STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26294

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the Agricultural Research & Extension Service at the University of Idaho. It appropriates \$31,331,100 and does not cap the number of positions.

For benefit costs, the bill removes \$427,100 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency.

Funding for replacement items includes \$127,900 for the replacement of irrigation pipe at Tetonia Farms.

The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the institution president.

The bill funds no line items.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	301.44	31,263,300	24,000	0	31,287,300
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	18.90	0	0	0	0
FY 2018 Estimated Expenditures	320.34	31,263,300	24,000	0	31,287,300
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(351,000)	0	0	(351,000)
FY 2019 Base	320.34	30,912,300	24,000	0	30,936,300
Benefit Costs	0.00	(427,100)	0	0	(427,100)
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
Replacement Items	0.00	127,900	0	0	127,900
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	694,000	0	0	694,000
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	320.34	31,307,100	24,000	0	31,331,100
Nuclear Seed Potato Facility	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2019 Total	320.34	31,307,100	24,000	0	31,331,100
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	18.90	43,800	0	0	43,800
%Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	6.3%	0.1%	0.0%		0.1%

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