

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25334

This legislation seeks to codify the findings of the Idaho Supreme Court in the case of *Joyce Livestock Company v. United States of America*, 144 Idaho 1, 156 P.3d 502 (2007).

In this case, the court held that agencies of the federal government cannot hold stock water rights unless they put the water to beneficial use by watering livestock owned by the agency.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General Fund. This legislation would codify the current practice of the Idaho Department of Water Resources since the *Joyce* decision.

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