

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 712

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR FIS-
3 CAL YEAR 2018; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING ADDITIONAL MONEYS FROM
4 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; PRO-
5 VIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM THE WATER
6 MANAGEMENT FUND; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING PROJECT PRIOR-
7 ITIZATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. CASH TRANSFER FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
10 appropriated and the State Controller shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the
11 General Fund to the Water Management Fund created pursuant to Section
12 42-1760, Idaho Code, as soon as practicable to be used for flood-damaged
13 stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or
14 flood prevention projects.

15 SECTION 2. USES OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT FUND. The moneys appropri-
16 ated and transferred in Section 1 of this act are to be administered by the
17 Idaho Water Resource Board through a competitive, matching grant process.
18 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 42-1760(2)(b), Idaho Code, grants
19 may be larger than \$50,000 at the discretion of the board.

20 SECTION 3. PROJECT PRIORITIZATION. It is the intent of the Legislature
21 that the selection process for the grants authorized in Section 2 of this
22 bill shall require the availability of fifty percent (50%) matching funds
23 and that projects shall be given priority on a competitive statewide basis
24 throughout Idaho. The Department of Water Resources staff shall support
25 this competitive grant process using existing personnel and resources.

26 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
27 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
28 passage and approval.