

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25163

Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Project is in the process of relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The State of Oregon has attempted to require Idaho Power Company to implement fish passage and reintroduction of anadromous fish above Hells Canyon Project in Idaho waters. Reintroduction into Idaho waters without consent of the State of Idaho violates Idaho law, policy, and the sovereignty of the State of Idaho. This bill amends Idaho Code 67-6302 to require legislative approval of any effort to introduce or reintroduce species in the State by any agency or entity, State, Federal, or however constituted.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact on the General Fund because it is limited to clarifying existing provisions regarding legislative approval for any action to introduce or reintroduce species into the state.

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