

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE HEALTH QUALITY
3 PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO
4 STUDY STROKE SYSTEMS OF CARE IN IDAHO AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS
5 STROKE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT.

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

7 WHEREAS, every year about 700,000 Americans suffer stroke, and 150,000
8 die. Many of the survivors have severe neurologic damage; and

9 WHEREAS, the economic cost of stroke in the United States is estimated
10 at \$63 billion for 2007. The cost to Idaho and its citizens is estimated at
11 hundreds of millions of dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, almost one-quarter of the current Medicaid Budget is spent on
13 chronic costs of disabled seniors, much of that for the assistance required
14 for stroke victims; and

15 WHEREAS, areas that have organized systems of stroke care, including
16 prevention, aware and informed citizens, well-trained and coordinated
17 emergency medical services for rapid prehospital care, protocols of care
18 with smooth transition between rural hospitals and medical centers have
19 better survival and less morbidity from stroke.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
21 Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
22 the Senate concurring therein, that the Health Quality Planning Commission
23 within the Department of Health and Welfare is encouraged to study stroke
24 systems of care in Idaho and develop a plan to address stroke identification
25 and management.