

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26408

This is an additional FY 2019 appropriation bill for the Department of Environmental Quality. It appropriates an additional \$290,000 from the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund to the Water Quality Program for statewide grant programs to support the implementation of agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) in high-priority watersheds throughout Idaho. Under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, states, territories, and tribes receive grant funds that support a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects. Idaho sends the large majority of its Section 319 funds to local conservation districts for on-the-ground Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) implementation projects. These projects aim to reduce the amount of sediment, fertilizer, and other indirect, nonpoint source contaminants from flowing into waterways.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides an additional onetime appropriation of \$290,000 from the Economic Recovery Reserve Fund for FY 2019. Funding is to be used by farmers and ranchers to modify their agricultural practices in order to improve water quality and help meet the objectives of TMDLs.

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