



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 25, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 25, 2024, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1283

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 4:52 p.m. on March 19, 2024.

I support the merits of the legislation to ensure that temporary and seasonal employees are not inadvertently subject to benefits they would no longer qualify for in rare years where a crisis event causes them to work more than anticipated. Both the employer and the employee should not be subject to contributions in this instance. Senate Bill 1283 provides local soil and water conservation districts with additional flexibility to appropriately plan and prepare for the ongoing prevention and monitoring of invasive species.

Idaho Code 73-101 provides that no part of Idaho Code is retroactive unless expressly declared to be retroactive. Senate Bill 1283 contains this express declaration of emergency need to retroactively apply this legislative action. In this instance, due to the extremely unique nature of the battle against invasive species and the need for soil and water conservation districts to act, both in the past and in the future, the language in Senate Bill 1283, and only Senate Bill 1283, is appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", written over a horizontal line.

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho