

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 106

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF
4 IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE UNITED STATES DEPART-
5 MENT OF STATE, THE UNITED STATES ENTITY COORDINATOR, BONNEVILLE POWER
6 ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of
8 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third
9 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

10 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share one of the most integrated
11 energy markets in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, the Columbia River Treaty was signed by the United States and
13 Canada in 1961 and implemented in 1964; and

14 WHEREAS, the purpose of the treaty was to reduce impacts from flooding
15 and to increase power generation; and

16 WHEREAS, the treaty did provide flood control and increased hydropower
17 generation at dams downriver; and

18 WHEREAS, the Columbia River Treaty continues to offer mutual benefit to
19 both the United States and Canada as it currently stands; and

20 WHEREAS, the states of the pacific northwest, Washington, Oregon, Idaho
21 and Montana, and the Province of British Columbia are interested in work-
22 ing together to ensure that any potential changes or updates will continue to
23 benefit the entire region collectively; and

24 WHEREAS, state and provincial legislators, tribal, community, federal
25 and academic leaders from across the pacific northwest have worked together
26 to educate state and provincial leaders on the current status of the work
27 that has been done on both sides of the border and discuss the future of the
28 treaty.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
30 Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of
31 Representatives concurring therein, that we urge the United States Depart-
32 ment of State to continue the Columbia River Treaty, to consult with British
33 Columbia and the states of the pacific northwest regarding any review of
34 the treaty and to receive and consider input from British Columbia and the
35 states of the pacific northwest regarding any negotiations with respect to
36 the treaty.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
38 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the
39 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
40 Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho
41 in the Congress of the United States, the United States Department of State,
42 the United States Entity Coordinator, Bonneville Power Administration and
43 the United States Army Corps of Engineers.