

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-second Legislature First Regular Session - 2013

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION OBJECT TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT WITH REGARD TO FUNDING RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chapter 229, Laws of 2012, and any other appropriation provided for by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Lands for the Forest and Range Fire Protection Program \$97,000 from the Department of Lands Fund to be expended for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation made to the Department of Lands for the Forest and Range Fire Protection Program in Section 1, Chapter 229, Laws of 2012, from the Federal Grant Fund, is hereby reduced by \$97,000 for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Lands, the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
I. SUPPORT SERVICES:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$341,200	\$242,900	\$78,400		\$662,500
Department of Lands					
Fund	431,800	292,100	78,400		802,300
Indirect Cost Recovery					
Fund	87,800	128,500			216,300

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
Endowment Administrative					
Fund	<u>2,433,400</u>	<u>2,544,100</u>	<u>235,400</u>		<u>5,212,900</u>
TOTAL	\$3,294,200	\$3,207,600	\$392,200		\$6,894,000
II. FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$740,500	\$184,600			\$925,100
Department of Lands					
Fund	638,200	356,000	\$27,700		1,021,900
Indirect Cost Recovery					
Fund	82,800	434,500			517,300
Endowment Administrative					
Fund	9,311,000	6,956,800	380,200		16,648,000
Community Forestry					
Fund		20,000		\$20,000	40,000
Federal Grant					
Fund	<u>443,100</u>	<u>962,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,306,300</u>	<u>2,712,100</u>
TOTAL	\$11,215,600	\$8,914,600	\$407,900	\$1,326,300	\$21,864,400
III. LAND, RANGE, AND MINERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$860,000	\$80,700			\$940,700
Department of Lands					
Fund	251,800	1,144,600			1,396,400
Endowment Administrative					
Fund	<u>1,762,400</u>	<u>2,004,500</u>	<u>\$39,000</u>		<u>3,805,900</u>
TOTAL	\$2,874,200	\$3,229,800	\$39,000		\$6,143,000
IV. FOREST AND RANGE FIRE PROTECTION:					
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$1,180,100	\$758,400		\$707,500	\$2,646,000
Department of Lands					
Fund	2,664,600	764,300	\$417,200	873,000	4,719,100

	FOR	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	TRUSTEE AND	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	BENEFIT	TOTAL
				PAYMENTS	
Fire Suppression Deficiency					
Fund	129,500	22,100			151,600
Federal Grant					
Fund	<u>927,500</u>	<u>538,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,059,100</u>	<u>3,525,100</u>
TOTAL	\$4,901,700	\$2,083,300	\$417,200	\$3,639,600	\$11,041,800
V. SCALING PRACTICES:					
FROM:					
Department of Lands					
Fund	\$182,200	\$46,700	\$25,000		\$253,900
GRAND TOTAL	\$22,467,900	\$17,482,000	\$1,281,300	\$4,965,900	\$46,197,100

SECTION 4. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Department of Lands is authorized no more than two hundred sixty-one and forty-seven hundredths (261.47) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS FROM OBJECT TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. For fiscal year 2014, the Department of Lands is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511 (1) and (3), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers between object codes, for all moneys appropriated for the Forest and Range Fire Protection Program for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

SECTION 6. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. The Legislature finds that investing in state employee compensation should remain a high priority even in tough economic times, and therefore strongly encourages agency directors, institution executives and the Division of Financial Management to approve the use of salary savings to provide either one-time or ongoing merit increases for deserving employees, and also target employees who are below policy compensation. Such salary savings could result from turnover and attrition, or be the result of innovation and reorganization efforts that create savings. Such savings should be reinvested in employees. Agencies are cautioned to use one-time funding for one-time payments and ongoing funding for permanent pay increases.

1 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. In order to fairly support the ongoing costs of the Rangeland Fire Protection Program, the Idaho Department
2 of Lands is to bring a proposal to the fall Joint Finance-Appropriations
3 Committee meeting that outlines possible sources of ongoing financial support including assessment of a per acre fee on rangelands similar to the
4 fees on forest lands found in Section 38-111, Idaho Code, and associated
5 statutes. The Legislature clearly recognizes and supports the value of
6 fire preparedness and protection from wildfires and believes that the costs
7 should be shared across rangeland ownerships as is shared across forest land
8 ownerships.
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11 SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.
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