

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 612

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 22-5304, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 22-5304, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

22-5304. POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) It is hereby made the duty of the board to administer the wolf control fund, including setting the procedures and standards for payment from the fund. In carrying out these duties, the board may cooperate with federal, state, county, city and private agencies, organizations and individuals.

(2) The board has the authority to enter into agreements, including contracts, memoranda of understanding or memoranda of agreement with any federal agency, state agency, private contractor, political subdivision of the state of Idaho, or agency of another state in order to implement the provisions of this act.

(3) The control of wolves under this chapter ~~does not~~ includes the payment of compensation for damages. To determine compensation, the board shall use historic livestock loss prior to the 1995 wolf reintroduction as a base in each wolf depredation unit as determined by Idaho state department of agriculture data. Livestock producers shall report their actual losses to the board each year by December 31. The board shall determine the comparable loss for payment based on available funding. Control activities funded by the board shall be consistent with the provisions of section 36-1107(c) and (d), Idaho Code.

(4) The board may contract with the director of the Idaho state department of agriculture ~~(ISDA)~~ for legal and fiscal services as required under this act.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2024.