

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25575

This trailer appropriation bill funds S1101 in the amount of \$300,000 from the General Fund. In the Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA"), small stockwater right holders were not required to file claims in the adjudication, but could defer the filing until a later time. S1101 encourages stockmen grazing livestock on federal lands to file the deferred water right claims by limiting the filing fee payment to no more than \$100, and exempts the stockmen from any cost of publication, or any costs of investigation, assistance, and recommendation by IDWR. There will be no other fees or costs imposed for such claims.

S1101 then contemplates that IDWR will assume the costs of investigation, assistance, and recommendation.

FISCAL NOTE

Costs are based on the assumption of 1,000 stockwater right claims per year for each of the next 10 years. The budget is based on the estimate that each water resource agent could process 500 water right claims per year. The fiscal impact includes \$150,000 for personnel costs for two senior water resource agents, \$15,000 for ongoing operating expenditures for the two positions, \$100,000 per year for publication of legal notices, \$15,000 one-time for initial claims taking, and \$20,000 one-time for equipment costs.

This bill appropriates \$300,000 for FY 2018 from the General Fund with \$35,000 one-time and \$265,000 ongoing to the Department of Water Resources.

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