

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24410

This is a fiscal year 2016 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,014,500 to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for five items:

1) It provides \$250,000 from the General Fund for a methyl bromide investigation including \$120,000 for disposal of over 2,000 tons of infested hay; \$25,000 for water sampling and testing; \$45,000 for testing for infected cattle; \$10,000 for field test plot preparation and soil sampling; and \$50,000 to Boise State University for literature review, research, and analysis. 2) It provides \$1,699,200 for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program from fees paid by processors. Food safety audit requests have increased which requires additional training and hours worked by staff. Furthermore, potato processing facilities are asking the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to staff and perform additional tests at the raw lab stations. 3) It includes \$65,300 from the dedicated Organic Food Products Fund for one full-time inspector with partial-year funding of \$24,000 in personnel costs; operating expenditures of \$17,400 for Twin Falls office space, travel, and training; \$15,000 for audit costs; and \$8,900 one-time for a rugged laptop and vehicle costs. 4) It includes the transfer of \$1 million in federal appropriation from the Plant Industries Program to the Market Development Program. The specialty crop grant program has grown beyond expectations from \$121,000 in FY 2006, to nearly \$2 million in FY 2016. Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. Value-added processing of eligible crops also qualifies. 5) It includes the transfer of \$8,000 from operating expenditures to personnel costs in the Facilities Maintenance Fund to replace a janitorial contract with the use of in-house staff.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	196.05	8,049,800	22,648,200	5,767,500	36,465,500
1. Methyl Bromide Investigation	0.00	250,000	0	0	250,000
2. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	0.00	0	1,699,200	0	1,699,200
3. Organic Food Program	1.00	0	65,300	0	65,300
4. Specialty Crop Program Funding	0.00	0	0	0	0
5. Janitorial Services	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2016 Total Appropriation	197.05	8,299,800	24,412,700	5,767,500	38,480,000
Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp	1.00	250,000	1,764,500	0	2,014,500
% Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp.	0.5%	3.1%	7.8%	0.0%	5.5%

The FY 2016 impact is \$2,014,500 of which \$250,000 is from the General Fund and \$1,764,500 is from dedicated funds. One additional position is authorized.

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