

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THAT THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT INITIATE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING ANNUAL PERMITS ISSUED TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

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

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho requires the operators of commercial vehicles to obtain permits for many activities; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department issues approximately 47,000 annual permits each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the permits are frequently issued for one purpose only; and

WHEREAS, many commercial vehicles are therefore required to obtain several permits from the Idaho Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, a commercial vehicle might need as many as 10 permits in order to operate; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of each permit is a separate administrative task for the Idaho Transportation Department; and

WHEREAS, consolidating permits and streamlining the permitting process could greatly reduce the administrative burden on the Idaho Transportation Department without reducing its power of oversight; and

WHEREAS, fewer permits could also reduce the training burden on law enforcement agencies, whose officers must understand the requirements associated with each permit, and could likewise reduce the opportunities for error in the enforcement process; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has received requests from stakeholders to consolidate annual permits to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that personnel at the Idaho Transportation Department are the subject matter experts on Idaho's permitting process; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of annual permits and streamlining the permitting process would require a cost analysis by the Idaho Transportation Department to identify the fees necessary for a cost-neutral permit program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the Idaho Transportation Department initiate negotiated rulemaking for commercial motor vehicle annual permits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope of the requested rulemaking should involve the consolidation of existing annual permits for vehicles that exceed legal size and weight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if, in the negotiated rulemaking process, the Idaho Transportation Department identifies statutory changes necessary to consolidate permits, the Legislature requests that the Department notify the chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, the chairman of the

1 House Transportation and Defense Committee, and the Legislative Services
2 Office, Division of Research and Legislation, of the necessary changes.