STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28290 / S1023

This bill reimburses the Department of Agriculture for prior fiscal year costs to survey and control pests on state and private lands. Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and return to the Legislature during the next legislative session for the cash to reimburse those costs.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$279,000 from the General Fund to the Pest Control Deficiency Fund for fiscal year 2021. The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$21,000 for exotic pest monitoring, \$182,000 for Mormon Cricket abatement, and \$76,000 for Japanese Beetle treatment. As a result, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee approved \$279,000 from the General Fund to transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department in FY 2020.

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