

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS32527 / S1150

This appropriation provides enhancements to the FY 2026 maintenance budgets for the Department of Agriculture and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Enhancements to the Department of Agriculture include a pay structure for agricultural investigators, a 5% change in employee compensation for fresh fruit and vegetable inspectors, replacement items, and IT hardware. Enhancements for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission include onetime funding to replace a vehicle and support the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA).

This legislation also includes a FY 2025 deficiency warrant to reimburse actual expenditures incurred in FY 2024 for monitoring and control of exotic species including Japanese beetles, Mormon crickets, and other exotic pests. Chapters 19 and 20, Title 22, Idaho Code, authorizes the Department of Agriculture to use deficiency warrants for the monitoring and mitigation of invasive species and pests.

## FISCAL NOTE

This appropriation provides an additional \$2,877,400 to the maintenance appropriation provided to economic development agencies in Senate Bill 1109. Table 1 shows incremental adjustments to the FY 2026 budgets found in the bill, of which the ongoing increase is 1,731,200 and 1,146,200 is onetime. Table 2 shows all adjustments leading to the FY 2026 Total Appropriation. The total budget for the Department of Agriculture is \$56,003,600 and the total budget for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission is \$5,180,200.

<b>Table 1</b>	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
Department of Agriculture					
1. Ag. Investigator Pay Structure	0.00	231,200	109,200	0	340,400
2. Fruit and Veg Inspector CEC	0.00	0	390,800	0	390,800
Replacement Items	0.00	0	846,500	44,500	891,000
OITS Hardware	0.00	0	196,200	18,500	214,700
Soil and Water Conservation Commission					
1. Water Quality Program for Ag	0.00	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000
Replacement Items	0.00	40,500	0	0	40,500
Budget Law Exemptions/Other Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Budget Enhancements	0.00	1,271,700	1,542,700	63,000	2,877,400
% Chg from FY 2026 Maintenance		6.7%	4.9%	0.8%	4.9%

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<b>Table 2</b>	<b>FTP</b>	<b>Gen</b>	<b>Ded</b>	<b>Fed</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 2025 Original Appropriation	248.75	19,604,000	38,878,200	13,706,800	72,189,000
Prior Year Reappropriation	0.00	1,715,600	0	0	1,715,600
Deficiency Warrants	0.00	1,724,300	0	0	1,724,300
Other Appropriation Adjustments	0.00	(1,724,300)	0	0	(1,724,300)
FY 2025 Total Appropriation	248.75	21,319,600	38,878,200	13,706,800	73,904,600
Executive Carry Forward	0.00	89,500	89,600	148,300	327,400
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures	248.75	21,409,100	38,967,800	13,855,100	74,232,000
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(2,805,100)	(8,086,800)	(6,343,400)	(17,235,300)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Base	248.75	18,604,000	30,881,000	7,511,700	56,996,700
Personnel Benefit Costs	0.00	96,600	163,400	16,000	276,000
Contract Inflation	0.00	500	100	0	600
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	20,900	(40,400)	0	(19,500)
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	355,300	637,300	60,000	1,052,600
FY 2026 Program Maintenance - <b>SB 1109</b>	248.75	19,077,300	31,641,400	7,587,700	58,306,400
FY 2026 Budget Enhancements	0.00	1,271,700	1,542,700	63,000	2,877,400
FY 2026 Total	248.75	20,349,000	33,184,100	7,650,700	61,183,800
Chg from FY 2025 Orig Approp	0.00	745,000	(5,694,100)	(6,056,100)	(11,005,200)
% Chg from FY 2025 Orig Approp.	0.0%	3.8%	(14.6%)	(44.2%)	(15.2%)

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