

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25552

A House Joint Memorial requesting the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the Idaho Congressional Delegation in the Congress of the United States to appropriate \$8 million in federal matching funding of the authorized \$20 million for FY 2018 to the four Northwest States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, according to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN), which includes the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA), for the purpose of combating the immediate threat of invasive quagga and zebra mussels to the Pacific Northwest region. Quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugenis*) and zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) are aquatic invasive species that cause irreparable ecological damage to waters in the United States, and, until recently, the Pacific Northwest region remained one of the only regions in North America without invasive quagga and zebra mussels. In November 2016, invasive mussel larvae were detected in Montana within 50 miles of the Columbia River Basin. Further spread of these invasive mussels will have a devastating and far-reaching impact on the economic and environmental wellbeing of Idaho and the entire region. The \$8 million in federal matching funding would be used to enhance funds already allocated by Idaho for watercraft inspection and decontamination stations with the purpose of protecting the Columbia River Basin against invasive mussels.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no negative fiscal impact to the state General Fund or any state agency funds.

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