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| BILL NO./ POSITION | TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION | SENATE ACTION | HOUSE ACTION | FINAL ACTION |
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| HB 9 NO POSITION | IDWR BUDGET – Provides additional appropriations to IDWR. | Passed 2/1 35-0-0 | Passed 1/24 70-0-0 | Law |
| HB 33 SUPPORT | FIELD BURNING – Defines what an economically viable alternative to burning is. | Passed 3/15 19-15-0 | Passed 2/22 49-20-1 | Law |
| HB 35 OPPOSE | FIELD BURNING – Would impose field burning regulations and fees statewide. | | Ag. Affairs Comm. | |
| HB 36a SUPPORT | OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION – Clarifies authority for agency to manage rare and declining species; prohibits from impacting water rights. | Passed 3/25 34-0-0 | Passed 2/18 63-6-1 | Law |
| HB 60 NO POSITION | RIVER BED LEASING – Authorizes dredging leases in state waters. | Res. & Env. Comm. | Passed 3/10 39-28-3 | |
| HB 71 NO POSITION | WATER ENCROACHMENTS - Existing, permits and documentation. | | Res. & Con. Comm. | |
| HB 87 OPPOSE | HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Would impose additional regulations. | | Failed 2/17 27-42-1 | |
| HB 110a MONITOR | ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TAX CREDIT – Provides sales tax exemption; includes low-head hydro. | Passed 3/29 30-3-2 | Passed 4/4 65-0-5 | Law |
| HB 143a MONITOR | ENGINEERING PLANS – Changes process for review of plans. | Health & Welfare Comm. | Passed 2/21 49-17-4 | |
| HB 145a SUPPORT | TMDL/WAGS – Clarifies and strengthens role of WAGs; recognizes use of UAAs. | Passed 3/29 28-4-3 | Passed 4/4 57-10-3 | Law |
| HB 152 SUPPORT | SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT – Ratifies agreement with U.S., State and Nez Perce Tribe. | Passed 3/16 27-7-0 | Passed 3/2 55-14-1 | Law |
| HB 153 SUPPORT | SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT – Authorizes flow augmentation program; willing seller. | Passed 3/16 29-5-0 | Passed 3/2 55-12-3 | Law |
| HB 154 SUPPORT | SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT – Approves State minimum stream flow water rights. | Passed 3/16 29-5-0 | Passed 3/2 54-14-2 | Law |
| HB 176 SUPPORT | NPDES PRIMACY – Authorizes study of State primacy for pollutant discharge program. | Passed 3/7 34-0-1 | Passed 2/22 69-0-1 | Law |
| HB 271 NO POSITION | WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS - Clarifies process for dissolution and transfer of assets. | Passed 3/22 34-0-0 | Passed 3/8 65-3-2 | Law |
| HB 280 SUPPORT | DITCHES – Clarifies timeline for restoration of ditches and eliminates mandatory recording. | Passed 3/24 34-0-0 | Passed 3/14 67-0-3 | Vetoed (replaced by SB 1239) |

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| HB 281 SUPPORT | SURFACE WATER IRRIGATION – Promotes use of available surface water supplies in new developments. | Passed 3/25 29-1-4 | Passed 3/30 67-0-3 | Law |
| HB 284a SUPPORT | DITCHES – RECREATION DESIGNATION – Prohibits designation for water quality standards. | Res. & Env. Comm. | Passed 3/16 55-10-5 | |
| HB 311 MONITOR | GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Provides for directors-at-large. | | Res. & Con. Comm. | |
| HB 312 MONITOR | GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Clarifies assessment process. | | Res. & Con. Comm. | |
| HB 372a NO POSITION | GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Mandatory membership. | | Res. & Con. Comm. | |
| HB 373a SUPPORT | IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD – Authorizes acquisition of water rights through revenue bonding. | Passed 4/6 32-1-2 | Passed 3/28 65-4-1 | Law |
| HB 374a SUPPORT | WATER DISTRICTS – Authorizes inclusion of costs for ESPA monitoring and related costs in water district assessments. | Passed 4/6 32-1-2 | Passed 3/28 64-6-0 | Law |
| HB 391 NO POSITION | GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Mandatory small domestic and stockwater membership. | | Res. & Con. Comm. | |
| HB 392 NO POSITION | WATER APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriates funds for various water projects. | Passed 4/6 27-7-1 | Passed 3/28 63-7-0 | Law |
| HB 394 NO POSITION | GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Clarifies membership; extends authorized indebtedness period. | Passed 4/6 32-1-2 | Passed 3/29 60-7-3 | Law |
| HB 399 SUPPORT | SNAKE RIVER WATER RIGHTS AGREEMENT – Technical corrections to HB 153. | Passed 4/6 29-4-2 | Passed 3/31 62-4-4 | Law |
| HJM 1 SUPPORT | BEAR LAKE BASIN – Encouraging study. | Adopted 2/22 Voice Vote | Adopted 2/10 Voice Vote | Adopted |
| HCR 10 MONITOR | ENERGY STUDY COMMITTEE – Reauthorizes legislative committee. | | Env. Comm. | |
| HCR 28 SUPPORT | RECHARGE – Promotes aquifer recharge. | Adopted 4/4 Voice Vote | Adopted 3/31 Voice Vote | Adopted |
| SB 1116 OPPOSE | MINIMUM STREAM FLOWS – Allowing for conversion of existing water rights. | Res. & Env. Comm. | | |
| SB 1118 OPPOSE | TEMPORARY WATER PERMITS – Would authorize single permit for multiple diversions. | Res. & Env. Comm. | | |
| SB 1139 OPPOSE AS WRITTEN | OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION – Would add invasive species to responsibilities. | Res. & Env. Comm. | | |
| SB 1142a AMEND | REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCILS – Authorizes councils and development of air quality plans. | Passed 2/23 33-1-1 | Passed 3/15 53-15-2 | Law |
| SB 1195 MONITOR | IDWR BUDGET – Provides FY 2006 appropriations. | Passed 3/17 33-0-1 | Passed 3/21 61-0-9 | Law |
| SB 1239 SUPPORT | DITCHES – Clarifies timeline for restoration of ditches and eliminates mandatory recording. | Passed 4/5 34-0-1 | Passed 4/6 69-0-1 | Law |
| SJM 105 SUPPORT | SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT – Supports flexibility for administration by individual states. | Adopted 2/23 Voice Vote | Adopted 3/9 Voice Vote | Adopted |