

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27026

The purpose of this legislation is to change Idaho Code prohibiting exploding targets during the designated fire season. Exploding targets refers to a device designed for use as a target consisting of a substance or substances capable of exploding or igniting when struck by a projectile.

The use of these devices has caused catastrophic wildfires that have endangered lives, burned hundreds of thousands of acres and cost millions of dollars. This legislation would expand Idaho Code to prohibit exploding targets on any state land, classify the crime as a misdemeanor, and reiterates a judge's discretion for sentencing terms and cost recovery for damages. This legislation does not apply to private property or any public or private shooting range that has a permit or governmental approval.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund, other state funds, or to any local government budgets. The Idaho Department of Lands, the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, and local law enforcement assistance on state lands will remain the same.

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