

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOP-
3 MENT OF CLEAN AND SAFE NUCLEAR ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

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

5 WHEREAS, Idaho has a long history with nuclear energy research and is
6 home of the first community powered by nuclear energy; and

7 WHEREAS, Idaho's legacy in nuclear power innovation has positioned the
8 state and our communities to lead the world in achieving energy indepen-
9 dence; and

10 WHEREAS, the development of advanced energy is a key component of long-
11 term planning for Idaho communities that balances economic growth with re-
12 sponsible stewardship of natural resources; and

13 WHEREAS, it is vital to Idaho's future that our communities invest in
14 long-term strategies for energy creation, as well as promote technological
15 leadership and enhance national security; and

16 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes the newly created Idaho Ad-
17 vanced Energy Consortium (IAEC) and its regional commitment to advancing nu-
18 clear and clean energy with its related projects in Idaho and Wyoming; and

19 WHEREAS, IAEC seeks to be a technology innovation hub and lead the world
20 in next-generation clean energy generation; and

21 WHEREAS, the Idaho National Laboratory, along with IAEC, is working
22 with industry and world leaders to produce and support advanced energy
23 technologies needed for a sustainable, safe, secure, and efficient energy
24 future; and

25 WHEREAS, the development of advanced energy can support our rural com-
26 munities through economic development and diversification efforts, infra-
27 structure investment, and workforce training and development; and

28 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature supports efforts to improve safety, li-
29 censing, and regulation processes for nuclear reactors while deploying the
30 next generation of advanced reactors to support an ever-increasing demand
31 for clean, safe energy production; and

32 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recommends that the United States
33 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) utilize decades of experience to
34 streamline processes associated with licensing, siting, construction, and
35 oversight of advanced nuclear reactor technologies while maintaining a high
36 level of safety; and

37 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature supports efforts and policies that pro-
38 vide tools and resources to obtain or deliver affordable, reliable energy
39 for our citizens, communities, businesses, and industries; and

40 WHEREAS, advanced energy is part of a diversified energy portfolio that
41 eliminates energy dependence on foreign entities.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
43 Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House

1 of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature declares that
2 domestic energy production is a national security issue and supports ad-
3 vanced energy research, while also supporting reforms to the process for
4 new research and reactor licensing. The Legislature urges all citizens to
5 recognize the importance of advanced energy to the state and to national
6 security, the economy, and the environment.