

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL FOR IDAHO  
2 TO BE A WORLDWIDE LEADER IN THE MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF  
3 THE ADVANCED REACTOR INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE FABRICATION AND MANUFAC-  
4 TURING OF SMALL MODULAR REACTORS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE OPPORTUNITY THIS  
5 POSITION BRINGS TO IDAHO'S OVERALL ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGI-  
6 CAL SECTORS, AND URGING EXPLORATION OF A VARIETY OF NEW PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
7 PROGRAM AND POLICY PARTNERSHIPS THAT PROMOTE, ESTABLISH AND ADVANCE THE  
8 ADVANCED REACTOR INDUSTRY.  
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10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

11 WHEREAS, the promotion and advancement of new technologies, particu-  
12 larly in the clean technology sector including advanced reactors, is an im-  
13 portant aspect of Idaho's economic development; and

14 WHEREAS, the commercialization and deployment of advanced reactor  
15 technologies, including small modular reactors, has been identified by the  
16 federal government as a means to meet clean energy targets and as a key ele-  
17 ment in the nuclear energy research and development roadmap; and

18 WHEREAS, Idaho has the potential to become a regional and global leader  
19 in the development of advanced reactors, including small modular reactor  
20 technology, leveraging its experience from Idaho's world-class universi-  
21 ties; and

22 WHEREAS, students today are the foundation for providing the diverse  
23 and highly skilled workforce for a growing clean technology sector, in-  
24 cluding the manufacturing of advanced small modular reactors. It is in the  
25 public's technological and economic interest to provide students the edu-  
26 cational opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of the fundamentals of  
27 the energy sciences, including physics, chemistry, mathematics and related  
28 disciplines; and

29 WHEREAS, Idaho's employee pool can directly benefit from the state's  
30 Workforce Development Council, which is charged to help educate and train a  
31 highly skilled workforce oriented toward supporting an array of manufactur-  
32 ers of advanced modular reactors, including small modular reactors, across  
33 Idaho; and

34 WHEREAS, Idaho is positioned to become a significant link in a national  
35 and worldwide network of producing, manufacturing and exporting advanced  
36 reactors, including small modular reactors; and

37 WHEREAS, establishing and advancing the commercialization of advanced  
38 modular reactors, including small modular reactors, will help the state meet  
39 future national and worldwide energy supply, environmental protection, and  
40 energy security needs; and

41 WHEREAS, Idaho's positive tax environment is an incentive to promote  
42 financing and development of safe advanced modular reactors and small modu-  
43 lar reactors.

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
2 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
3 the Senate concurring therein, that Idaho recognizes its potential to be a  
4 worldwide leader in the manufacturing and commercialization of the advanced  
5 reactor industry, including the fabrication and manufacturing of small mod-  
6 ular reactors; acknowledges the opportunity this position brings to Idaho's  
7 overall economic, business and technological sectors; and urges exploration  
8 of a variety of new public-private program and policy partnerships that pro-  
9 mote, establish and advance the advanced reactors industry.

10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that advanced nuclear energy reactor manufactur-  
11 ing education programs and events need to be developed with the support of  
12 the Idaho State Legislature.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Idaho encourages further re-  
14 search and development efforts to improve nuclear energy technology, secu-  
15 rity and safety.