

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND REQUESTING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED
LAND EXCHANGES TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONCURRENCE OR NONCONCURRENCE.

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

WHEREAS, recent potential land exchanges could have had the State Board
of Land Commissioners undermining county commissioners and assessors; and

WHEREAS, these proposed land exchanges would have caused unwanted tax
losses to counties and lessened county bonding capabilities; and

WHEREAS, appraisals commissioned by the State Board of Land Commission-
ers and county assessments have differed a great deal; and

WHEREAS, lakefront properties with cabins have posed many legal and po-
litical headaches for the State Board of Land Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Idaho provides that the State
Board of Land Commissioners "shall have the direction, control and disposi-
tion of the public lands of the state, under such regulations as may be pre-
scribed by law"; and

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy to have county commissioners and
assessors be timely informed by the Department of Lands and the State Board
of Land Commissioners when proposed land exchanges will occur in their coun-
ties; and

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy to have the county commission-
ers and assessors assist the renters for the lakefront properties to help
find equivalently valued timber and grazing properties for revenue neutral
trades; and

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy for the State Board of Land Com-
missioners to seriously consider such potential trades instead of undermin-
ing county governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the De-
partment of Lands and the State Board of Land Commissioners submit all pro-
posed land exchanges to the Idaho Legislature so that the Legislature can
concur or not concur in the land exchange or further commercial property in-
vestments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
tives shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Depart-
ment of Lands and to each member of the State Board of Land Commissioners.