

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29420 / H0584

The legislature has provided funds to the Idaho Water Resource Board to complete a raise of Anderson Ranch dam to add additional storage capacity to Anderson Ranch Reservoir. The Board has filed water right application 63-34753 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for this Anderson Ranch Dam raise project. The Director of the Department of Water Resources evaluates each water right application under certain criteria set out in I.C. § 42-203A(5)(a)-(g). This legislation declares that the Board's water right application 63-34753 satisfies certain of these criteria. It declares that the application is made in good faith and not for delay or speculative purposes, is in the local public interest, is consistent with the conservation of water resources in the state of Idaho and will not adversely affect the local economy of the Boise River watershed. The legislation declares that the Director of IDWR is not required to make findings related to these criteria. This legislation is being proposed to address certain issues that have arisen with how the Director of IDWR evaluates water right applications for large storage projects and will allow the Board to focus on other issues related to the project other than establishing these criteria in the water right process.

## FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no negative impact on the state's General Fund or any dedicated fund.

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