

# **IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
H-22 SUPPORT	<b>LICENSES</b> – Eliminates formal seal and capacity information requirements for issuance of water right licenses.	3/2/11 Passed 69-1-0	3/29/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-23 SUPPORT	<b>DRILLING PERMIT FEES</b> – Increasing the fees for well drilling permits.	3/2/11 Passed 52-18-0	Res & Env Comm	
H-24 SUPPORT	<b>NOTICE</b> – Eliminating IDWR's subscription service and providing for notice of applications on IDWR website.	3/2/11 Passed 70-0-0	3/29/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-25 SUPPORT	<b>LAPSED PERMITS</b> – Clarifying process for reinstatement of lapsed permits in implementing a fee.	3/2/11 Passed 63-7-0	3/29/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-31 NO POSITION	<b>TRANSFER FEES</b> – Increasing the fees for transfer applications.	3/2/11 Passed 47-23-0	3/29/11 Passed 33-2-0	Law
H-94 NO POSITION	<b>INJECTION WELLS</b> – Deletes exemption from notice requirements for shallow injection wells.	2/25/11 Passed 62-3-5	3/15/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-136 NO POSITION	<b>WATERMASTERS</b> – Revises provisions regarding watermasters and appointment of water district treasurers.	2/25/11 Passed 66-0-4	3/29/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-137a SUPPORT	<b>STREAM CHANNEL ALTERATIONS</b> – Clarifies that local governments may not require stream alteration permits.	4/5/11 Passed 67-0-3	3/31/11 Passed 34-0-1	Law
H-138 SUPPORT	<b>IRRIGATION CONVEYANCES</b> – Clarifies that obligations regarding irrigation conveyance facilities run with the land.	2/25/11 Passed 66-0-4	3/29/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-147aa SUPPORT	<b>RULES OF THE ROAD</b> – Exempts canal maintenance activities from highway regulations.	3/30/11 Passed 64-0-6	3/24/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
H-153 SUPPORT	<b>ANTIDegradation</b> – Adopts procedures for statewide antidegradation plan.	2/23/11 Passed 54-14-2	3/11/11 Passed 26-6-3	Law
H-272 SUPPORT	<b>WATER LEASES</b> – Clarifying that rentals for hydro generation shall be reviewed under the rules applicable to rentals from the state water bank and local rental pools.	3/21/11 Passed 55-11-4	4/1/11 Passed 32-3-0	Law
H-318 NO POSITION	<b>GROUND WATER DISTRICTS</b> – Clarifies lien authority for assessments of ground water districts.	3/31/11 Passed 67-0-3	4/5/11 Passed 34-0-1	Law
S-1077a SUPPORT	<b>DRAINAGE DISTRICTS</b> – Provides procedure for consolidation of drainage districts.	3/23/11 Passed 66-0-4	4/4/11 Passed 35-0-0	Law
S-1131 HOLD	<b>LIABILITY</b> – Amends Tort Claims Act to change standard for irrigation districts to gross negligence.		Jud/Rules Comm	
S-1132 SUPPORT	<b>LIABILITY</b> – Clarifies that tort claims may only be filed against single operating entity.	3/28/11 Passed 67-1-2	3/11/11 Passed 34-0-1	Law
SCR-101 SUPPORT	<b>AQUATIC SPECIES</b> – Calls on citizens to educate and prevent the contamination of Idaho's waterways.	4/7/11 Adopted Voice Vote	3/10/11 Adopted Voice Vote	