

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26369

This is the FY 2019 original appropriation bill for the Department of Environmental Quality. It appropriates \$66,620,100 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 386.00.

For benefit costs, the bill removes \$1,450 per eligible FTP to bring the annual employer contribution for health insurance down to \$11,650 by including a two-month employee and employer premium holiday, adds a 6.8% increase for life insurance, and adjusts funding for workers' compensation in amounts that vary by agency. Funding for replacement items includes \$620,600 for monitoring equipment, three vehicles, and computer equipment. For statewide cost allocation, \$89,500 is provided, as Attorney General fees will increase by \$99,000, risk management costs will decrease by \$9,100, and State Controller fees will increase by \$8,600. The bill also provides funding for a 3% ongoing merit-based salary increase for permanent employees, to be distributed at the discretion of the agency director, and a 3% increase in the compensation schedule.

The bill includes funding for five line items, which provide 4.00 FTP and \$546,000 for the fifth year of funding for the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; \$5,500,000 as the first portion of the settlement with the Volkswagen Auto Group over cheating on diesel emissions to fund nitrogen oxide mitigation projects; a transfer of appropriation from operating expenditures to personnel costs to increase state support to meet the obligations for cleanup of the Coeur d'Alene basin; a transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation Fund as the state's Superfund match for cleanup projects in the Coeur d'Alene Basin; and \$200,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to provide additional statewide water quality monitoring. Section 3 transfers \$1,500,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation Basin Fund. Section 4 of the bill requires an annual report regarding remediation of the Coeur d'Alene Basin. Section 5 of the bill clarifies uses of the Water Pollution Control Fund. Section 6 provides guidance for use of moneys in this budget for the state-funded portion of the Agricultural Best Management Practices Program. Section 7 provides for reappropriation of unencumbered or unexpended funding related to the Agricultural Best Management Practices Program in last year's budget.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2018 Original Appropriation	382.00	19,621,100	11,814,500	36,464,300	67,899,900
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	(402,500)	(343,900)	(196,100)	(942,500)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	0	(7,500,000)	(7,500,000)
FY 2019 Base	382.00	19,218,600	11,470,600	28,768,200	59,457,400
Benefit Costs	0.00	(240,600)	(102,000)	(193,100)	(535,700)
Replacement Items	0.00	272,700	50,600	297,300	620,600
Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	98,800	(4,600)	(4,700)	89,500
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	396,600	151,900	293,800	842,300
FY 2019 Program Maintenance	382.00	19,746,100	11,566,500	29,161,500	60,474,100
1. Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination	4.00	665,600	0	(119,600)	546,000
2. Volkswagen Settlement	0.00	0	5,500,000	0	5,500,000

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3. Environmental Remediation Match	0.00	0	1,100	(101,100)	(100,000)
4. Cash Transfer WPCF to Env Remed	0.00	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
5. Water Quality Monitoring	0.00	0	200,000	0	200,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	0	(1,500,000)	0	(1,500,000)
Budget Law Exemptions	0.00	0	0	0	0
<b>FY 2019 Total</b>	<b>386.00</b>	<b>20,411,700</b>	<b>17,267,600</b>	<b>28,940,800</b>	<b>66,620,100</b>
Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp	4.00	790,600	5,453,100	(7,523,500)	(1,279,800)
% Chg from FY 2018 Orig Approp.	1.0%	4.0%	46.2%	(20.6%)	(1.9%)

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