

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 584

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ANDERSON RANCH DAM; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING THE
3 ANDERSON DAM RAISE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN
4 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

6 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The Legislature has provided funds to
7 the Water Resource Board to complete a raise of Anderson Ranch Dam to add an
8 additional 29,000 acre-feet of storage for this facility and finds, for pur-
9 poses of Section 42-203A(5), Idaho Code, that the board's application for a
10 water right for this Anderson Ranch raise project is made in good faith and
11 not for delay or speculative purposes, is in the local public interest as de-
12 fined in Section 42-202B, Idaho Code, is consistent with the conservation of
13 water resources in the State of Idaho, and will not adversely affect the lo-
14 cal economy of the Boise River watershed. The director of the Department of
15 Water Resources is not required to make findings related to these criteria
16 when evaluating the board's water right application.

17 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
19 July 1, 2022.