

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25235C1

Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Project is in the process of relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The State of Oregon has attempted to require Idaho Power Company to implement fish passage and reintroduction of anadromous fish above the Hells Canyon Project into Idaho waters. Introduction or reintroduction of aquatic species into Idaho waters without the consent of the State of Idaho violates Idaho law, policy, and the sovereignty of the State of Idaho. The Governor of Idaho has advised the Governor of Oregon that Idaho opposes Oregon's efforts to impose reintroduction into Idaho waters because of the significant adverse biological, regulatory, social, and economic impacts, but the State of Oregon has insisted on its passage and reintroduction measures. This legislation provides that the Legislature opposes such introduction or reintroduction efforts and authorizes and directs the Governor and the Attorney General to take all necessary measures to oppose and prevent Oregon's unilateral introduction or reintroduction efforts.

### FISCAL NOTE

If this resolution is adopted by the Legislature, it is anticipated that any necessary expenses to carry out this resolution would be paid from existing legislative appropriations.

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