

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; AMENDING SECTION 47-1608, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO REVISE BOND PROVISIONS RELATING TO DAMAGES TO THE LAND SURFACE AND
3 IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, TO PROVIDE FOR BONDS RELATING TO RECLAMATION, TO
4 CLARIFY THAT BONDS SHALL NOT DUPLICATE CERTAIN BONDS FOR WELL CLOSURE
5 AND TO DELETE CERTAIN BOND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF
6 OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE WELLS.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 47-1608, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 47-1608. BOND BONDING. ~~(1)~~ The board shall require the execution of
12 a good and sufficient bonds in ~~an~~ amounts the board determines reasonable,
13 which shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in favor of the
14 state of Idaho conditioned upon the payment of for reclamation and all dam-
15 ages to the land surface and improvements thereon, whether or not the lands
16 have been sold or leased for any other purpose. These bonds shall not dupli-
17 cate bonds for well closure held by the Idaho department of water resources.

18 ~~(2)~~ Upon commencement of operations for the drilling of any geother-
19 mal resource well, the lessee shall be required by the board to furnish such
20 a bond as the board determines reasonable which shall not be less than six
21 thousand dollars (\$6,000) which bond shall be in lieu of the bond required in
22 subsection (1) of this section and shall cover all subsequent operations on
23 such lease.