



ESHMC – Legislative Update

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Department Sponsored Legislation

1. RS22293 – Injection Wells

2. RS22395 – Moratorium Applications

3. RS22453 – Director's Qualifications

Active

4. RS22453 – Remediation Exemption

5. RS22416 – Recharge & Aquifer Credits

Inactive

RS2293 – Injection Wells

1. I.C. §42-3902 (10)
2. Revise Definition of “Injection Well”
3. One Word Change: Replace “Drilled” with “Used”
4. Provides Required Consistency with EPA Language

RS22395 – Moratorium Applications

1. I.C. §42-1805
2. Provides Authority to Return WR Applications in Areas of Moratorium
3. Applicants Will Be Given One Year to Provide Mitigation Plan
4. Refunds Will Be Provided ~\$50,000

RS22453 – Director’s Qualifications

1. I.C. §42-1701
2. Legislation Revises the Qualifications Necessary to Become the Director of the Department
3. Broadens Professional Experience Requirements: Civil Engineer, Agricultural Engineer, Geologist, Hydrologist
4. Narrows Legal Experience Requirements: “demonstrate experience and expertise in interpreting and applying Idaho water law...”

Legislation that Was Pulled

1. RS22415 – Remediation Exemption

- IWUA Would Not Support the Bill

2. RS22416 – Recharge and Aquifer Credits

- 11th Hour Changes
- Aquifer Credits Can Only Be Used for DCMI
- Can't Interfere with "Physical Fill of Reservoirs"
- IWUA Withdrew Support After Proposed Changes

Related Legislation Not Sponsored By the Department

1. RS22499 – Water User Minimum Charge
2. RS22515 – Irrigation District Elections
3. Flood Control District Changes (42-3103, 42-3114, 42-3115, 42-3116, 46-1021, 46-1022)

Water Sustainability Initiative Funding

Project	Amount
Mt. Home AFB Water Rights & Supply	\$4 Million
ESPA Managed Recharge Infrastructure & Expenses	\$4 Million
Northern Idaho Future Water Needs Studies	\$500,000
Galloway Reservoir Project	\$2 Million
Boise River-Arrowrock Enlargement	\$1.5 Million
Island Park Reservoir Enlargement	\$2.5 Million
Water Supply Bank Computer Infrastructure & Costs	\$500,000