LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-second Legislature Second Regular Session - 2014

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND UNDERSTAND PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, professional-technical education (PTE) is designed to provide Idaho's youth and adults with technical skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for successful performance in a highly effective workplace; and

WHEREAS, according to the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education, in 2013, just over 10,000 students were enrolled in 14 professional-technical schools offering 99 programs; and

WHEREAS, 64% of high school students who completed a PTE program enrolled in college as compared to 46% of the general student population; and

WHEREAS, 94% of high school students who completed a PTE program successfully found jobs or continued their education; and

WHEREAS, 7,760 full-time and part-time students enrolled in technical college degree or certificate programs; and

WHEREAS, 1,859 students graduated from technical colleges with post-secondary degrees and certificates; and

WHEREAS, professional-technical education is becoming an increasingly important part of the education of Idahoans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to review and understand professional-technical education in Idaho including, but not limited to, such institutions' finances, curricula, problems and accomplishments and any other relevant information relating to professional-technical education. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any advisors to the committee who are not legislative members shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations and proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature and detail its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any.