

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34
BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORT FOR A GUBERNATORIAL TASK
3 FORCE TO CONSIDER BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL SOURCES
4 OF REVENUE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF HIGHWAYS
5 AND BRIDGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, POSSIBLE REVISIONS
6 TO THE RATES, METHODS AND MANNER OF CALCULATING ANY AND
7 ALL TAXES, FEES AND REGISTRATIONS RELATING TO FUELS AND MOTOR
8 VEHICLES AND MOTOR CARRIERS.

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

10 WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has responsibility for approxi-
11 mately 5,000 centerline miles of highway and nearly 1,760 bridges in Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, a recent legislative audit found that current funding for transportation cannot
13 keep pace with the growth in costs to meet Idaho’s basic transportation needs of preserving and
14 restoring Idaho’s highways and bridges; and

15 WHEREAS, there exists a need for adequate funding to pay for financing costs and the
16 growing need for preservation and restoration of the state highway system; and

17 WHEREAS, it is undeniable that a reliable, resilient and effective transportation system is
18 essential to the state’s long-term growth; and

19 WHEREAS, the current transportation revenue structure will not meet the pressing trans-
20 portation funding needs over the next 30 years; and

21 WHEREAS, transportation is not just a state problem but rather, it transcends all levels of
22 government in Idaho with almost 300 jurisdictions having some role in the state’s transportation
23 network, such that transportation funding needs must be addressed at all levels of government
24 and jurisdictions; and

25 WHEREAS, federal funding cannot be relied upon to solve Idaho’s transportation funding
26 challenges; and

27 WHEREAS, Idaho’s transportation funding must be addressed in a manner that is com-
28 prehensive and takes into full account changing fuel consumption patterns; and

29 WHEREAS, solutions to Idaho’s transportation funding challenge will require innovative
30 and perhaps nontraditional revenue sources; and

31 WHEREAS, a review of such issues should be done in a measured, deliberative manner,
32 providing a wide array of policy options to move transportation funding forward for Idaho.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
34 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
35 that a gubernatorial task force is appropriate to consider both traditional and nontraditional
36 sources of revenue for the maintenance and preservation of highways and bridges including, but
37 not limited to, possible revisions to the rates, methods and manner of calculating any and all
38 taxes, fees and registrations relating to fuels and motor vehicles and motor carriers.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature supports and will participate
2 in the gubernatorial task force consisting of a total of fifteen members including five members
3 from the Idaho Senate and five members from the Idaho House of Representatives.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature shall receive and consider re-
5 ports and findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, from the gubernatorial
6 task force during the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature.