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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
H-85aaS Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICT TAX EXEMPTIONS – Reaffirms existing tax exemptions for irrigation districts.	Passed 68-0-2 3/14	Passed 35-0-0 3/8	Law
H-86 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – VOTER QUALIFICATIONS – Authorizes adoption of a bylaw to allow voting by landowners living within 15 miles of an irrigation district.	Passed 63-0-7 2/12	Passed 34-0-1 3/15	Law
H-87 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – REDEMPTION – Providing for clarification regarding chain of title and timeframe for redemption of water rights.	Passed 63-0-7 2/12	Passed 34-0-1 3/15	Law
H-170 Support	ADJUDICATION CLAIMS – Provides for removal of notary requirement to facilitate electronic filing of water right claims in an adjudication.	Passed 66-2-2 2/22	Passed 32-0-3 3/19	Law
H-230 No Position	GEOHERMAL RESOURCES – To revise filing fee provisions, provisions for processing, and for security.	Passed 66-0-4 3/2	Passed 32-0-3 3/19	Law
H-241 No Position	ESPA WATER DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS – Provides for a formula to be developed by the advisory committee to assess costs among water districts and provides for State funding of ESPA water management activities.	Passed 63-3-4 3/6	Passed 32-0-3 3/19	Law
H-290 No Position	ESPA WATER DISTRICTS – Provides for all costs of ESPA water management activities to be paid by the State.	Res. & Con. Comm.		
H-317 Support	ESPA APPROPRIATIONS – To appropriate \$557,000 to IDWR to monitor conditions of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) update ground and surface water models, and update water rights accounting.	Passed 65-0-5 3/16	Passed 35-0-0 3/22	Law
H-320 Support	AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN FUNDING - To appropriate \$850,000 to the Idaho Water Resource Board to complete the Eastern Snake River Plain Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan.	Passed 65-0-5 3/16	Passed 35-0-0 3/22	Law
HCR-12 Support	NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES – STUDY – To continue the Natural Resources Interim Committee for study and recommendations regarding water issues.	Adopted 70-0-0 2/14	Adopted 34-0-1 2/28	Adopted
HCR-28 Support	AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN – Authority for the Idaho Water Resource Board to complete the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the ESPA.	Adopted 66-0-4 3/7	Adopted 35-0-0 3/14	Adopted
S-1100 Oppose	WATER TREATMENT – PERPETUAL – Provides that DEQ cannot allow perpetual water treatment facilities.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1101 Oppose	WATER QUALITY – Provides that DEQ cannot allow perpetual water treatment facilities without a bond.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1116 Oppose	DEBRIS ON ROADS – Provides that all loads must be covered or otherwise contained to prevent gravel, rock, dirt, liquid or any other debris from escaping.		Trans. Comm.	
S-1117 Oppose	WATER ON ROADS – Provides for increased penalties; deputizes highway commissioners to enforce the law; provides 24 hours to correct flooding on roads.		Trans. Comm.	

S-1132 Oppose	MOTOR VEHICLES – All loads must be contained to prevent gravel, rock, dirt or sand from escaping.		Trans. Comm.	
S-1136aa Support	WOOD RIVER – Provides for minimum flows, enhanced water user supplies, amendments to protect against injury, and provides for appointment of a local committee.	Passed 68-0-2 3/20	Passed 35-0-0 3/9	Law
S-1205 Support	IDWR APPROPRIATIONS – To appropriate \$25,538,600 to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2008.	Passed 62-5-3 3/21	Passed 32-1-2 3/20	Law
SCR-119 Monitor	TAX EXEMPTIONS – To establish an Interim Legislative Committee to study and make recommendations regarding existing tax exemptions, credits and deductions.	Adopted 67-0-3 3/20	Adopted 30-3-2 3/12	Adopted