

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24746

This bill appropriates \$67,332,600 to the Department of Environmental Quality for fiscal year 2017 and caps the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions at 372. It includes funding for the increased costs of health insurance and accounts for an increase in statewide cost allocation. The appropriation includes \$64,200 for inflationary adjustments. It provides \$550,200 for replacement items including personal computers, wireless equipment, switches, software upgrades, air quality monitoring equipment, water quality monitoring equipment, radiological monitoring equipment, and vehicles. This bill includes an ongoing 3% merit-based increase in employee compensation for permanent employees and accounts for the 27th payroll. There are two fund shifts from federal funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$29,200 for benefits and \$82,800 for CEC.

The bill funds four line items. The Department has an eight-year scope, schedule and budget to take over primacy of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Costs at full build-out in 2022 are estimated at 29 full-time positions and \$3.1 million. The first line item includes funding for the third year of the process and includes four full-time equivalent positions from the General Fund as follows: one modeling and pre-treatment specialist, one web design and development specialist, one compliance officer, and one industrial permit specialist. The bill also provides funding for travel, office supplies, rent costs, monitoring equipment, office equipment, and computer equipment for a total of \$464,200.

The second line item is \$160,000 one-time from the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund to offset a decrease of \$160,000 in federal funds. This amount is needed to support the underground storage tank program while the department seeks approval for user fees.

The third line item transfers \$60,000 from operating expenditures to personnel costs to account for moving meteorological forecasting for the crop residue burning program in-house.

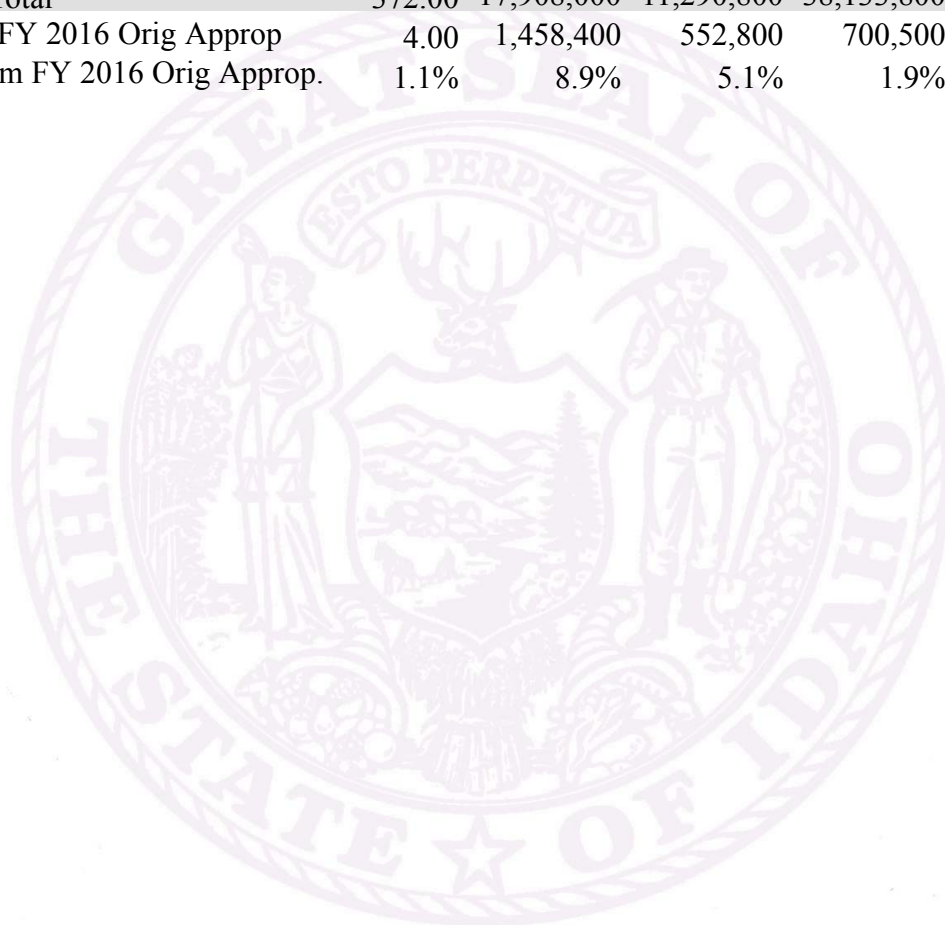
The fourth line item is recurring and transfers \$1.5 million from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation Fund. These annual transfers are anticipated for the next 18 years as we build up the match for cleanup of the Coeur d'Alene Basin. Legislative intent is included requiring an annual report regarding progress of the Coeur d'Alene Basin remediation. Legislative intent is also included regarding uses of the Water Pollution Control Fund.

The budget is an 8.9% increase in the General Fund and a 4.2% increase in all funds.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	368.00	16,449,600	10,738,000	37,433,300	64,620,900
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(295,800)	(16,600)	(163,900)	(476,300)
FY 2017 Base	368.00	16,153,800	10,721,400	37,269,400	64,144,600
Benefit Costs	0.00	196,500	72,300	128,400	397,200
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	26,700	5,500	32,000	64,200
Replacement Items	0.00	264,400	25,200	260,600	550,200
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Statewide Cost Allocation	0.00	(4,700)	2,100	12,600	10,000
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	409,000	138,300	221,000	768,300
27th Payroll	0.00	398,100	166,000	369,800	933,900
FY 2017 Program Maintenance	368.00	17,443,800	11,130,800	38,293,800	66,868,400
1. Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination	4.00	464,200	0	0	464,200
2. Underground Storage Tank Program	0.00	0	160,000	(160,000)	0
3. Weather Forecasting OE to PC	0.00	0	0	0	0
4. Cash Transfer WPCF to Env Remed	0.00	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	0	(1,500,000)	0	(1,500,000)
Budget Law Exceptions	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2017 Total	372.00	17,908,000	11,290,800	38,133,800	67,332,600
Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp	4.00	1,458,400	552,800	700,500	2,711,700
% Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp.	1.1%	8.9%	5.1%	1.9%	4.2%



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