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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Wildlife exhibitors under a USDA Class C Exhibitors License since 2003 are treated the same as municipal zoos, except the Department of Fish and Game will continue to regulate importation of cervidae under its jurisdiction for disease purposes and have the ability to inspect animal records in the possession of those exhibitors. The legislation also eliminates much of the duplicity of state and federal regulation of wildlife exhibits for those operating in good standing for the past 20 years. To clarify that animals living in a wildlife exhibit under a USDA Class C Exhibitors License are not generally living in a state of nature, and accordingly, are not included in the definition of "wildlife". It also eliminates the duplicity of state and federal regulations of wildlife exhibits in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill has no negative effect on the state general fund as it will eliminate some of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) regulatory functions. duties. IDFG may also be able to recoup some administrative costs within their wildlife program.

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