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Special points of interest:

**Summer Assignments:** 

Interim Committees

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**Agency Rulemaking** 

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# Legislative Reports 2009



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The 2009 legislative session came to an end on Friday, May 8th. The final adjournment missed tying the record for the longest session on record by one legislative day. In the final week, legislative leadership and Governor Otter came to a compromise on transportation issues. The House remained firm in its refusal to increase the gas tax and Otter got some infrastructure funding. With some reports that economic indicators *may* be signaling an upturn, perhaps there will be a more palatable solution for everyone concerned next session.

Five interim committees and legislative task forces have been authorized to work between this session and the next. Issues range from energy and natural resources to Indian Affairs and health care. We will be following two: Energy, Environment & Technology and Natural Resources.

The EET Interim Committee could address several pieces of energy legislation that were withdrawn during the session, including one that addresses how utilities allocate the cost of growth. The Natural Resource Interim Committee is expected to work with the CAMP Implementation Committee to develop a funding formula. Agencies will also be promulgating rules and we will be following a number of them.

This is the end of our weekly legislative reports until 2010. It's been a pleasure to keep you up-to-date. We will file reports on any summer activities such as interim committee meetings and rulemakings. Our calendar is posted on the web at www.idahowaterpolicygroup.org.

### Page 2 CALENDAR

May 11—May 15, 2009

Monday: May 11

**Tuesday, May 12** RRGWD board, 8 p.m.

Wednesday: May 13

Thursday: May 14

IDWR Workshop on Measurement of Snake River Flows at Swan Fall, Water Center Conf. Rm C&C, 8 to 10 a.m.

Deadline for written comments to PUC on IPCO PCA filing

Friday: May 15

#### **Upcoming Events:**

May 27: Minimum Stream Flow Sub-Committee Meeting No. 1 (Salmon River, Big Wood River & SW Idaho Including the Snake River Below Milner Dam) Water Center, Conf. Rm. C&D, 1:30 p.m.

May 29: IWRB Meeting Water Center, Conf. Rm.C&D, 8:30 a.m.

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#### WATER—HOUSE

H033 2/25 Returned to Ag Affairs

H0210 Replaced by H0264

**H0264** COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN

4/23 Governor signed Session Law Chapter 223 Effective: 4/23/2009

#### WATER—SENATE

**S1002 Held** 

S1096 PROCUREMENT Session Law Chapter 223 Effective: 07/01/2009

S1162 DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS - 4/10 Held at Desk

S1167 WATER RESOURCE BOARD—4/24 Session Law Chapter 240

Effective: 07/01/2009

S1168 Replaced by S1185

**S1169** PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - SWAN FALLS AGREE-MENT - WATER RIGHTS - 4/24 Session Law Chapter 241 Effective: 07/01/2009

S1185 GROUND WATER RECHARGE—4/24 Session Law Chapter 242 Effective: 07/01/2009

#### **ENERGY— HOUSE**

H007 PUC priority designation for transmission Session Law Chapter 9 Effective 7/1/09

H052 Referred to Interim Committee at sponsor's request.

H0122 ENERGY ENTERPRISE ZONES - Held per sponsor's request.

**HO200** ENERGY RESOURCE AUTHORITY **Held at sponsor's request** 

HO203aa TAXATION—RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Withdrawn at request of sponsor

**H0208** PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION **Held at sponsor's** request

**HO209** PROPERTY - TAX EXEMPTION **Held at sponsor's request H0233aa** PROPERTY—TAX EXEMPTION **Held** 

## **ENERGY— SENATE**

S1027 ENERGY FACILITY SITING Held

S1097 PUBLIC HIGHWAYS—UTILITIES Session Law Chapter 142 Effective 07/01/09

S1119 FAILED 17-18-0

S1120 SCHOOL BUILDINGS Re-introduced as S1132

S1123 PUBLIC UTILITY RATES Session Law Chapter 145 Effective: 07/01/09

S1132 SCHOOL BUILDINGS Session Law Chapter 169 Effective: 7/01/09

S1143 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Withdrawn by sponsor

APPROPRIATIONS Page 3

HO061 OMNIBUS RESCISSION AND SUPPLEMENTAL - HOUSE: 3/9 Ret'd to Fiance

H0250 OMNIBUS RESCISSION AND SUPPLEMENTAL - Session Law Chapter 170 Effective: 4/14/09

H0255 OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES - Session Law Chapter 165 Effective: 4/14/09

H0272 APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - 4/21 VETOED

**HO276** APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY -

Session Law Chapter 234 Effective: 4/23/2009 Sections 8, 9 & 10; 7/1/2009 All other sections

HO341 APPROPRIATIONS—Department of Water Resources—Session Law Chapter 301

Effective 5/7/09 Section 4: 7/1/09 All other sections

S1179 APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY RESOURCES OFFICE—4/20 VETOED

S1188 APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - 4/20 VETOED

S1222 APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2009 YEAR-END TRANSFERS - FY 2010 FUND TRANSFERS - FED-

ERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FAILED

S1229 APPROPRIATIONS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - Session Law Chapter 290

Effective: 5/6/09 Sections 4 & 5; 7/1/09 All other sections

S1231 APPROPRIATIONS - ENERGY RESOURCES OFFICE - Session Law Chapter 290

Effective 5/6/09 Section 4; 7/1/09 All other sections

#### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, JOINT MEMORIALS, PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

HCR013 NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES - STUDY - 3/9 To Secretary of State

HCR016 ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES - STUDY - 3/9 To Secretary of State

HCR018 NATURAL RESOURCE INTERIM COMMITTEE - 3/16 To Secretary of State

HJM006 CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT OF 2007 - OPPOSITION TO - 4/8 To Secretary of State

SCR103 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - RULE - 4/14 To Secretary of State

SCR109 QUAGGA MUSSELS - ZEBRA MUSSELS - 4/14 To Secretary of State

**APPOINTMENTS/CONFIRMATIONS:** Idaho Water Resource Board: Vince Alberdi, Leondard Beck, Roger Chase, Terry Uhling Idaho Energy Resources Authority: Larry Crowley Idaho Energy Resources Authority: Ralph Williams

#### RULES

24-0501-0801 Pending Rule Rules of the Board of Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals

31-0101-0801 Pending Rule Rules of Procedure of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission IPUC

37-0301-0801 Adjudication Rules IDWR

37-0309-0601 Well Construction Standard Rules IDWR

**58-0112-0801** Pending Rule Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans (*Rulemaking to provide flexibility for use of loan fees and to meet nonpoint source needs*) IDEQ

**58-0108-0802** Pending Rule Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems (*Incorporation by reference of federal Ground Water*) IDEQ

58-0108-0803 Pending Rule Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water

Systems (Incorporation by reference of National Primary Drinking

Water Regulations for Lead and Copper) IDEQ

**58-0108-0801** Pending Rule Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems (*Revision and clarification of facility and design standards*)

**58-0116-0801** Pending Rule Wastewater Rules (Revision and clarification of facility and design standards) IDEQ

**58-0111-0801** Pending Fee Rule Ground Water Quality Rule (*Rulemaking to clarify portions of the Ground Water Quality Rule to promote consistency in application of the rule to mining activities*) IDEQ

**58-0103-0801** Pending Rule Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules (*Rulemaking to provide for a revised method to estimate wastewater flow from single-family dwellings*) IDEQ