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2024 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
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Bill No.	Position	Title / Short Description	House	Senate	Final
H402	Support	Injection Wells: Removes language and references to Class II Oil and Gas injection wells from Idaho Code – Idaho does not regulate or permit these wells.	Passed 65-4-1 (Feb. 1)	Passed 34-0-1 (Mar. 5)	Law
H425	Support	State Disaster Preparedness: Amends sections 46-1021(1) and 46-1022 to ensure that Idaho is in compliance with the National Flood Plain Insurance Program regulations.	Passed 49-21-0 (Feb. 20)	Passed 24-10-1 (Mar. 18)	Law
H467	Support	Irrigation & Drainage: Authorizes a ground water district to assess up to \$300 / acre foot for noncompliance with approved mitigation plans.	Passed 65-5-0 (Feb. 16)	Passed 23-11-1 (Mar. 12)	Law
H540	Support	Flood Control Districts: Updates Idaho Code regarding the duties and responsibility of Flood Control Districts.	Passed 68-0-2 (Feb. 27)	Passed 34-0-1 (Mar. 18)	Law
H653	Support	Pesticides / Labeling: Clarifies that existing regulations regarding pesticide labels, like those on pesticides used by IWUA members to manager aquatic weeds, shall create a rebuttable presumption that there was an adequate warning regarding the health and safety from the pesticide.	Buss. Comm. (Held)	--	--
H687	Support	Kootenai River Adjudication: Authorizes commencement of the Kootenai River Adjudication.	Passed 69-0-1 (Mar. 11)	Passed 35-0-0 (Mar. 20)	Law
HJM9	Opposed	Hells Canyon Relicensing: Urges FERC to require flows at the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam of 8,500 cfs between May 15 and October 1.	Res. & Cons. (Held)	--	--
S1322	Support	Invasive Species: Amends and adds to existing law to provide requirements for launch and transport of conveyances and to provide that a portion of annual revenue deposited in the invasive species fund may be made available to counties, cities, and other local entities for certain equipment and supplies.	Passed 54-14-2 (Mar. 14)	Passed 25-9-1 (Feb. 27)	Law
S1337a*	Support	Irrigation Dist. Delinquency / Tax Deed Options: Creates options for irrigation districts in collecting delinquent assessments, including (i) taking a tax deed; (ii) continuing to assess the property and place liens for delinquent assessments; or (iii) removing the water entitlement from land. Provides a process for handling surplus proceeds for the sale of property acquired through tax deed.	Passed 67-1-2 (Mar. 14)	Passed 31-0-4 (Mar. 7)	Law
S1338*	Support	Irrigation Dist. Division / Amendment: Provides a process for the amendment of irrigation district divisions.	Passed 68-1-1 (Mar. 13)	Passed 35-0-0 (Feb. 26)	Law

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S1339*	Support	Ditch Easements: Includes a "self help" provision to allow ditch owners to restore a ditch that has been piped / moved without permission. Consolidates and clarifies outdated and inconsistent provisions.	Passed 67-0-3 (Mar. 13)	Passed 35-0-0 (Feb. 27)	Law
S1341*	Support	ESPA Area of Common Ground Water Supply: Requires that the ESPA Area of Common Ground Water Supply matches the ESPAM Model Boundary. Allows the Director to include tributary basins in ESPA administration following a process that includes notice and a hearing.	Passed 68-0-2 (Mar. 12)	Passed 35-0-0 (Feb. 26)	Law
S1370*	Support	Domestic Wells / Subdivisions: Requires the use of shared / public water system for subdivisions with 10+ lots. Mandates the use of surface water on subdivision lots (when surface water pre-exists on the lot). Clarifies the ability of counties to consider water supply conditions in comprehensive planning efforts.	--	Local Gov. & Tax (Held)	--
S1372	Support	Dept. of Agriculture Appropriations: Provides additional funding for the Invasive Species Program.	Passed 53-16-1 (Mar. 12)	Passed 23-10-2 (Feb. 29)	Law
S1373	Support	Soil & Water Conservation Commission Appropriations: Provides funding for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA).	Passed 51-18-1 (Mar. 12)	Passed 23-10-2 (Feb. 29)	Law
S1411	Support	Idaho Department of Water Resources Appropriation: Includes an appropriation \$30 million for water projects.	Passed 48-20-2 (Mar. 14)	Passed 26-9-0 (Mar. 11)	Law
SJM103	Support	Columbia / Snake River Resolution: Expresses support for the operation and management of the Federal Columbia River Power System, including the dams on the Lower Snake River.	Adopted Voice Vote (Mar. 21)	Adopted 29-5-1 (Feb. 26)	--

* *IWUA Bills*