

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 550

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PEST CONTROL DEFICIENCY WARRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Agriculture the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

	FOR	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	TRUSTEE AND	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	BENEFIT	TOTAL
				PAYMENTS	
I. ADMINISTRATION:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$957,700	\$805,400			\$1,763,100
Administration and Accounting Services					
Fund	857,200	148,500	\$49,600		1,055,300
Facilities Maintenance					
Fund	<u>189,400</u>	<u>173,100</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>362,500</u>
TOTAL	\$2,004,300	\$1,127,000	\$49,600		\$3,180,900

II. ANIMAL INDUSTRIES:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$2,271,600	\$258,100			\$2,529,700
Agricultural Inspection					
Fund	38,500	9,700			48,200
Agricultural Fees - Livestock Disease Control					
Fund	991,100	544,700	\$114,700		1,650,500

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				PAYMENTS	
5	Agricultural Fees - Dairy Inspection				
6	Fund	2,145,200	501,700	234,500	2,881,400
7	Agricultural Fees - Egg Inspection				
8	Fund	191,600	61,400		253,000
9	Agricultural Fees - Commercial Fisheries				
10	Fund	5,700	4,200		9,900
11	Agricultural Fees - Poultry Inspection				
12	Fund	36,000	17,500		53,500
13	Seminars and Publications				
14	Fund		58,300		58,300
15	Federal Grant				
16	Fund	<u>410,700</u>	<u>117,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>576,200</u>
17	TOTAL	\$6,090,400	\$1,572,900	\$349,200	\$8,060,700
18	III. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES:				
19	FROM:				
20	General				
21	Fund	\$145,700	\$127,200		\$272,900
22	Agricultural Fees - Pesticides				
23	Fund	2,589,500	900,500	\$145,400	3,635,400
24	Federal Grant				
25	Fund	<u>479,800</u>	<u>43,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>523,200</u>
26	TOTAL	\$3,215,000	\$1,071,100	\$145,400	\$4,431,500
27	IV. PLANT INDUSTRIES:				
28	FROM:				
29	General				
30	Fund	\$3,512,800	\$2,022,300	\$15,900	\$2,516,500
31	Agricultural Inspection				
32	Fund	1,536,500	311,200	72,300	111,100
33	Invasive Species				
34	Fund	1,299,600	1,352,400	6,275,300	100,000
35	Agricultural Fees - Commercial Feed and Fertilizer				
36	Fund	1,537,500	484,200	152,900	50,000
37	Agricultural Fees - Honey Advertising				
38	Fund	400	22,000		22,400

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
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5	Agricultural Fees - Hemp				
6	Fund	107,200	55,000		162,200
7	Quality Assurance Laboratory Services				
8	Fund	423,700	137,700	25,000	586,400
9	Federal Grant				
10	Fund	<u>1,317,700</u>	<u>1,098,300</u>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>3,372,900</u>
11	TOTAL	\$9,735,400	\$5,483,100	\$6,551,600	\$3,724,300
12	V. AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS:				
13	FROM:				
14	General				
15	Fund	\$873,300	\$228,700		\$1,102,000
16	Weights and Measures Inspection				
17	Fund	533,300	205,300	\$199,700	938,300
18	Agricultural Fees - Organic Food Products				
19	Fund	645,400	111,100	32,700	789,200
20	Agricultural Fees - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection				
21	Fund	<u>8,384,300</u>	<u>2,767,400</u>	<u>301,600</u>	<u>11,453,300</u>
22	TOTAL	\$10,436,300	\$3,312,500	\$534,000	\$14,282,800
23	VI. MARKET DEVELOPMENT:				
24	FROM:				
25	General				
26	Fund	\$533,200	\$492,100		\$1,025,300
27	Agricultural Inspection				
28	Fund	85,900	74,100	\$4,400	164,400
29	Seminars and Publications				
30	Fund		245,600		245,600
31	Rural Economic Development Integrated Freight Transportation				
32	Fund	10,200	20,000	\$140,000	170,200
33	Revolving Loans				
34	Fund	12,300	15,300		27,600
35	Federal Grant				
36	Fund	<u>303,900</u>	<u>1,208,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,722,500</u>
37	TOTAL	\$945,500	\$2,055,200	\$4,400	\$7,862,500

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5	VII. ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL:					
6	FROM:					
7	General					
8	Fund	\$4,000		\$156,700	\$160,700	
9	Animal Damage Control					
10	Fund			100,000	100,000	
11	Agricultural Fees - Sheep and Goat Health					
12	Fund	<u>7,200</u>		<u>160,200</u>	<u>167,400</u>	
13	TOTAL	\$11,200		\$416,900	\$428,100	
14	VIII. SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH BOARD:					
15	FROM:					
16	General					
17	Fund	\$90,600			\$90,600	
18	Agricultural Fees - Sheep and Goat Health					
19	Fund	<u>72,500</u>	<u>\$38,300</u>		<u>110,800</u>	
20	TOTAL	\$163,100	\$38,300		\$201,400	
21	GRAND TOTAL	\$32,590,000	\$14,671,300	\$7,634,200	\$12,051,900	\$66,947,400

22 SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519,
23 Idaho Code, the Department of Agriculture is authorized no more than two hun-
24 dred thirty-one (231.00) full-time equivalent positions at any point during
25 the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, unless specifically autho-
26 rized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be
27 notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

28 SECTION 3. WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM. The Department of Agricul-
29 ture shall maximize the use of the appropriation provided for the watercraft
30 inspection program to minimize the chances of spreading zebra mussels,
31 quagga mussels, and other aquatic invasive species into Idaho waters. The
32 department is encouraged to use roving inspection stations when appropri-
33 ate and to expand hours of coverage during holidays when boat transport
34 traffic is likely to increase. It is also encouraged to use extra staffing
35 on busy holiday weekends. The department shall gather data regarding the
36 number of watercraft that are bypassing the stations and nighttime trans-
37 port of watercraft across Idaho's borders. The department shall also seek
38 to secure federal funding to further enhance invasive species detection
39 and prevention efforts. The department shall report back to the Joint Fi-
40 nance-Appropriations Committee, the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee,

1 and the House Agricultural Affairs Committee during the 2025 legislative
2 session regarding the results of the data gathering, attainment of federal
3 funds, and an operational review of the boat stations.

4 SECTION 4. ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS. Funds specifically identified in
5 statute or in an appropriation act as intended for a certain purpose may be
6 used only for that purpose. All funds provided in this act shall be subject
7 to accountability reports and management reviews in accordance with Section
8 67-702, Idaho Code.

9 SECTION 5. DEFICIENCY WARRANT. There is hereby appropriated and the Of-
10 fice of the State Controller shall transfer \$627,900 from the General Fund to
11 the Pest Control Deficiency Warrant Fund as soon as practicable for the pe-
12 riod of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Such moneys shall be used to re-
13 imburse costs incurred by the Plant Industries Program in the Department of
14 Agriculture pursuant to Section 22-2019, Idaho Code.

15 SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, Section 5 of this act shall be in full force and effect on
17 and after passage and approval, and Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this act shall
18 be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2024.