

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; AMENDING SECTION 40-514,  
2 IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING A CERTAIN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 40-514, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 40-514. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES -- PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL CREATED -- INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP CREATED -- DEPARTMENT SUPPORT. (1) All state agencies except the department of education, and all public entities that use public funds to provide public transportation services within the state shall report not less often than semiannually to the department the amount of funding expended, audits conducted, the number of passengers carried, the agency vehicles used and the vehicle miles driven to provide transportation for Idaho citizens. Upon receipt of such information, the department shall:

18 (a) Develop a uniform data collection and reporting system; ~~and~~ information from said system shall be submitted annually to the joint finance-appropriations committee of the Idaho legislature, and, as public information, ~~it~~ shall also be available upon request;

22 (b) In cooperation with other state agencies and public entities, develop a comprehensive plan for public transportation; and

26 (c) Provide assistance to operators of local and regional transportation systems that are consistent with public program objectives of the state plan.

27 (2) (a) There is hereby created the public transportation advisory council to advise the Idaho transportation department on issues and policies regarding public transportation in Idaho. The council shall participate in planning activities, identify transportation needs, and promote coordinated transportation systems. Before setting programs and priorities, the council shall seek pertinent information, facts and data from local governments, agencies and providers regarding rural public transportation issues.

35 (b) The advisory council shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Idaho transportation board. Appointed members shall be representatives of local governments and agencies, private organizations, citizen groups and private providers that have an interest in public transportation, and people with disabilities and the elderly who utilize public transportation. The board shall appoint said members from recommendations submitted by said organizations, groups, providers, users and state agencies in each district. One (1) member shall be ap-

1 pointed from each of the six (6) transportation department ~~director~~  
 2 districts as provided in section 40-303, Idaho Code. The term of each  
 3 member shall be three (3) years, and the initial appointments to the  
 4 council shall be such that two (2) members shall be appointed each year  
 5 thereafter.

6 (c) The council is authorized to meet three (3) times per year, with ad-  
 7 ditional meetings as authorized by the board.

8 (d) Members of the advisory council shall be reimbursed according to  
 9 the provisions of section 59-509(g), Idaho Code.

10 (3) (a) The director of the Idaho transportation department, together  
 11 with the directors of the affected state agencies, shall establish  
 12 an interagency working group to advise and assist the department in  
 13 analyzing public transportation needs, identifying areas for coord-  
 14 ination, and developing strategies for eliminating procedural and  
 15 regulatory barriers to coordination at the state level. The group shall  
 16 undertake detailed work assignments related to transportation services  
 17 ~~which that~~ promote cooperation and collaboration among systems.

18 (b) The working group shall be composed of a representative from the  
 19 office of the governor and one (1) staff representative from each of the  
 20 following agencies ~~which that~~ expend public funds for transportation  
 21 services or associations representing public transportation inter-  
 22 ests:

23 (a) Idaho commission on aging;

24 (b) ~~Idaho head start association;~~

25 ~~(c)~~ Two (2) representatives from the Idaho department of health  
 26 and welfare, one (1) of whom shall represent the division of medic-  
 27 aid;

28 (d) Idaho state department of education;

29 (e) Idaho transportation department;

30 (f) Community transportation association;

31 (g) Idaho council on developmental disabilities;

32 (h) Division of vocational rehabilitation; and

33 (i) Idaho department of labor, workforce development council.

34 (c) Ex officio members may be appointed to the group as deemed neces-  
 35 sary. Members of the working group representing state agencies shall be  
 36 reimbursed by their respective agencies according to the provisions of  
 37 section 59-509(b), Idaho Code.

38 (4) The interagency working group established in subsection (3) of this  
 39 section shall:

40 (a) Meet at least once in each calendar quarter; ~~and~~

41 (b) Discuss all agenda items submitted to it by any member of the group;  
 42 ~~and~~

43 (c) Provide notice of each meeting at least two (2) weeks in advance of  
 44 the meeting; and

45 (d) Annually elect a chairman from among its members; such person shall  
 46 not serve consecutive terms as chairman.

47 (5) The department shall provide the administrative support required  
 48 by the council and the interagency working group.

1           SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
3 July 1, 2022.