

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT  
3 OF COMMERCE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, BOISE STATE  
4 UNIVERSITY, IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY, THE COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO AND  
5 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, TO COORDINATE COMMENTS AND IDENTIFY A LEAD ENTITY  
6 TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE, FOR IDAHO TO BE SELECTED  
7 AS ONE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION'S SIX UNMANNED AIRCRAFT  
8 SYSTEM TEST SITES.

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

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform  
11 Act of 2012 and the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012  
12 require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish six unmanned  
13 aircraft system test sites; and

14 WHEREAS, this effort will provide critical data necessary for estab-  
15 lishing flight operations, certification standards, regulatory standards  
16 and air traffic requirements to ensure safe operations for public and pri-  
17 vate unmanned aircraft systems; and

18 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration has recently initiated a  
19 search for the six unmanned aircraft system test sites in the United States;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration will solicit public  
22 comments for purposes of refining test site requirements, designation stan-  
23 dards and oversight activities and that the FAA will issue a request for  
24 proposals to develop unmanned aircraft system test sites; and

25 WHEREAS, Idaho is uniquely positioned with the Idaho National Labora-  
26 tory and its 890 square mile critical infrastructure test range, its Cen-  
27 ter for Advanced Modeling and Simulation and its Center for Advanced Energy  
28 Studies, which already house significant scientific resources that may be  
29 utilized for the test site; and

30 WHEREAS, the selection of Idaho as a national unmanned aircraft system  
31 test site would establish the state as a nationally recognized center of ex-  
32 cellence for the development and testing of advanced aviation technologies,  
33 create high-paying jobs in the state and generate new streams of revenue into  
34 the state; and

35 WHEREAS, a test site selection could have tremendous economic impact on  
36 Idaho, with direct and indirect benefits for the real estate and construc-  
37 tion sectors, business investment, tourism, education, regional industry  
38 and arts and recreation.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
40 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
41 resentatives concurring therein, that the Director of the Idaho Department  
42 of Commerce, in consultation with officials from the University of Idaho,  
43 Boise State University, Idaho State University and the College of Western

1 Idaho, is requested to coordinate comments from interested parties and iden-  
2 tify a lead entity to prepare a proposal, on behalf of the State of Idaho to  
3 the Federal Aviation Administration, for Idaho to be selected as an unmanned  
4 aircraft system test site.