

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1361

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING NON-GENERAL FUND REAPPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 3, Chapter 155, Laws of 2011, and any other appropriation provided for by law, there is hereby appropriated from the listed fund to the Office of Energy Resources, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
FROM:			
American Reinvestment			
Fund	\$141,100	\$606,100	\$747,200

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of Energy Resources, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
FROM:			
Indirect Cost Recovery			
Fund	\$280,800	\$208,200	\$489,000
Renewable Energy Resources			
Fund	296,700	75,500	372,200
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Fund	84,600	581,400	666,000
Petroleum Price Violation			
Fund	120,000	35,800	155,800

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	TOTAL
Federal Grant			
Fund	<u>222,500</u>	<u>720,800</u>	<u>943,300</u>
TOTAL	\$1,004,600	\$1,621,700	\$2,626,300

SECTION 3. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Office of Energy Resources is authorized no more than fourteen (14) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 4. NON-GENERAL FUND REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Office of Energy Resources the unexpended and unencumbered balance of any American Reinvestment Fund moneys and any stimulus-related Indirect Cost Recovery Fund moneys appropriated or reappropriated for fiscal year 2012, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures only, for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

SECTION 5. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS. The Legislature recognizes and thanks all state workers for their dedication, professionalism and for the personal sacrifices they make every day in the performance of their duties to serve our citizens. In accordance with the provisions of Section 67-5309C, Idaho Code, the Legislature supports the Governor's recommendation in not making changes in annual salaries and benefits for state employees based upon labor markets or specific occupational inequities; directs agencies and institutions that have excess personnel cost appropriations or salary savings due to turnover to use such funding for a merit increase component, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-5309B(4), Idaho Code, to recognize and reward permanent and temporary state employees; and does provide funding to agencies and institutions to provide a two percent (2%) pay increase for all classified and nonclassified permanent performing employees. Performing employees shall be all permanent employees, including adjunct faculty at colleges and universities, who have been rated as "achieves" or better on a performance plan if required by Division of Human Resources rule, including probationary permanent employees making satisfactory progress. The Legislature supports the Governor's recommendation to fund increases in the cost of health insurance benefits and directs the director of the Department of Administration, as the administrator of the state insurance plan, to maintain the current benefit package to the extent possible, which may require a cost sharing on the part of employees for the increased cost of the health insurance plan.

SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 1 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.