

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS23979

The proposed legislation is necessary for Idaho to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting authorization to implement a state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. Idaho Code 39-175C directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to submit a complete application, consistent with the requirements of the clean water act, by September 1, 2016. The application will request authorization for what will be known as the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) program. The proposed legislation 1) establishes the process for appealing IPDES permits issued by DEQ, and 2) provides DEQ with necessary minimum enforcement authorities.

### FISCAL NOTE

There will be costs to the State of Idaho to implement these aspects of the IPDES program. The costs are accounted for as part of the overall cost of the program.

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