

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
3 EDUCATION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AGE-APPROPRIATE HOLO-
4 CAUST EDUCATION IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Holocaust was a systemic genocide and murder of six million
7 Jews and millions of others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during
8 World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, the Holocaust stands as a stain on human history and a stark re-
10 minder of the dangers of prejudice, discrimination, and unchecked hatred;
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12 WHEREAS, the study of the Holocaust within the context of geography,
13 history, and political systems provides students with essential learning
14 experiences, helping students to confront the issues of moral dilemmas and
15 conflicts of conscience posed by the Holocaust; and

16 WHEREAS, understanding the causes, events, and consequences of the
17 Holocaust is crucial for fostering respect, combating anti-Semitism and all
18 forms of prejudice, and upholding democratic values and civil responsibil-
19 ity; and

20 WHEREAS, learning the lessons of the Holocaust can help prevent future
21 atrocities; and

22 WHEREAS, teaching about the Holocaust can empower students to become
23 critical thinkers, active citizens, and defenders of human rights by equip-
24 ping them with the knowledge and skills to recognize and challenge patterns
25 of misinformation, intolerance, and discrimination; and

26 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of Holocaust education, a growing
27 number of states across the country have mandated or encouraged its inclu-
28 sion in social studies curricula.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
30 sion of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
31 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho State Department of Educa-
32 tion is hereby encouraged to:

33 (1) Review and consider the adoption of age-appropriate Holocaust ed-
34 ucation in applicable social studies courses in school districts and public
35 charter schools;

36 (2) Develop guidance and resources for educators to assist them in ef-
37 fectively teaching about the Holocaust;

38 (3) Provide and promote professional learning activities for educators
39 that include evidence-based pedagogical practices, including resources
40 that address sensitive topics in a responsible and age-appropriate manner;
41 and

1 (4) Collaborate with relevant organizations and experts in Holocaust
2 education to ensure that any proposed curriculum materials are accurate,
3 comprehensive, and aligned with best practices.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is not intended to mandate
5 specific curriculum content. Rather, it encourages the Idaho State Depart-
6 ment of Education to take a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to adopt-
7 ing Holocaust education into the state's social studies curriculum.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages parents and fam-
9 ilies to reinforce the important lessons learned from the Holocaust by pro-
10 moting civic virtues and beneficial character qualities.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges all Idahoans to remem-
12 ber the victims of the Holocaust and to learn from their stories so we can
13 create a more just and compassionate world.