LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixtieth Legislature First Regular Session - 2009

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIBER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES BETWEEN THE CITIES OF RIGGINS AND GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that modern advanced broadband telecommunications services are critical to the needs of the citizens of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, advanced fiber transport facilities are necessary for the provision of such services; and

WHEREAS, the communications facilities currently in place between the cities of Riggins and Grangeville are vital to the connectivity and communications of citizens in rural, North Central Idaho with the outside world; and

WHEREAS, public safety in Idaho County is hampered because of a lack of fiber connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the current communications facilities are inadequate or nonexistent; and

WHEREAS, the expedited construction of new modern fiber communications facilities is in the best interests of the citizens of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of numerous affected local communities, as well as the Governor of the state of Idaho, strongly support such an effort; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we strongly support the planning and construction of new fiber communications facilities between the cities of Riggins and Grangeville, Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and other government agencies provide such support as is available to this endeavor including, expedited review and processing of any needed permits and licenses.