

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND CON-
3 STRUCTION OF NEW FIBER OR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
4 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that modern advanced broadband telecommunica-
7 tions services are critical to the needs of the citizens of Idaho; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the communications facilities currently in place in rural areas are vital to the
11 connectivity and communications of citizens in rural Idaho with the outside world; and

12 WHEREAS, more aggressive broadband is necessary for robust economic development
13 and the current environment is a deterrent to growth; and

14 WHEREAS, the current communications facilities are inadequate or nonexistent in many
15 areas of rural Idaho and can hamper public safety along with economic development; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the representatives of numerous affected local communities, as well as the
19 Governor of the state of Idaho, strongly support such efforts and it would be in the public
20 interest if the state of Idaho could serve as an aggregator among public and private interests to
21 increase broadband opportunity in this state; and

22 WHEREAS, other states have made significant progress in forming successful public-pri-
23 vate partnerships to bring broadband telecommunications to their remote or rural areas with
24 programs like Connect Kentucky or Connect Indiana; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
27 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
28 that we strongly support the state of Idaho in creating a business climate to expedite the con-
29 struction and installation of broadband throughout the state of Idaho.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Idaho, other government agencies and
31 broadband providers are requested to provide such support as is available to this endeavor
32 including, expedited review and processing of any needed permits and licenses and to focus
33 resources and coordinate with each other and commit to changing the broadband environment
34 in this state within the next two years.