

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1081

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO TRAVEL AND CONVENTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 67-4713, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE IDAHO TRAVEL AND CONVENTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-4717, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE TRAVEL AND CONVENTION INDUSTRY GRANT PROGRAM AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 67-4713, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-4713. MEMBERS' QUALIFICATIONS – TERM OF OFFICE – CONFLICT OF INTEREST. (1) Members of the council shall be individuals actively involved in the state's travel and convention industry, as a career or as an investment. Their selection shall be made with regard to their ability and disposition to serve the state's interest, and their knowledge of the state's travel industry. There shall be one (1) member appointed from each of the seven (7) planning regions of the state and one (1) member shall serve in a statewide capacity. The governor shall make appointments to the council in such a manner as to provide for rotating representation from the several counties within each planning region. To that end, any member appointed to the council shall be a resident of a county which is different from the county of residence of the outgoing member but within the proper planning region.

(2) Members of the council may not serve more than two (2) terms, nor may they hold or file for any partisan elective political office while a member of the council.

(3) A member of the council may be removed for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct in office or if he is no longer a resident of the district from which he was appointed. Should a vacancy occur on the council, the governor shall appoint a person from the proper region, to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position.

(4) Any member of the council who has a direct interest in any grant application or proposal being considered by the council, must disclose such interest, and must refrain from voting on the application or proposal.

SECTION 2. That Section 67-4717, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-4717. REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby established within the state of Idaho a travel and convention industry grant program. Such program shall be administered jointly by the council and the department. The source of funding for the program shall be from the assessment imposed by section 67-4718, Idaho Code.

Fifty percent (50%) of all funds derived from this ~~act~~ chapter, less one-half (1/2) of the administrative costs, shall be returned to local nonprofit organizations in each county having

1 as their primary purpose the promotion of travel and conventions within a planning region, to  
2 expend for the promotion of travel and conventions within their area. Each ~~planning region~~  
3 county shall be awarded grants totaling an amount equal to the ~~regional~~ proportion collected  
4 in each county of one-half (1/2) the total sum raised by the assessment imposed by section  
5 67-4718, Idaho Code. No allocations to a planning region or county shall lapse, but shall be  
6 continuously available for use for promotion purposes within the planning region or county.

7 The remaining fifty percent (50%) of all funds derived from this ~~act~~ chapter, less one-half  
8 (1/2) of the administrative costs, shall be expended by the department for the promotion and  
9 development of statewide travel and convention programs. The department shall be counseled  
10 and advised in its creation and execution of such programs by the council as provided by  
11 section 67-4712, Idaho Code.