

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24703

This is the fiscal year 2017 appropriation to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho for Special Programs in the amount of \$17,154,500. Special Programs includes Forest Utilization Research, Geological Survey, Scholarships and Grants, the Museum of Natural History, Small Business Development Centers, and TechHelp. This appropriation includes benefit cost increases, one-time funding for replacement items, and an ongoing 3% merit-based increase in employee compensation for permanent employees to be distributed at the discretion of agency heads, and one-time funding for the 27th payroll. There are five line items included in this appropriation:

Line item 1 provides an FTP and funding for the Forest Utilization Research to hire an economic research scientist; line item 2 provides Forest Utilization Research an FTP and funding to hire a communication assistant to develop outreach materials and for research for the sage grouse initiative; line item 5 provides an FTP and funding to hire a geohazards geologist and to purchase equipment; line item 6 provides an FTP and funding to Geological Survey to hire a GIS analyst and to purchase equipment; and line item 7 provides ongoing funding for the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Section 3 of this bill directs the State Controller to transfer any unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the Scholarships and Grants Program to the Opportunity Scholarship Program at the end of FY 2016; Section 4 provides legislative intent on the level of service by the Geological Survey Program in eastern Idaho; and Section 5 provides an emergency clause for the transfer authorized in Section 3.

This appropriation limits the number of full-time personnel to 42.13, and is a 56.9% increase in the General Fund and 43.9% increase in total funds as compared to FY 2016.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	38.13	9,836,700	2,083,400	11,920,100
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(49,500)	(360,000)	(409,500)
FY 2017 Base	38.13	9,787,200	1,723,400	11,510,600
Benefit Costs	0.00	39,900	200	40,100
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0
Replacement Items	0.00	32,900	0	32,900
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	80,500	300	80,800
27th Payroll	0.00	96,500	500	97,000
FY 2017 Program Maintenance	38.13	10,037,000	1,724,400	11,761,400
1. Economic Research Scientist	1.00	88,100	0	88,100
2. Sage Grouse Research Initiative	1.00	83,200	0	83,200
3. New Equipment - Compact Excavator	0.00	0	0	0
4. 27th Payroll Group Positions	0.00	0	0	0

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5. Geologic Hazard Position	1.00	129,700	0	129,700
6. GIS Analyst Position	1.00	92,100	0	92,100
7. Increase Opportunity Scholarships	0.00	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
8. Adult Degree Completion Scholarship	0.00	0	0	0
FY 2017 Total	42.13	15,430,100	1,724,400	17,154,500
Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp	4.00	5,593,400	(359,000)	5,234,400
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% Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp.	%	56.9%	(17.2%)	43.9%



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