

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT TOWN HALL MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO
4 GATHER FEEDBACK ON HOW TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDI-
5 CAL SERVICES PROVIDERS.

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

7 WHEREAS, Idaho is predominantly a rural state that relies heavily on
8 volunteers for the provision of emergency medical services; and

9 WHEREAS, the existence of competent volunteer emergency medical ser-
10 vices providers throughout Idaho is vital to the well-being of all those who
11 live in or visit Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, the requirements placed on volunteer emergency medical ser-
13 vices providers must provide an assurance of public safety while not being
14 onerous to a point so as to discourage volunteer participation.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
16 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
17 resentatives concurring therein, that we encourage the Idaho Department of
18 Health and Welfare to conduct outreach town hall meetings throughout Idaho
19 to develop a better understanding of the challenges that hinder recruitment
20 and retention of volunteer emergency medical services providers.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should schedule the town hall
22 meetings in the evening hours to enable maximum participation by concerned
23 stakeholders and should hold the town hall meetings in locations that will
24 enable concerned stakeholders to attend without having to drive any farther
25 than 50 miles whenever possible.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department should facilitate the town
27 hall meetings in such a manner so as to gather as much feedback and sugges-
28 tions for improvement as possible and should consider the feedback received
29 during the town hall meetings as they continue to develop the programs, poli-
30 cies, plans and procedures that support and regulate emergency medical ser-
31 vices in Idaho.