

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation provides landowners with an additional option when considering preserving agricultural land in the state. The legislation adds a new chapter to the Idaho Land Use Planning Act that would provide the legislative authority for local units of government to receive applications from willing landowners to establish a land use designation, known as an Agricultural Protection Area. The process to review, approve, or reject an application is outlined in the legislation.

## FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does propose creating an Agricultural Lands Protection Fund. This fund may receive money from state, federal, local government, or private donations. The legislation does not mandate any specific appropriation, but does provide a fund if an appropriation, donation, or private gift were to be made. This legislation may also have a modest impact on local government budgets.

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