STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30736 / H0361

This bill includes fiscal year 2023 appropriations and transfers for the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Water Resources for water projects in the State of Idaho.

First, the bill provides for the appropriation and transfer of \$150,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund for larger water projects. The bill directs these use of funds and includes efforts to address water sustainability, enhance and modernize surface water delivery systems, rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure, flood management, and water infrastructure grants.

Second, the bill provides for a total appropriation and transfer of \$99,000,000 from the General Fund to continuously appropriated dedicated funds, including \$92,000,000 to the Water Pollution Control Fund for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants; \$2,000,000 to the Agricultural Best Management Practices Fund (Ag BMP Fund); and \$5,000,000 to the Confined Animal Feeding Operations Fund (CAFO Fund). The bill also provides an additional appropriation of \$23,000,000 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides additional appropriation and transfers for the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2023. For the Department of Environmental Quality, this bill includes appropriations and transfers of \$99,000,000 from the General Fund to continuously appropriated dedicated funds. The bill also includes \$23,000,000 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund. For the Department of Water Resources, this bill includes and an appropriation and transfer of \$150,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund, a continuously appropriated dedicated fund. The total impact of the bill is \$272,000,000 from all funds.

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