

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15
BY BUSINESS 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 THE FEASIBILITY AND EXPENSE OF PROVIDING SMALL BUSI-
5 NESSES BETTER ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

7 WHEREAS, access to affordable health care and affordable health insurance is a huge
8 issue facing Idaho small businesses; and

9 WHEREAS, small businesses find traditional underwriting practices make it difficult to
10 provide affordable health insurance for their employees; and

11 WHEREAS, small businesses in Idaho find it more difficult to provide affordable health
12 insurance to their workers than do larger businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be desirable to have more Idaho small businesses provide health
14 insurance to their workers.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
16 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
17 that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a
18 study of the feasibility and expense of providing small businesses easier and cheaper alterna-
19 tives for providing their employees with affordable health insurance. The Legislative Council
20 shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the
21 committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from inter-
22 ested and affected parties who are not members of the legislature.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be ap-
24 pointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Non-
25 legislative members of the committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per
26 diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's
27 recommendations or proposed legislation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommen-
29 dations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho
30 Legislature.