

# IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
<b>H-351 SUPPORT</b>	<b>WATER RESOURCES</b> - Modifies definition of a "dam" for inspection and construction engineering thresholds (at least 10 feet high and impounding 50 acre feet or more).	67-2-1 2/1	34-0-1 3/15	LAW
<b>H-454 NO POSITION</b>	<b>UNDERGROUND FACILITIES</b> - Creates the Damage Prevention Board to provide statewide education and administrative enforcement.	54-14-2 2/23	26-6-3 3/26	LAW
<b>H-594 WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>BOAT FEES</b> - Increases registration fees to provide adequate funding for invasive species prevention programs.	Res & Con		
<b>H-595 SUPPORT</b>	<b>GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS</b> - Eliminates outdated deadline for issuance of curtailment orders and provides ground water rights are not subject to curtailment when there is an approved mitigation plan in place.	64-1-5 3/14	33-0-2 3/22	LAW
<b>H-643 SUPPORT</b>	<b>SUBMERSIBLE WELL PUMPS</b> – Approves use of submersible well pumps in lakes, rivers, ponds and streams until March 31, 2018 and requires rulemaking.	69-0-1 3/24	35-0-0 3/25	LAW
<b>S-1222 NO POSITION</b>	<b>GROUND WATER DISTRICTS</b> - Revises provisions regarding content for petition of annexation.	65-0-5 3/11	35-0-0 2/18	LAW
<b>S-1223 NO POSITION</b>	<b>GROUND WATER DISTRICTS</b> - Revises provisions regarding nonmembers in ground water districts.	64-0-6 3/11	35-0-0 2/18	LAW
<b>S-1224 NO POSITION</b>	<b>GROUND WATER DISTRICTS</b> - Authorizes alternative means for assessments in ground water districts.	67-0-3 3/11	33-0-2 2/23	LAW
<b>S-1225 NO POSITION</b>	<b>GROUND WATER DISTRICTS</b> – Authorizes indebtedness for up to a year without an election of the landowners.	63-5-2 3/11	35-0-0 2/18	LAW
<b>S-1237 SUPPORT</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b> - Revises priority classification criteria for total maximum daily loads to include resources available to DEQ.	67-0-3 3/11	35-0-0 2/25	LAW
<b>S-1238 SUPPORT</b>	<b>PUBLIC RECORDS</b> - Updates DEQ requirements to allow for primacy over National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES).	63-2-5 3/14	35-0-0 2/25	LAW
<b>S-1239 SUPPORT</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b> – Provides appeal process to include independent hearing officer for decisions by DEQ regarding IPDES permits.	62-3-5 3/14	35-0-0 2/25	LAW
<b>S-1240 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION</b> - Increases maximum administrative charge that may be levied by canal companies (from \$10 to \$50).	53-15-2 3/15	33-2-0 2/26	LAW
<b>S-1241 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION</b> - Clarifies that payment of irrigation district assessments are timely if postmarked by the due date.	68-0-2 3/15	35-0-0 2/26	LAW
<b>S-1242 SUPPORT</b>	<b>IRRIGATION</b> - Clarifies that issuance of a tax certificate is not mandatory, but in the discretion of the irrigation district.	67-0-3 3/15	35-0-0 2/26	LAW
<b>S-1260 SUPPORT</b>	<b>ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT</b> - Clarifies relationship between state laws regulating CAFOs/feedlots and authority of DEQ to administer IPDES permits.	63-2-5 3/14	34-0-2 3/2	LAW
<b>S-1278 SUPPORT</b>	<b>WATER RIGHTS</b> – Clarifies no permit is required for entities operating canals to install in conduit hydropower.	68-0-2 3/15	35-0-0 2/26	LAW
<b>S-1388a SUPPORT</b>	<b>TAX DEEDS</b> - Amends existing law to further define "party in interest"; and to revise what a tax deed conveys.	65-0-5 3/22	34-0-1 3/16	LAW
<b>S-1402 SUPPORT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b> – Appropriates \$28,274,300 to IDWR for fiscal year 2017, including aquifer stabilization efforts.	68-1-1 3/18	34-0-1 3/16	LAW
<b>SCR-136 SUPPORT</b>	<b>ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE</b> – Revises the State's managed recharge target for the ESPA from 100,000 acre feet to 250,000 acre feet per year.	69-0-1 3/17	33-0-2 2/16	ADOPTED
<b>SCR-137 SUPPORT</b>	<b>AQUIFERS</b> – Requests that the Idaho Water Resource Board adopt and implement statewide aquifer stabilization and sustainability projects.	68-1-1 3/17	34-0-1 2/16	ADOPTED
<b>SCR-138 SUPPORT</b>	<b>WATER</b> – Supports the water delivery call settlement agreement between the Surface Water Coalition and IGWA members.	68-0-2 3/17	VOICE VOTE 2/16	ADOPTED