-site in the county referred to in subsection (1) of this section and intended for use at a project site.

- (c) "Qualifying period" means an eighty-four (84) month period of time beginning at the first inspection of the permanent building structure at a project site following issuance of the building permit, but in no case earlier than January 1, 2008, and ending no later than eighty-four (84) full months after such inspection takes place.
- (d) "Project site" means an area or areas at which the new plant and building facilities described in subsection (2) (b) of this section are built.
- (3) The property included in the calculation for purposes of determining a qualifying new capital investment value shall include all real property owned, and all personal property owned, leased or rented. With respect to leased or rented personal property, only that portion of the property for which a taxpayer is contractually liable for payment of property taxes thereon, shall be included in the calculation of the investment.
- (4) Notwithstanding the exemption provided in subsection (4) of section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, no $\underline{\text{No}}$ other exemption from property tax or any special assessment provided by the statutes of this state shall be applicable to any property described in subsection (2) of this section with respect to a year in which the incentives set forth in subsection (1) of this section apply to any of the same property.
- (5) Property subject to the provisions of this section shall not be included on any property roll or any new construction roll prepared by the county assessor in accordance with section 63-301 or 63-301A, Idaho Code, respectively.
- (6) The state tax commission shall adopt all rules that may be necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 16. That Section 74-107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 74-107. RECORDS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE -- TRADE SECRETS, PRODUCTION RECORDS, APPRAISALS, BIDS, PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. The following records are exempt from disclosure:
- (1) Trade secrets including those contained in response to public agency or independent public body corporate and politic requests for proposal, requests for clarification, requests for information and similar requests. "Trade secrets" as used in this section means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, computer program, device, method, technique, process, or unpublished or in-progress research that:
 - (a) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and
 - (b) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.
- (2) Production records, housing production, rental and financing records, sale or purchase records, catch records, mortgage portfolio loan documents, or similar business records of a private concern or enterprise

required by law to be submitted to or inspected by a public agency or submitted to or otherwise obtained by an independent public body corporate and politic. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made of such information for regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding.

- (3) Records relating to the appraisal of real property, timber or mineral rights prior to its acquisition, sale or lease by a public agency or independent public body corporate and politic.
- (4) Any estimate prepared by a public agency or independent public body corporate and politic that details the cost of a public project until such time as disclosed or bids are opened, or upon award of the contract for construction of the public project.
- (5) Examination, operating or condition reports and all documents relating thereto, prepared by or supplied to any public agency or independent public body corporate and politic responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions including, but not limited to, banks, savings and loan associations, regulated lenders, business and industrial development corporations, credit unions, and insurance companies, or for the regulation or supervision of the issuance of securities.
- (6) Records gathered by a local agency or the Idaho department of commerce, as described in chapter 47, title 67, Idaho Code, for the specific purpose of assisting a person to locate, maintain, invest in, or expand business operations in the state of Idaho.
- (7) Shipping and marketing records of commodity commissions used to evaluate marketing and advertising strategies and the names and addresses of growers and shippers maintained by commodity commissions.
- (8) Financial statements and business information and reports submitted by a legal entity to a port district organized under title 70, Idaho Code, in connection with a business agreement, or with a development proposal or with a financing application for any industrial, manufacturing, or other business activity within a port district.
- (9) Names and addresses of seed companies, seed crop growers, seed crop consignees, locations of seed crop fields, variety name and acreage by variety. Upon the request of the owner of the proprietary variety, this information shall be released to the owner. Provided however, that if a seed crop has been identified as diseased or has been otherwise identified by the Idaho department of agriculture, other state departments of agriculture, or the United States department of agriculture to represent a threat to that particular seed or commercial crop industry or to individual growers, information as to test results, location, acreage involved and disease symptoms of that particular seed crop, for that growing season, shall be available for public inspection and copying. This exemption shall not supersede the provisions of section 22-436, Idaho Code, nor shall this exemption apply to information regarding specific property locations subject to an open burning of crop residue pursuant to section 39-114, Idaho Code, names of persons responsible for the open burn, acreage and crop type to be burned, and time frames for burning.
- (10) Information obtained from books, records and accounts required in chapter 47, title 22, Idaho Code, to be maintained by the Idaho oilseed com-

mission and pertaining to the individual production records of oilseed growers.

- (11) Records of any risk retention or self-insurance program prepared in anticipation of litigation or for analysis of or settlement of potential or actual money damage claims against a public entity and its employees or against the industrial special indemnity fund except as otherwise discoverable under the Idaho or federal rules of civil procedure. These records shall include, but are not limited to, claims evaluations, investigatory records, computerized reports of losses, case reserves, internal documents and correspondence relating thereto. At the time any claim is concluded, only statistical data and actual amounts paid in settlement shall be deemed a public record unless otherwise ordered to be sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Provided however, nothing in this subsection is intended to limit the attorney-client privilege or attorney work product privilege otherwise available to any public agency or independent public body corporate and politic.
- (12) Records of laboratory test results provided by or retained by the Idaho food quality assurance laboratory. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made, or availability of such information if used, for regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding.
- (13) Reports required to be filed under chapter 13, title 62, Idaho Code, identifying electrical or natural or manufactured gas consumption data for an individual customer or account.
- (14) Voluntarily prepared environmental audits, and voluntary disclosures of information submitted on or before December 31, 1997, to an environmental agency, which are claimed to be confidential business information.
- (15) Computer programs developed or purchased by or for any public agency or independent public body corporate and politic for its own use. As used in this subsection, "computer program" means a series of instructions or statements which permit the functioning of a computer system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval and manipulation of data from the computer system, and any associated documentation and source material that explain how to operate the computer program. Computer program does not include:
 - (a) The original data including, but not limited to, numbers, text, voice, graphics and images;
 - (b) Analysis, compilation and other manipulated forms of the original data produced by use of the program; or
 - (c) The mathematical or statistical formulas that would be used if the manipulated forms of the original data were to be produced manually.
- (16) Active investigative records and trademark usage audits of the Idaho potato commission specifically relating to the enforcement of chapter 12, title 22, Idaho Code, until the commencement of formal proceedings as provided by rules of the commission; purchase and sales information submitted to the Idaho potato commission during a trademark usage audit, and investigation or enforcement proceedings. Inactive investigatory records shall be disclosed unless the disclosure would violate the standards set forth in subsection (1) (a) through (f) of section 74-124, Idaho Code. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made, or availability

of such information if used, for regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding.

- (17) All records copied or obtained by the director of the department of agriculture or his designee as a result of an inspection pursuant to section 25-3806, Idaho Code, except:
 - (a) Records otherwise deemed to be public records not exempt from disclosure pursuant to this chapter; and
 - (b) Inspection reports, determinations of compliance or noncompliance and all other records created by the director or his designee pursuant to section 25-3806, Idaho Code.
- (18) All data and information collected by the division of animal industries or the state brand board pursuant to the provisions of section 25-207B, Idaho Code, or rules promulgated thereunder.
- (19) Records disclosed to a county official by the state tax commission pursuant to subsection (4) (c) of section 63-3029B, Idaho Code.
- (20) Records, data, information and materials collected, developed, generated, ascertained or discovered during the course of academic research at public institutions of higher education if the disclosure of such could reasonably affect the conduct or outcome of the research, or the ability of the public institution of higher education to patent or copyright the research or protect intellectual property.
- (2 ± 0) Records, data, information and materials collected or utilized during the course of academic research at public institutions of higher education provided by any person or entity other than the public institution of higher education or a public agency.
- $(22\underline{1})$ The exemptions from disclosure provided in subsections $(20\underline{19})$ and $(21\underline{0})$ of this section shall apply only until the academic research is publicly released, copyrighted or patented, or until the academic research is completed or terminated. At such time, the records, data, information, and materials shall be subject to public disclosure unless: (a) another exemption in this chapter applies; (b) such information was provided to the institution subject to a written agreement of confidentiality; or (c) public disclosure would pose a danger to persons or property.
- (232) The exemptions from disclosure provided in subsections (2019) and (210) of this section do not include basic information about a particular research project that is otherwise subject to public disclosure, such as the nature of the academic research, the name of the researcher, and the amount and source of the funding provided for the project.
- $(24\underline{3})$ Records of a county assessor, the state tax commission, a county board of equalization or the state board of tax appeals containing the following information: (i) lists of personal property required to be filed pursuant to section 63-302, Idaho Code, and operating statements required to be filed pursuant to section 63-404, Idaho Code, and (ii) confidential commercial or financial information including trade secrets. Except with respect to lists of personal property required to be filed pursuant to section 63-302, Idaho Code, and the operator statements required to be filed pursuant to section 63-404, Idaho Code, it shall be the responsibility of the taxpayer to give notice of its claim to exemption by stamping or marking each page or the first page of each portion of documents so claimed. No records

that are exempt pursuant to this subsection shall be disclosed without the consent of the taxpayer except as follows:

- (a) To any officer, employee or authorized representative of the state or the United States, under a continuing claim of confidentiality, as necessary to carry out the provisions of state or federal law or when relevant to any proceeding thereunder.
- (b) In the publication of statistics or reports as long as the statistics or reports do not reasonably lead to the identification of the specific taxpayer or information submitted by taxpayers exempt pursuant to this subsection.
- (c) To the board of tax appeals or the district court as evidence or otherwise in connection with an appeal of the taxpayer's property tax assessment, but only if the board or the court, as applicable, has entered a protective order specifying that the taxpayer information may not be disclosed by any person conducting or participating in the action or proceeding, except as authorized by the board or the court in accordance with applicable law.
- (d) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent disclosure of the following information:
 - (i) Name and mailing address of the property owner;
 - (ii) A parcel number;

- (iii) A legal description of real property;
- (iv) The square footage and acreage of real property;
- (v) The assessed value of taxable property;
- (vi) The tax district and the tax rate; and
- (vii) The total property tax assessed.
- $(25\underline{4})$ Results of laboratory tests which have no known adverse impacts to human health conducted by the Idaho state department of agriculture animal health laboratory, related to diagnosis of animal diseases of individual animals or herds, on samples submitted by veterinarians or animal owners unless:
 - (a) The laboratory test results indicate the presence of a state or federally reportable or regulated disease in animals;
 - (b) The release of the test results is required by state or federal law; or
 - (c) The test result is identified as representing a threat to animal or human health or to the livestock industry by the Idaho state department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made, or availability of such information if used, for regulatory purposes or its admissibility in any enforcement proceeding, or the duty of any person to report contagious or infectious diseases as required by state or federal law.
- (265) Results of laboratory tests conducted by the Idaho state department of agriculture seed laboratory on samples submitted by seed producers or seed companies. Nothing in this subsection shall limit the use which can be made, or availability of such information pursuant to the provisions of subsections (9) and (10) of section 22-418, Idaho Code.
- (276) For policies that are owned by private persons, and not by a public agency of the state of Idaho, records of policies, endorsements, affi-

davits and any records that discuss policies, endorsements and affidavits that may be required to be filed with or by a surplus line association pursuant to chapter 12, title 41, Idaho Code.

- (287) Individual financial statements of a postsecondary educational institution or a proprietary school submitted to the state board of education, its director or a representative thereof, for the purpose of registering the postsecondary educational institution or proprietary school pursuant to section 33-2402 or 33-2403, Idaho Code, or provided pursuant to an administrative rule of the board adopted pursuant to such sections.
- (298) Information submitted by insurance companies pursuant to section 41-612(17), Idaho Code.
- (3029) Documents, materials or other information submitted to the director of the department of insurance as provided in chapter 64, title 41, Idaho Code.
- (30) Reports, information and other materials exempted by chapter 63, title 41, Idaho Code.

SECTION 17. That Section 74-115, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 74-115. PROCEEDINGS TO ENFORCE RIGHT TO EXAMINE OR TO RECEIVE A COPY OF RECORDS -- RETENTION OF DISPUTED RECORDS. (1) The sole remedy for a person aggrieved by the denial of a request for disclosure is to institute proceedings in the district court of the county where the records or some part thereof are located, to compel the public agency or independent public body corporate and politic to make the information available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The petition contesting the public agency's or independent public body corporate and politic's decision shall be filed within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of mailing of the notice of denial or partial denial by the public agency or independent public body corporate and politic. In cases in which the records requested are claimed as exempt pursuant to section 74-107(1) or (243), Idaho Code, the petitioner shall be required to name as a party and serve the person or entity that filed or provided such documents to the agency, and such person or entity shall have standing to oppose the request for disclosure and to support the decision of the agency to deny the request. The time for responsive pleadings and for hearings in such proceedings shall be set by the court at the earliest possible time, or in no event beyond twenty-eight (28) calendar days from the date of filing.
- (2) The public agency or independent public body corporate and politic shall keep all documents or records in question until the end of the appeal period, until a decision has been rendered on the petition, or as otherwise statutorily provided, whichever is longer.
- (3) Nothing contained in this chapter shall limit the availability of documents and records for discovery in the normal course of judicial or administrative adjudicatory proceedings, subject to the law and rules of evidence and of discovery governing such proceedings. Additionally, in any criminal appeal or post-conviction civil action, this chapter shall not make available the contents of prosecution case files where such material has previously been provided to the defendant nor shall this chapter be avail-

able to supplement, augment, substitute or supplant discovery procedures in any other federal, civil or administrative proceeding.

SECTION 18. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 6 through 17 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval, and retroactively to January 1, 2018. No tax credits or carryover of tax credits shall be permitted under section 63-3029B, Idaho Code, as of January 1, 2018. Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2018.