

# IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
<b>H-96 SUPPORT</b>	<b>BEAR RIVER COMMISSION – APPOINTMENTS</b> – Provides for appointment of alternates to Commission.	Passed 2/13 69-0-1	Passed 3/13 33-0-2	Law
<b>H-140 SUPPORT</b>	<b>STATE WATER PLAN – NOTICE</b> – Provides notice of State Water Plan changes to all legislators.	Passed 3/1 69-0-1	Passed 3/14 34-0-1	Law
<b>H-169 SUPPORT</b>	<b>REINTRODUCTION OF SPECIES – LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL</b> – Clarifies Legislature’s approval is required for State efforts to reintroduce species.	Passed 2/27 60-10-0	Passed 3/14 28-6-1	Law
<b>H-170 SUPPORT</b>	<b>REINTRODUCTION OF SPECIES – GOVERNOR’S APPROVAL</b> – Clarifies Governor’s approval is required for reintroduction of all species.	Passed 2/27 59-11-0	Passed 3/14 27-5-3	Law
<b>H-171 SUPPORT</b>	<b>REINTRODUCTION OF SPECIES – HELLS CANYON PROJECT</b> – Provides that fishway requirements do not apply to Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project.	Passed 2/27 61-9-0	Passed 3/15 29-6-0	Law
<b>H-274a SUPPORT REPLACES H-256/S-1068</b>	<b>INVASIVE SPECIES</b> - Provides for Invasive Species Coordinator, cooperative agreements, extended hours at check stations, and additional agency responsibilities.	Passed 3/27 70-0-0	Passed 3/22 32-3-0	VETOED
<b>H-319 SUPPORT REPLACES H-292</b>	<b>TEMPORARY USE</b> – Provides authority for IDWR Director to approve temporary use for flood protection, recharge or remediation.	Passed 3/22 68-0-2	Passed 3/23 35-0-0	Law
<b>HJM-2 SUPPORT</b>	<b>REINTRODUCTION OF SALMON – OPPOSITION</b> – Confirms State’s opposition to reintroduction of salmon above Hells Canyon Project.	Adopted 2/17 Voice Vote	Adopted 3/2 34-0-1	Adopted
<b>HJM-4 SUPPORT</b>	<b>INVASIVE SPECIES</b> – Expresses Legislature’s support for cooperative regional efforts to prevent and control the spread of invasive species.	Adopted 3/6 Voice Vote	Adopted 3/14 Voice Vote	Adopted
<b>HJM-8 SUPPORT</b>	<b>INVASIVE SPECIES</b> – Expresses Legislature’s support for Congressional funding to combat invasive quagga and zebra mussels.	Adopted 3/20 70-0-0	Adopted 3/22 Voice Vote	Adopted
<b>S-1047 SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS</b> – Corrects existing statutory fix to allow for continued use of submersible pumps.	Passed 3/15 69-1-0	Passed 2/21 35-0-0	Law
<b>S-1063 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – ASSESSMENT OF STATE LANDS</b> – Clarifies that State lands are subject to assessment if receiving benefits.	Passed 3/8 70-0-0	Passed 2/23 32-2-1	Law
<b>S-1064 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – EXCLUSIONS</b> – Corrects existing statutes regarding exclusion process and fees.	Passed 3/9 62-7-1	Passed 2/14 34-0-1	Law
<b>S-1084 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – FILING FEE</b> – Increases filing fee for delinquency lists from \$2 to \$25 (last increase in 1925).	Passed 3/10 65-4-1	Passed 2/27 33-1-1	Law
<b>S-1101 NO POSITION</b>	<b>STOCKWATER – FILING FEES</b> – Limits cost of filing fees for stockwater claims in adjudication.	Passed 3/16 70-0-0	Passed 3/7 32-1-2	Law
<b>S-1111 NO POSITION REPLACES S-1102</b>	<b>STOCKWATER – FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b> – Codifies that stockwater rights held by federal government require actual beneficial use.	Passed 3/16 69-0-1	Passed 3/7 34-0-1	Law
<b>S-1112 SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – INVASIVE SPECIES</b> – Provides additional funding of \$1,010,000 during FY 2017 for watercraft inspection stations.	Passed 3/9 60-0-1	Passed 3/2 33-1-1	Law
<b>SCR-114 SUPPORT</b>	<b>NATURAL RESOURCES STUDIES</b> – Reauthorizes interim committee to study natural resource issues.	Adopted 3/20 67-1-2	Adopted 3/6 32-0-3	Adopted
<b>SJM-101 NO POSITION</b>	<b>CRATERS OF THE MOON</b> – Expresses Legislature’s support for Congress to designate Craters of the Moon National Monument as a National Park.	State Affairs Comm	Adopted 3/6 20-13-2	