LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-seventh Legislature

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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1411

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE REVOLVING DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE AQUIFER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING MONEYS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; DIRECTING THE USE OF APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; PROVIDING REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; DIRECTING THE USE OF APPROPRIATION FOR

GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; APPROPRIATING ADDI-

TIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. In addition to any other appropriation provided by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

20		FOR	FOR	FOR	
21		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
22		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
23	I. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES:				
24	FROM:				
25	General				
26	Fund	\$15,400		\$64,000	\$79 , 400
27	Indirect Cost Recovery				
28	Fund	3,200		<u>0</u>	3,200
29	TOTAL	\$18,600		\$64 , 000	\$82,600
30	II. PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES:				
31	FROM:				
32	General				
33	Fund	\$65,100	\$80,600		\$145 , 700
34	Aquifer Planning and Management				
35	Fund	20,500			20,500
36	Federal Grant				
37	Fund	6,400	<u>0</u>		6,400

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2		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
3		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
4	TOTAL	\$92,000	\$80,600		\$172 , 600
5	III. WATER MANAGEMENT:				
6	FROM:				
7	General				
8	Fund	\$112 , 500	\$90,000	\$142 , 500	\$345 , 000
9	Water Administration				
10	Fund	26,800			26,800
11	Miscellaneous Revenue				
12	Fund	15,400			15,400
13	Federal Grant				
14	Fund	4,000	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	4,000
15	TOTAL	\$158,700	\$90,000	\$142,500	\$391,200
16	IV. NORTHERN IDAHO ADJUDICATION:				
17	FROM:				
18	General				
19	Fund	\$6,000			\$6,000
20	V. BEAR RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION:				
21	FROM:				
22	General				
23	Fund	\$11,000			\$11,000
24	GRAND TOTAL	\$286 , 300	\$170,600	\$206,500	\$663,400

SECTION 2. CASH TRANSFER FOR AQUIFER MONITORING. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$716,000 from the Revolving Development Fund to the Aquifer Planning and Management Fund on July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to be used for aquifer monitoring, measurement, and modeling.

SECTION 3. CASH TRANSFER FOR LARGE WATER PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund on July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to be used for large water projects at the direction of the Idaho Water Resources Board.

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SECTION 4. FILING FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 42-1414(1)(c), Idaho Code, it is the intent of the Legislature that moneys appropriated to the Department of Water Resources for Idaho's general stream adjudications from the General Fund count toward the filing fees required under Section 42-1414(1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code, for water right claims filed in Idaho's general stream adjudications by the Idaho Water Resource Board and the Governor based on instream flow, public lake level maintenance, or recreation. If the General Fund appropriation exceeds the amount required for the Idaho Water Resource Board's and the Governor's filing fees in the current fiscal year, the excess shall be counted toward future filing fees required for those same purposes. If the General Fund appropriation does not meet or exceed the fee required for claims of the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor, the Director of the Department of Water Resources shall grant an extension of time to the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor to file the claim, and the General Fund appropriation for the following fiscal year shall be counted toward the balance of the filing fee.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Water Resources any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the Department of Water Resources in the Planning and Technical Services Program from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund in an amount not to exceed \$75,502,500 to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to water infrastructure projects for fiscal year 2024 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

SECTION 6. FILING FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 42-1414(1)(c), Idaho Code, it is the intent of the Legislature that moneys appropriated to the Department of Water Resources for Idaho's general stream adjudications from the General Fund count toward the filing fees required under Section 42-1414(1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code, for water right claims filed in Idaho's general stream adjudications by the Idaho Water Resource Board and the Governor based on instream flow, public lake level maintenance, or recreation. If the General Fund appropriation exceeds the amount required for the Idaho Water Resource Board's and the Governor's filing fees in the current fiscal year, the excess shall be counted toward future filing fees required for those same purposes. If the General Fund appropriation does not meet or exceed the fee required for claims of the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor, the Director of the Department of Water Resources shall grant an extension of time to the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor to file the claim, and the General Fund appropriation for the following fiscal year shall be counted toward the balance of the filing fee.

SECTION 7. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chapter 214, Laws of 2023, and any other appropriation provided for by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources \$25,502,500 from

- the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to be expended for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 for large water projects.
- SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 6 and 7 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval and Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2024.