

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to provide a definition for Class II type injection wells and establish a fee to be filed with an application for permit for each Class II injection well that is proposed to be constructed and used. Class II injection wells are deep injection wells used primarily to inject waste fluids associated with the production of conventional oil or natural gas. Section 42-3905(1), Idaho Code currently authorizes a filing fee of \$100 for each deep injection well requiring a permit. This legislation proposes a filing fee of \$2,500 for each Class II deep injection well requiring a permit but maintains the \$100 filing fee for all other deep injection wells. In contrast to other deep injection wells, Class II injection well applications require additional technical data and review, additional processing time, additional information for legal advertisement, and require additional monitoring and reporting requirements once approved.

FISCAL NOTE

The fee proposed by this legislation will have a positive effect on the General Fund by reducing the burden of general tax dollars required to administer Class II injection wells associated with oil and gas production. The fees will be used for administration and enforcement of Title 42, Chapter 39, Idaho Code.

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