

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 352

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION;
APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIV-
ALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAY-
MENTS DISTRIBUTION; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE SOIL AND WA-
TER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; PROVIDING REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR THE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE; PROVIDING REAPPRO-
PRIATION AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; AND DECLAR-
ING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Soil and Water Conserva-
tion Commission the following amounts to be expended according to the des-
ignated expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2023,
through June 30, 2024:

	FOR	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	TRUSTEE AND	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	BENEFIT	TOTAL
				PAYMENTS	
FROM:					
General					
Fund	\$1,470,500	\$243,800	\$33,100	\$1,772,400	\$3,519,800
Administration and Accounting Services					
Fund		30,000			30,000
Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development					
Fund	202,500	162,800	200		365,500
Clean Water Revolving Loan (SCC)					
Fund		30,000			30,000
Federal Grant					
Fund	<u>61,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,635,000</u>	<u>1,696,900</u>
TOTAL	\$1,734,900	\$466,600	\$33,300	\$3,407,400	\$5,642,200

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519,
Idaho Code, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized no more
than eighteen and seventy-five hundredths (18.75) full-time equivalent po-
sitions at any point during the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024,
unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appro-

1 priations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so
2 authorized.

3 SECTION 3. TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTION. Of the amount
4 appropriated in Section 1 of this act for trustee and benefit payments,
5 \$300,000 shall be distributed equally among the fifty soil and water conser-
6 vation districts in addition to the amounts authorized pursuant to Section
7 22-2727, Idaho Code.

8 SECTION 4. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chap-
9 ter 197, Laws of 2022, and any other appropriation provided by law, there
10 is hereby appropriated to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission
11 \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to be expended for trustee and benefit pay-
12 ments for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for the purpose of
13 funding the Water Quality Program for Agriculture in accordance with Sec-
14 tions 22-2733 and 22-2734, Idaho Code.

15 SECTION 5. WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE. Of the moneys appro-
16 priated in Section 4 of this act for trustee and benefit payments, \$5,000,000
17 shall be used for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture in accordance
18 with Sections 22-2733 and 22-2734, Idaho Code, to provide cost-share financ-
19 ing for soil and water conservation projects, water delivery and drainage
20 rehabilitation and improvement projects, implementation of agricultural
21 best management practices, and other projects to enhance and restore the
22 soil and water resources of the state. The commission shall administer this
23 funding through existing grant procedures and personnel.

24 SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated
25 to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission any unexpended and unencum-
26 bered balances appropriated to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission
27 from the General Fund for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture for fis-
28 cal year 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the General Fund,
29 to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the Water Quality Pro-
30 gram for Agriculture for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The
31 Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by
32 fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior
33 to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

34 SECTION 7. ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS. Funds specifically identified in
35 statute or in an appropriation act as intended for a certain purpose may be
36 used only for that purpose. All funds provided in this act shall be subject
37 to accountability reports and management reviews in accordance with Section
38 67-702, Idaho Code.

39 SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
40 declared to exist, Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall be in full force and ef-
41 fect on and after passage and approval, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 of this
42 act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023.