

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING A PILOT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives desires to increase the ability of Idaho citizens to testify at House committee hearings; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a remote testimony pilot program, more Idahoans will be able to participate in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, it is good public policy to provide for remote testimony using video conferencing from one or more remote sites around the state to increase public participation in government; and

WHEREAS, for citizens who live at a distance from the Statehouse, providing an alternative means for testifying will help mitigate the hardship for those citizens to have their voices heard; and

WHEREAS, Idaho citizens who do not reside within 100 miles' driving distance of the Statehouse should be able to testify via video conferencing at House committee hearings; and

WHEREAS, a remote testimony pilot program using video conferencing will provide necessary information on the potential to implement future remote testimony for all House committee hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Services Office is authorized to gather information necessary to implement a remote testimony pilot program for the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature and is authorized to work with individuals at potential remote sites to develop the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, estimated costs associated with implementing the pilot program will be gathered by the Legislative Services Office, and such estimate will be reported to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives will select one or more House committees to participate in the remote testimony pilot program for the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, that a remote testimony pilot program for the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature be adopted by the House of Representatives.