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BILL NO./ POSITION	TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION	HOUSE ACTION	SENATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
H-428 Support	AQUIFER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT - Establishes a statewide program for aquifer planning and management. (replaces H. 404)	Passed 2/6 68-0-2	Passed 3/5 33-0-2	Law
H-433 Support	CANVASSING OF ELECTIONS - Provides flexibility in date of tallying votes for irrigation district elections, no later than the Monday following the election.	Passed 2/19 68-0-2	Passed 3/14 33-0-2	Law
H-474 Support	BOARD OF DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS - Authorizing district by-law and landowner vote to allow landowners living within 15 miles of district to serve as director.	Passed 2/19 67-0-3	Passed 3/14 33-0-2	Law
H-531a Support	NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING - Provides defined process for negotiated rulemaking by state agencies.	Passed 2/29 54-12-4	State Affairs Comm.	
H-619 Neutral	EXEMPTION - Providing an exemption for de minimis water uses for forest practices and a process for notice and determination of injury. (replaces H-605)	Passed 3/18 67-0-3	Passed 3/20 34-0-1	Law
H-644 Support	IDWR APPROPRIATIONS FY 2009 - Provides \$24,599,500 for the Idaho Department of Water Resources and \$20 million for Aquifer Planning & Management.	Passed 3/18 65-1-4	Passed 3/20 32-2-1	Law
HCR-39 No Position	DRINKING WATER AND WASTE WATER PROFESSIONALS - Rejecting rule of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.	Adopted 2/14 66-0-4	Adopted 2/22 Voice Vote	Adopted
HCR-44 No Position	PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT PLANS - Rejecting rule of Department of Agriculture.	Adopted 2/19 68-0-2	Adopted 3/3 Voice Vote	Adopted
HJM-8 Support	WATER STORAGE PROJECTS - Supports the study and implementation of additional water storage projects, including appropriation of \$1.8 million for specific studies.	Adopted 2/19 64-0-6	Adopted 3/12 Voice Vote	Adopted
HJM-11 No Position	WILD AND SCENIC RIVER - Resolved that the U.S. Forest Service should make every effort to avoid litigation regarding easements. (replaces HJM-10)	Adopted 3/14 67-0-3	Adopted 3/20 Voice Vote	Adopted
HJR-2 Oppose/ Amend	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Proposes an amendment to the Idaho Constitution to protect the right to hunt, fish and trap, with protections for private property.	Res. & Con. Comm.		
HJR-3 Neutral	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - Proposes an amendment to protect the right to hunt, fish and trap, with protections for water rights. (replaces HJR-2)	Res. & Con. Comm.		
S-1249 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Exclusion of Kootenai and Clark Fork basins from adjudication process.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1277 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Exclusion of domestic wells from adjudication process.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1278 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Limiting the adjudication process to Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1279 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Terminating the North Idaho Adjudication.		Res. & Env. Comm.	

S-1315 Oppose	TAX EXEMPTIONS - Eliminating all Income and Sales Tax Exemptions in 2010.		Local Gov. Comm.	
S-1347 No Position	IDWR APPROPRIATIONS FY 2008 AMENDED - Providing appropriations for the Office of Energy Resources.	Passed 2/13 67-0-3	Passed 2/4 34-0-1	Law
S-1348 Support	FORFEITURE - Clarifies defense from forfeiture for mining water rights in cases where mineral rights have been retained and mining operation has been maintained.	Passed 3/14 56-11-3	Passed 2/22 26-7-2	Law
S-1352 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Revising claim filing fees in the adjudication process.	Passed 3/10 62-0-8	Passed 2/20 34-0-1	Law
S-1353 No Position	MEASUREMENT - Clarifying current exemption of domestic and stockwater use from measurement requirements.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1375 No Position	GROUND WATER PROTECTION - Provides that naturally occurring substances won't be considered contamination in mining areas.		Health & Welfare Comm.	
S-1416 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Repeals North Idaho Adjudication.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1417 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Delaying adjudication process until citizens' advisory vote.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1418 No Position	NORTH IDAHO ADJUDICATION - Excluding Basin 98 from North Idaho Adjudication.	Passed 3/10 61-0-9	Passed 2/20 33-1-1	Law
S-1423 Oppose	LANDS UNDER NAVIGABLE WATERS - Transfers jurisdiction from Dept. of Lands to Parks and Recreation.		Res. & Env. Comm.	
S-1424 Support	IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS - Authorizing feasibility studies for delivery of surface water to developed lands.	Passed 3/19 62-4-4	Passed 3/3 27-6-2	Law
S-1511 Support (HJM-8)	WATER PROJECTS - APPROPRIATIONS - Provides \$1.8 million for water storage studies (HJM-8) and \$10 million for certain water projects.	Passed 3/25 66-0-4	Passed 3/20 34-1-0	Law
S-1512 Oppose	VEHICLE REGISTRATION - Repeals exemption for motor vehicles owned by the state, county, city, political subdivisions, and irrigation water delivery entities.		Transp. Comm.	
SCR-130 Support	URBAN-RURAL OUTREACH - Recognizing Farm City Week.	Adopted 3/13 Voice Vote	Adopted 2/18 Voice Vote	Adopted