

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This Resolution requests the Idaho Water Resource Board to identify and implement stabilization and sustainability projects to stabilize and enhance ground water supplies throughout Idaho. As documented in the Resolution, ground water supplies across Idaho have been declining. These declines in some areas have resulted in an inadequate supply of water to sustain surface and ground water uses and led to contentious, costly and time consuming litigation. This Resolution encourages the Idaho Water Resource Board to undertake a proactive approach to reversing the declines in ground water levels in aquifers throughout the State to prevent the economic impacts that will inevitably arise if ground water levels continue to decline. The Resolution calls for specific actions in the Treasure Valley, Mountain Home, Big and Little Wood River Basins, and the Palouse Basin.

FISCAL NOTE

This Resolution has no fiscal impact; however, conducting the studies and implementation of statewide implementation of stabilization and sustainability projects called for by the Resolution will require funding.

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