

RS/Bill	TITLE	I.C.	STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/SUMMARY	STATUS
RS 26491 HB 1	Relating to water right permits and licenses	42-115	This legislation prioritizes the refill of existing on-stream storage reservoirs over future large storage projects by adding a new section to Idaho Code to provide that the Director of IDWR shall subordinate permits and licenses for water storage projects larger than 1,000 acre-feet issued after the effective date of the legislation to the capture and retention of water in existing on-stream storage reservoirs operated for flood control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by Governor on 2/13/19; Effective: 2/13/19
RS26595 HB 67	Geothermal Water Rights	42-233	<p>This legislation amends existing code to clarify the test for allowing low temperature geothermal resources to be used for uses other than heat value. The statute currently requires low temperature geothermal resources be used only for heat value unless the Director approves an exemption. The well drillers proposing to modify the exemption test. Under this new bill, the Director of IDWR can approve an exemption if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new use will not detrimentally affect existing water rights; • The new use will not diminish the temp or pressure of an aquifer; and • There is no other economically viable source of water having a temp of 85 degrees or less. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by Governor on 3/7/19; Effective: 7/1/19
RS27141 HB 285	Supplemental Appropriation for IDWR		This is an FY 2019 trailer and supplemental appropriation bill in two parts for the Department of Water Resources. The first portion provides a \$20,000,000 General Fund transfer to address the fiscal impact of HJM004, which urges the completion of the federal feasibility study and the NEPA analysis required for expanding Anderson Ranch Dam through provisions in the federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed by Governor on April 5, 2019; Effective: 4/5/19

			The Nation (WIIN) Act. This bill also allows for funding to be used for the Mountain Home Air Force Base water delivery system, should those projects be authorized. The second portion provides a \$1,000,000 General Fund transfer for the second year of the Flood Management Program, which provides funding for flood damage mitigation, prevention, and stream channel correction on a merit basis as determined by the Board of Water Resources.	
RS26513C1 SB 1041	Ground Water Districts	42-5232 42-5241	This legislation amends existing code to allow ground water districts to levy emergency assessments. This legislation also allows ground water districts to levy specials assessment when a member fails to operate in accordance with an approved mitigation plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor on 2/26/19; Effective: 7/1/19
RS26664 S 1050	Diversion and Use of Water With or Without a Water Right	42-201	Idaho Code § 42-201(3) states that a water right is not needed to divert and use water to fight an existing fire or for certain forest practices. As currently written, this statute can be read to apply only to surface water. In other words, a person would need a water right to use ground water to fight a fire or for certain forest practices. This bill seeks to amend statute to make clear the fire fighting and forest practices exemptions also apply to the use of ground water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor 3/25/19; Effective: 7/1/19
RS26512 S 1056a	Apportionment of Mitigation Plan Obligations	42-5244A 42-5244B	This legislation authorizes ground water districts to apportion mitigation obligations among their members in a manner comparable to assessments. It expressly authorizes the director to curtail ground water users that are delinquent in the payment of any assessment or that have failed to comply with the apportionment of mitigation obligations imposed by ground water districts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor on 3/29/19; Effective: 4/1/19
RS26717 SB 1083	Irrigation & Drainage; amending sections	42-1102 42-1203 42-1204 42-1207 42-1209	This bills amends Idaho Code to clarify that the protections and obligations of water delivery rights of way extend to the operator of that right of way, in addition to the owner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor on 3/21/19; Effective: 7/1/19

RS26718 SB 1084	Irrigation; repealing and amending sections	Chapter 21 42-2202 42-2204 42-2504 42-2505 42-2506 Ch. 26 43-323 30-806	The bill amends or repeals Idaho Code to remove certain reporting requirements. Historically, these reports have not been submitted to IDWR and are not necessary for regulation by the Department. Reporting necessary for water right regulation are not affected by the amendment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor on 3/21/19; Effective: 7/1/2019
RS26720 SB 1086	Irrigations & drainage rights-of-way amendments	42-1102 42-1204 42-1209	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding rights associated with rights-of-way and encroachments onto easements and rights-of-way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor on 3/22/19; Effective: 7/1/19
RS26790 SB 1087	Relating to Artesian Wells	42-1607	Amends Section 42-1607, Idaho Code, to remove outdated language in the statute while maintaining the option for the Director to implement a cost-share program. The statute will continue to recognize that the owners of the flowing artesian wells have the responsibility for repairing or plugging the wells.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed by Governor 3/25/19; Effective: 7/1/19
RS27031C1 SJM 104	Military		Stating findings of the Legislature and supporting the construction of new water infrastructure to support Mountain Home Air Force Base.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted by both Senate and House; Delivered to the Secretary of State on 3/25/19
RS26729 HJM004	House Joint Memorial - Anderson Ranch Dam		House Joint Memorial to designate raising of Anderson Ranch Dam as one of the priorities for the State of Idaho in the interest of promoting additional water security. The raising of Anderson Ranch Dam would provide an additional 29,000 acre feet of water storage on the Boise River. Urges congressional delegation to ensure completion of the feasibility study and NEPA analysis in a timely manner and to advance the project through any additional congressional action necessary, including the provision of further WIIN Act funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted by both House and Senate; Delivered to Secretary of State on 3/15/2019

<p>RS26548 HCR 10</p>	<p>House Concurrent Resolution - Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Agreement, Support</p>	<p>This concurrent resolution expresses support for the settlement agreement between the cities, the surface water coalition and the members of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. The settlement resolves remaining issues, avoids curtailment, and maintains stable groundwater and surface water supplies on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The resolution further supports the continued efficient management of the water supplies within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, and supports state management to ensure that water supply issues are timely addressed and declining water levels are stabilized and reversed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted by both House and Senate; Delivered to Secretary of State on 3/15/2019
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