LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-third Legislature First Regular Session - 2015

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES.

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

WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 31, which authorized the appointment of a committee to undertake and complete a two-year study of natural resource issues, including issues relating to water, throughout the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the committee's official term expired on November 30, 2014, and numerous natural resource-related issues continue to pose concerns for the future of Idaho and the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, issues of continued concern include, but are not limited to, stabilization of the water distribution system, the status of aquifers throughout the state and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a two-year committee to undertake and complete a study of natural resource issues of importance to the State of Idaho. The committee shall consist of ten legislators, with five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives. The Legislative Council 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 the Legislative Council is authorized to also appoint ad hoc legislative members to serve on the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cochairmen of the committee are authorized to appoint advisors with technical expertise in the water supply arena and are expected to receive input from stakeholders in the water rights system of Idaho to attempt to stabilize the water delivery system in this state.

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 make a progress report to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature and shall make a report detailing its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.