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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
H-38 SUPPORT	STATE WATER PLAN – Approves amendments to the Comprehensive State Water Plan as submitted to the Legislature by the Idaho Water Resource Board.	3 rd Reading Calendar		
H-47 SUPPORT	WATERMASTERS – Provides process for temporary appointment of Watermaster in event of resignation, death or other incapacity.	Passed 2/18 69-0-1	Passed 2/28 33-0-2	Law
H-49 SUPPORT	INJECTION WELLS – Establishes a user fee for Class II (oil and gas) injection wells.	Passed 2/13 69-0-1	Passed 2/28 32-0-3	Law
H-50 SUPPORT	HYDROPOWER WATER RIGHTS – Clarifies provisions for renewal of hydropower water rights.	Passed 2/18 68-1-1	Passed 2/28 34-0-1	Law
H-128 SUPPORT	CANAL COMPANY LIENS – Increases the lien period for unpaid Carey Act Canal Company assessments from two years to three years.	Passed 2/25 67-0-3	Passed 3/4 32-1-2	Law
H-129 SUPPORT	IRRIGATION DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS – Clarifies that the interest rate for delinquent irrigation district assessments is 1% per month.	Passed 2/25 41-26-3	Passed 3/4 25-8-2	Law
H-130a SUPPORT	IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS – Clarifies process to ensure that irrigation district director candidates are qualified to hold office and provides for election of new director at next election if unqualified candidate is elected.	Passed 3/18 68-0-2	Passed 3/12 34-1-0	Law
H-131 SUPPORT	WATER RIGHT PERMITS – Provides that permit development period is extended if project is delayed because of government permitting, and provides for longer extension period for larger quantity permits.	Passed 2/28 68-0-2	Passed 3/7 33-1-1	Law
H-171a NO POSITION	HIGHWAY DISTRICT LIABILITY – provides highway districts are not liable for unauthorized encroachments in rights-of-way.	Passed 3/11/13 54-13-3	Passed 3/26 30-3-2	Law
H-172 OPPOSE	WATER ON ROADS – Establishes water on the roads as a nuisance.	Ways & Means		
H-173 OPPOSE	WATER ON ROADS – Increases existing penalties for infractions and misdemeanors.	Ways & Means		
H-174 SUPPORT	APPROPRIATIONS – Provides supplemental appropriations to IDWR to allow payment of water bank rental charges to water right owners.	Passed 2/18 69-0-1	Passed 2/28 33-0-2	Law
H-247 OPPOSE	STATE WATER PLAN – Provides for legislative amendments to the amended State Water Plan.	Res & Con Comm.		
H-270 SUPPORT	APPROPRIATIONS – Provides fiscal year 2014 appropriations for IDWR.	Passed 3/12 59-6-5	Passed 3/19 32-1-2	Law
H-271 SUPPORT	WATER QUALITY – Authorizes DEQ to designate, revise and assess the status of beneficial uses for Idaho water bodies, in consultation with watershed advisory groups.	Passed 3/19 70-0-0	Passed 3/27 35-0-0	Law
H-277 Replaces H144 NO POSITION	WELL CONSTRUCTION RULES – Requires rules to be amended to reduce well-casing depth from 38 feet to 18 feet.	Res & Con Comm.		
H-321 NO POSITION	WIDTH OF HIGHWAYS – Provides for the width of public roads and highways.	Passed 3/26 58-11-1	Passed 3/28 33-0-2	Law
HCR-31 SUPPORT	INTERIM COMMITTEE – Reauthorizes the Natural Resources Interim Legislative Committee.	Adopted 3/26 69-0-1	Adopted 4/1 34-0-1	Adopted
S-1049a SUPPORT	OIL & GAS COMMISSION – Restructures the Oil & Gas Commission to replace the State Land Board members with citizen members, including someone with water experience.	Passed 3/15 56-6-8	Passed 3/22 35-0-0	Law
S-1061 SUPPORT	ENDANGERED SPECIES – Requires approval by the State of Idaho to allow for introduction or reintroduction of species into waters or onto lands in the State of Idaho.	Passed 3/18 58-10-2	Passed 2/25 30-4-1	Law
S-1155 SUPPORT	WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEES – Authorizes water districts to use available water district funds to increase water district employee salaries.	Passed 3/27 65-5-0	Passed 3/19 24-11-0	Law
S-1156 SUPPORT	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS - Creates a process and procedures for allowing certain, limited types of irrigation districts to be petitioned into two districts.	Passed 3/28/13 67-0-3	Passed 3/19 35-0-0	Law
S-1157 SUPPORT	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – Clarifies the persons and business entities that are allowed to vote in irrigation district elections.	Passed 3/28 65-0-5	Passed 3/19 33-1-1	Law