

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE
3 COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A
4 STUDY OF NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.

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

6 WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature adopted House
7 Concurrent Resolution No. 12 which authorized the appointment of a committee to undertake
8 and complete a two-year study of natural resource issues, including issues relating to water,
9 throughout the state of Idaho; and

10 WHEREAS, the committee's official term expired on November 30, 2008, and numerous
11 natural resource-related issues continue to pose concerns for the future of Idaho and the quality
12 of life our citizens enjoy; and

13 WHEREAS, issues of continued concern include, but are not limited to, stabilization of
14 the water distribution system, the status of aquifers throughout the state, management of wolves
15 in Idaho, and the study of the implementation of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan
16 for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
18 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
19 that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete
20 a study of natural resource issues of importance to the state of Idaho. The committee shall
21 consist of ten legislators, with five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives.
22 The Legislative Council shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance
23 from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is authorized to also appoint
25 ad hoc legislative members to serve on the committee.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cochairmen of the committee are authorized to
27 appoint advisors with technical expertise in the water supply arena and are expected to receive
28 input from stakeholders in the water rights system of Idaho to attempt to stabilize the water
29 delivery system in this state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any advisors to the committee who are not legislative
31 members shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses
32 and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations and proposed
33 legislation.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a progress report to the
35 Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature and shall make a report detailing its
36 findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of the
37 Sixty-first Idaho Legislature.