

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE IDAHO DIVISION OF  
3 VETERANS SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IDAHO STATE BUILD-  
4 ING AUTHORITY, UNDER CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHILE USING PERMANENT  
5 BUILDING FUNDS TO PAY SERVICE DEBT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCING TO PRO-  
6 VIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A FEDERAL GRANT REGARDING A NEW BED REPLACEMENT  
7 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND AN ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN BOISE.

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

9 WHEREAS, Idaho is home to more than 122,000 veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, an estimated 68,000 veterans live in the southwestern Idaho  
11 catchment area, of which 29,700 are age 65 or older; and

12 WHEREAS, the current State Veterans Home in Boise is more than 55 years  
13 old; and

14 WHEREAS, due to the age of the facility, as it relates to ongoing main-  
15 tenance and repair costs, the building's institutional layout, and property  
16 constraints, the facility has expended its useful life as a skilled nursing  
17 care facility; and

18 WHEREAS, pursuant to 38 CFR the state is obligated to provide and care  
19 for its residents in a safe environment that promotes health, maintenance,  
20 and enhancement of each resident's quality of life; and

21 WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs' State Veterans Home  
22 Construction Grant Program pays up to 65% of the cost of construction, ren-  
23 ovation, or acquisition of state nursing home, domiciliary, and adult day  
24 health care facilities; and

25 WHEREAS, the state is obligated to provide 35% matching funds necessary  
26 to qualify for federal funding; and

27 WHEREAS, the Division of Veterans Services has, through a third-party  
28 consultant, conducted a southwest Idaho Veterans Care Needs Assessment sup-  
29 porting the need for a replacement skilled nursing facility and adult day  
30 health care to meet current and future veteran population needs within that  
31 catchment area; and

32 WHEREAS, state leaders have identified land at the State Chinden Campus  
33 for construction and operation of the 158-bed replacement veterans home; and

34 WHEREAS, dependent on grant funding, state leaders have identified land  
35 at either the State Chinden Campus or at the existing State Veterans Home  
36 property for construction and operation of the 40-participant adult day  
37 health care; and

38 WHEREAS, the timing is favorable for bonding for the design, construc-  
39 tion, and furnishing of a replacement nursing home and new adult day health  
40 care facility.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
42 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
43 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature authorizes the Idaho

1 Division of Veterans Services to enter into an agreement or agreements with  
2 the Idaho State Building Authority, under such terms and conditions as may be  
3 reasonable and necessary while using Permanent Building Funds to pay service  
4 debt, to provide for financing to provide matching funds for a federal grant  
5 to design, construct, furnish, and equip a new bed replacement skilled nurs-  
6 ing facility and an adult day health care facility in Boise.