

IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
H-56 No Position	DEQ – Increase repayment term to 30 years for drinking water loans.	Env. Comm.		
H-58 No Position	DEQ – Approves proposed water quality mixing zone rule.	Passed 3/2 66-2-2	Passed 3/17 34-0-1	Law
H-94a Support	TRESPASS – Clarifies that timber trespass law does not apply to removal of trees within canal right-of-way.	Passed 3/31 67-0-3	Passed 3/25 34-0-1	Law
H-118 No Position	UNDERGROUND FACILITIES – Establishes Damage Prevention Board for underground facilities.	Bus. Comm.		
H-166 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – Authorizes irrigation districts to incur debt to participate in mitigation efforts.	Passed 3/3 63-7-0	Passed 3/17 34-0-1	Law
H-197 No Position	MINING – Clarifies allowable ground water degradation for mine operations.	Passed 3/9 64-4-2	Passed 3/24 34-0-1	Law
H-217 Replaced by H-256	PUBLIC WORKS – Clarifies exemption for work conducted by in-house employees of irrigation districts, drainage districts and other political subdivisions.	Bus. Comm.		
H-255 No Position	RECREATIONAL AND SUCTION DREDGE MINING – Prohibits certain restrictions on recreational and suction dredge mining.	Res. & Con. Comm.		
H-256 Support	PUBLIC WORKS – Clarifies that duplicative statutory requirements do not apply to ditch and canal work already governed by Chapter 12, Title 42, Idaho Code.	Passed 3/19 68-0-2	Passed 3/27 35-0-0	Law
HCR-8 Support	NATURAL RESOURCES INTERIM COMMITTEE – Reauthorizes interim legislative committee to study water and natural resource issues.	Passed 2/24 66-0-4	Passed 3/31 34-0-1	Adopted
HCR-10 No Position	IDWR – Rejects proposed removal of Rule 50 from Conjunctive Management Rules.	Passed 2/24 67-0-3	Adopted 3/11 Voice Vote	Adopted
HJM-11 Support	WATER AND DAMS – Expresses the State Legislature's opposition to dam removal and the taking of water for flow augmentation.	Passed 3/31 60-8-2	Adopted 4/7 Voice Vote	Adopted
S-1044 Support	EMINENT DOMAIN – Prohibits use of eminent domain for pathways, except along roads and highways.	Passed 3/16 54-15-1	Passed 2/23 20-13-1	Law
S-1057 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – Authorizes alternative meeting places for board of directors meetings.	Passed 3/11 68-0-2	Passed 2/26 34-0-0	Law
S-1058 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – Authorizes payment of assessments by credit/debit card and other forms of payment.	Passed 3/11 68-0-2	Passed 2/26 34-0-0	Law
S-1059A Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICTS – Authorizes special assessments to protect district facilities from damage caused by irrigation runoff.	Passed 3/17 67-1-2	Passed 3/9 35-0-0	Law
S-1099 Support	LATERAL ASSOCIATIONS – Provides lien authority for lateral water user association assessments and clarifies definition of lateral water users.	Passed 3/11 64-4-2	Passed 2/26 33-1-0	Law
S-1100 Support	WATER DISTRICTS – Clarifies that water districts may participate in weather modification/cloud seeding activities, if approved by water users at annual meeting.	Passed 3/12 66-0-4	Passed 3/3 33-0-1	Law
S-1169 Support	GROUND WATER DISTRICTS – Increases dollar amount of warrants relating to indebtedness of the district, as authorized before collection of first assessment.	Passed 4/1 53-16-1	Passed 3/25 35-0-0	Law
SJM-101 Support	INVASIVE SPECIES – Urges Congress to expedite funding to control aquatic invasive species, including zebra and quagga mussels.	Adopted 3/9 Voice Vote	Adopted 2/18 Voice Vote	Adopted