

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
2 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF SUICIDE BY
3 TEENS IN IDAHO.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, Idaho is consistently among the states with the highest sui-
7 cide rates, 57% higher than the national average; and

8 WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Idahoans ages
9 15 to 34 and for males ages 10 to 14; and

10 WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2016, one hundred five Idaho school children,
11 age 18 and under, died by suicide. Twenty-seven of these were age 14 or
12 younger; and

13 WHEREAS, one in seven high school students and one in four 9th-grade fe-
14 males have reported seriously considering suicide in the previous 12 months;
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16 WHEREAS, 13% of high school students have reported having made a plan
17 about how they would attempt suicide; and

18 WHEREAS, teens committing suicide is an ongoing problem in Idaho that
19 requires study and input in order to find solutions.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
21 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
22 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
23 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of suicide by teens in
24 Idaho and to make recommendation for how to prevent teen suicide. The Leg-
25 islative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership
26 from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee
27 to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties
28 who are not members of the Legislature.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may
30 be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Leg-
31 islative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall
32 not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other ex-
33 penses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recom-
34 mendations or proposed legislation.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings,
36 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Ses-
37 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature.