

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1                                   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND URGING ALL IDAHO RESIDENTS TO PRO-  
3 TECT THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES BY EDUCATING THEMSELVES ABOUT THE RISKS  
4 AND SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AND BY INSTALLING CARBON  
5 MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN THEIR HOMES.

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

7       WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes that all human life is sa-  
8 cred; and

9       WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless but dangerous gas  
10 produced when a fuel such as natural gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is  
11 burned; and

12       WHEREAS, fuel-burning appliances used indoors must be maintained, used  
13 properly and fully vented to the outdoors to prevent dangerous levels of car-  
14 bon monoxide; and

15       WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious public safety concern  
16 both locally and nationally, and the home is where carbon monoxide poses the  
17 greatest risk to people; and

18       WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the leading causes of unin-  
19 tentional and accidental poisoning deaths in the United States and accounts  
20 for more than 50,000 emergency room visits each year across the nation; and

21       WHEREAS, Idaho has recently experienced a tragic loss of lives as a re-  
22 sult of carbon monoxide poisoning; and

23       WHEREAS, people can take personal steps to increase their safety from  
24 carbon monoxide poisoning, especially in their homes; and

25       WHEREAS, those who have inspected their home fuel-burning appliances,  
26 have installed a carbon monoxide detector and are aware of carbon monoxide  
27 poisoning symptoms are more prepared for and more likely to survive exposure  
28 to carbon monoxide.

29       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
30 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
31 resentatives concurring therein, that we urge all Idaho residents to protect  
32 their homes and families by educating themselves about the risks and symp-  
33 toms of carbon monoxide poisoning and by installing carbon monoxide detec-  
34 tors in their homes to provide a safer environment for their families.