LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A STUDY GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LOCATIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

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

WHEREAS, providing sufficient office space and necessary related facilities for state governmental bodies is to the economic benefit of the citizens of Idaho by providing a more efficient and economical operation of state government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns high-value real estate located in close proximity to downtown cores or other highly developable areas in Ada and Canyon counties; and

WHEREAS, buildings located on these properties are often of an antiquated design and in need of significant infrastructure investment for continued use; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has properties that are underutilized, with large areas of vacant land or significant portions allocated to surface parking; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to deploy assets for their highest and best use; and

WHEREAS, by transferring high-value properties for private development and returning them to a taxable status, the taxpayers in affected cities and counties will benefit directly, and all state taxpayers will benefit indirectly; and

WHEREAS, the state currently has excess land available at the Idaho State Chinden Office Complex with a significantly lower value; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to capture efficiencies in government, and, by grouping agencies in a single location, costs can be shared and reduced while citizens are better served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that a study group shall be formed composed of the executive director of the Idaho State Building Authority, one member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one citizen engaged in the real estate development business to be appointed by the Governor, and the director of the Department of Administration. The study group shall present recommendations to the Legislature to further the policy goals set forth in this concurrent resolution.