

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AD-  
3 MINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE IDAHO STATE BUILDING  
4 AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF, FINANCE OR CONSTRUCT NEW, OR  
5 PURCHASE EXISTING, OFFICE AND/OR WAREHOUSE SPACE TO ESTABLISH A SIN-  
6 GLE-DESTINATION COMPLEX TO HOUSE STATE AGENCIES.

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

8 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho currently leases more than 800,000 square  
9 feet of office and warehouse space in Ada County at an annual lease cost of  
10 \$12.2 million; and

11 WHEREAS, the cost of leasing will continue to grow as lease rates nego-  
12 tiated during the great recession become open to renegotiation; and

13 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Tax Commission, the Idaho Department of Fish  
14 and Game and the Idaho Department of Finance currently occupy more than  
15 159,000 square feet of office space in a facility being purchased by an owner  
16 with no interest in leasing to third parties; and

17 WHEREAS, other state agencies occupying 478,000 square feet of office  
18 space and 82,000 square feet of warehouse space have leases expiring within  
19 the next 5 years; and

20 WHEREAS, the state recognizes that the lowest long-term occupancy cost  
21 is achieved through ownership, making ownership the most conservative pol-  
22 icy choice; and

23 WHEREAS, state agencies need a dependable, predictable location to con-  
24 duct business outside of the control of third-party owners; and

25 WHEREAS, by grouping agencies in a single location, costs can be shared  
26 and reduced, while citizens are better served; and

27 WHEREAS, the timing is favorable for bonding the purchase of state of-  
28 fice buildings, due to historically low interest rates; and

29 WHEREAS, the state has executed an exclusive right to negotiate for a  
30 period of 45 days following the adoption of this resolution, in conjunction  
31 with a letter of intent, the purchase of property located at 11311 Chinden  
32 Boulevard, Boise, Idaho commonly referred to as the HP Campus, with Hewlett-  
33 Packard, Inc. maintaining its current level of occupancy through a lease  
34 with the state as part of the purchase agreement.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
36 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
37 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature authorizes and approves  
38 the Department of Administration, in consultation with legislative leader-  
39 ship, to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Idaho State Building  
40 Authority, under such terms and conditions as may be reasonable and neces-  
41 sary, to provide financing to construct new, or purchase existing, office  
42 and/or warehouse space to establish a single-destination complex to house  
43 state agencies.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution constitutes authorization  
2 required by the provisions of Section 67-6410, Idaho Code.

3           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Legislature that  
4 due to the tax-exempt status of state-owned property, a property tax shift  
5 could result to other property owners in those affected taxing districts,  
6 and those taxing districts should remove the assessed value of this property  
7 from their budget capacity pursuant to Section 63-802, Idaho Code.