

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF OCCUPATIONAL  
LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION LAWS AND RULES IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Interim  
Committee was authorized by the members of the Second Regular Session of the  
Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature for the purpose of undertaking and complet-  
ing a review of relevant reports submitted to the Governor's office pursuant  
to Executive Order No. 2017-06 (Licensing Freedom Act of 2017) and to exam-  
ine the necessity of such laws and rules; and

WHEREAS, the Governor subsequently issued Executive Order No. 2019-01  
(Licensing Freedom Act of 2019), further identifying as legislative priori-  
ties the addition of sunset and sunrise provisions in occupational licensing  
and certification laws; and

WHEREAS, the study of Idaho's occupational licensing and certification  
laws conducted by the interim committee has identified necessary improve-  
ments to the law and recommendations for reform; and

WHEREAS, the work of the 2018 interim committee was instrumental in  
helping to bring forward legislation during the 2019 legislative session  
that established the Occupational Licensing Reform Act and eased occupa-  
tional licensing barriers for military members, veterans, and the spouses of  
such individuals; and

WHEREAS, the work of the 2019 interim committee resulted in legislation  
presently under consideration that would establish sunrise review for occu-  
pational licensing and certification laws, universal licensure, and provi-  
sions that would ease occupational licensing barriers for persons with past  
criminal convictions; and

WHEREAS, issues related to occupational licensing and certification  
laws continue to arise and pose challenges, opportunities, and concerns for  
the future of Idaho and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, further interim committee review of licensing and certifica-  
tion laws is deemed necessary, including but not limited to the implementa-  
tion of such legislation that may pass during the 2020 legislative session  
and the future addition of sunset provisions to occupational licensing and  
certification laws, as well as for the review of occupational licensing and  
certification laws in general in order to determine, as applicable, how the  
Legislature may be able to ease occupational licensing barriers while still  
protecting the public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized  
to appoint a committee to continue the efforts to undertake and complete a

1 review of licensing and certification laws in Idaho, including the priori-  
2 ties identified in the Licensing Freedom Act of 2019. The Legislative Coun-  
3 cil shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house  
4 appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive in-  
5 put, advice, and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not  
6 members of the Legislature.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings,  
8 recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular  
9 Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature.