

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29692 / S1363

This is the FY 2023 original appropriation bill for the Wolf Depredation Control Board, which appropriates a total of \$392,000 from the General Fund.

Enabling legislation passed in 2014 found that additional financial resources are needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's Wolf management plan administered by the Department of Fish and Game. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Governor's Office and created a set of new funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. The law established fees from the livestock industry to raise \$110,000 per year and provides \$300,000 raised by sportsmen, to be transferred into the Wolf Control Fund. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the money for control actions for wolves where there is a depredation conflict between wolves and wildlife or between wolves and livestock. The board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with both the Department of Fish and Game and Wildlife Services. Fish and Game authorizes control actions when wolves are causing conflicts with people, domestic animals, and significant measured deer and elk population declines.

FISCAL NOTE

| | FTP | Gen | Ded | Fed | Total |
|---------------------------------|------|---------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| FY 2022 Original Appropriation | 0.00 | 392,000 | 0 | 0 | 392,000 |
| Expenditure Adjustments | 0.00 | 0 | 411,500 | 0 | 411,500 |
| FY 2022 Estimated Expenditures | 0.00 | 392,000 | 411,500 | 0 | 803,500 |
| Removal of Onetime Expenditures | 0.00 | 0 | (411,500) | 0 | (411,500) |
| FY 2023 Base | 0.00 | 392,000 | 0 | 0 | 392,000 |
| FY 2023 Total | 0.00 | 392,000 | 0 | 0 | 392,000 |
| Chg from FY 2022 Orig Approp | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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