

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22022

This is a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2013 in the amount of \$435,000 from dedicated funds.

The bill provides \$400,000 from the Water Administration Fund to cover increased activity in the Water Supply Bank (WSB). The department operates the water supply bank on behalf of the Idaho Water Resource Board. The water supply bank leases water rights from water right owners and rents water rights to water users. Rental fees are deposited into the Water Administration Fund and 90% of the fees are paid to the water right owners. The other 10% is used for administrative costs. In recent years, WSB fees and activities have increased, resulting in an increase in payments to water right owners.

The bill also provides an appropriation of \$35,000 from the Water Resources Adjudication Fund. There is a cash balance of \$71,000 from fees paid by water users in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. This appropriation will free-up \$35,000 of General Fund moneys to be used to fill a shortage in the Northern Idaho Adjudication budget.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2013 Original Appropriation	159.00	11,101,500	6,015,800	3,581,100	20,698,400
1. Water Supply Bank Payments	0.00	0	400,000	0	400,000
2. Adjudication Filing Fees	0.00	0	35,000	0	35,000
FY 2013 Total Appropriation	159.00	11,101,500	6,450,800	3,581,100	21,133,400
Chg from FY 2013 Orig Approp	0.00	0	435,000	0	435,000
% Chg from FY 2013 Orig Approp.	0.0%	0.0%	7.2%	0.0%	2.1%

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