

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22182**

This legislation provides Legislative approval of the Comprehensive Idaho State Water Plan adopted by the State Water Resource Board in November 2012. The 2012 State Water Plan will supersede the 1996 State Water Plan approved by the Legislature in 1997.

The State Water Plan contains seven sections; three sections set forth statewide policies and four sections set forth basin-specific policies. The state wide sections address optimum use, conservation and management issues. The four basin-specific sections establish policies for the Snake, Bear, Salmon, Clearwater and Panhandle River basins. The Salmon/Clearwater Basin section is new and was created to address issues unique to these basins. While the Snake River Basin policies remain largely the same, the textual discussion has been expanded to clarify existing policies and to incorporate legal and policy developments that have occurred since adoption of the 1996 State Water Plan.

The 2012 State Water Plan was developed through a collaborative process over the past five years. Seven public hearings were held throughout the state in 2012 to receive public input on the Plan.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation has no fiscal impact.

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