



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 9, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved, and vetoed, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1323

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 1:40 p.m. on April 3, 2024.

While this legislation sought to clarify terms within Title 61, Idaho Public Utility Regulation, I am concerned it would have unintended consequences on Idaho ratepayers. I am vetoing this bill because it would create a carveout for water companies to operate in Idaho as a monopoly. By exempting these water companies, their customers in Idaho would be without the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's protections regarding fair, just and reasonable rates, safe and reliable service, and consumer protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho