



**JOINT LEGISLATIVE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING TASK FORCE
TO REPLACE FUNDS SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE IDAHO STATE POLICE
AND PARKS AND RECREATION BY H376 OF 2009**

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Dear Lieutenant Governor Little:

Rep. Rich Wills

Last session, as part of a plan to find additional funding for the Idaho Transportation Department, the Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 32 (HCR 32). HCR 32 established a legislative task force made up of four members from the Senate and four members from the House of Representatives to undertake and complete a study. The study was to identify ongoing alternative dedicated funding sources for the Idaho State Police and for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to offset those funds shifted to transportation by H376 of 2009.

Rep. Raul Labrador

Rep. Shirley Ringo

On-line Information

www.legislature.idaho.gov/budget/HCR32/index.htm

After studying the issue and hearing public testimony at three meetings this summer, and recognizing the important and complicated work of your task force, we determined it would be inappropriate for our committee to get in front of action by your task force. Therefore, we are recommending to the legislature and the Legislative Council that we delay the implementation date of H376 of 2009 until July 1, 2011. Furthermore, the task force recommends that gas tax revenues for Parks and Recreation be permanently reinstated and that an ongoing dedicated funding source be found to replace those funds shifted away from the Idaho State Police. We did identify several sources of revenue for the State Police. We would be happy to share those with you at the appropriate time. We have attached draft legislation, that we propose to introduce, and a statement of purpose and fiscal note for that legislation.

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We wish you well in your deliberations and stand ready to dovetail your efforts with our efforts.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: Draft Legislation, SOP/FN

Statement of Purpose

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This legislation delays the effective date of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter 333, Laws of 2009 from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011. Sections 1, 5, and 6 became law on May 12, 2009 and are not impacted by this legislation. Section 1 included legislative intent, section 5 established the Idaho Law Enforcement Fund, and section 6 provided a severability clause.

Background: At the end of the 2009 session, as part of a plan to find additional funding for the Idaho Transportation Department, the Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 32 (HCR 32). HCR 32 established a legislative task force made up of four members from the Senate and four members from the House of Representatives to undertake and complete a study. The study was to identify ongoing alternative dedicated funding sources for the Idaho State Police and for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to offset those funds shifted to transportation by H376 of 2009. Members of the task force were Co-Chairman Senator Cameron. Co-Chairman Representative Bell, Senator Lodge, Senator Hammond, Senator Bilyeu, Representative Wills, Representative Labrador, and Representative Ringo.

After studying the issue and hearing public testimony at three meetings during the summer of 2009, the task force recommended to the legislature and the Legislative Council that the implementation date of H376 of 2009 be delayed until July 1, 2011. Furthermore, the task force recommended that gas tax revenues for Parks and Recreation be permanently reinstated and that an ongoing dedicated funding source be found to replace those funds shifted away from the Idaho State Police. The task force also forwarded their conclusions to the Governor's Task Force on Modernizing Transportation Funding authorized by Executive Order 2009-11.

Fiscal Note

The fiscal year 2011 impact to the Highway Distribution Account from the delay in the effective date of H376 of 2009 for Parks and Recreation is about \$4.25 million. The fiscal impact to the State Highway Fund from the delay of H376 of 2009 for the State Police is about \$16 million. On the other hand, the savings to the five recreation impacted funds (Waterways Improvement, Off-Highway Vehicle, Capital Improvement, Road and Bridge, and Search and Rescue) is \$4.25 million and the savings to the Law Enforcement Fund is \$16 million. Therefore, the net impact is to delay, for one year, the shift of about \$20.25 million from recreational uses and highway patrol uses to highway construction and maintenance uses.

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LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixtieth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2010

IN THE _____

BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO;

3 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

4 SECTION 1. That Section 7, Chapter 333, Laws of 2009, be, and the same is
5 hereby amended to read as follows:

6 SECTION 7. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, Section 1, 5 and 6 of this act shall be in full force and
8 effect on and after passage and approval. Section 2, 3 and 4 of this act shall
9 be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 20101.