LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-sixth Legislature First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.

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

WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, which authorized the appointment of a committee to undertake and complete a two-year study of natural resource issues, including issues relating to water, throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the committee's official term expired on November 30, 2020, and numerous natural resource-related issues continue to be of importance for the future of Idaho and the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, natural resource issues of continued interest include but are not limited to stabilization of the water distribution system, the status of aquifers throughout the state, and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a two-year committee to undertake and complete a study of natural resource issues of importance to the State of Idaho. The committee shall consist of ten legislators, with five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives. The Legislative Council shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice, and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is authorized to also appoint ad hoc legislative members to serve on the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cochairs of the committee are authorized to appoint advisors with technical expertise in regard to water issues and are expected to receive input from stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any advisors to the committee who are not legislative members shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage, or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations and proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a progress report to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature and shall make a report detailing its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature.