

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
3 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE PURCHAS-
4 ING LAWS OF THE STATE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho finds that the purchasing
7 laws of the state could be strengthened and have not been fully revised, mod-
8 ernized or updated during the past 40 years; and

9 WHEREAS, with changes in technology the purchasing laws of the 1970s are
10 antiquated; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to open, honest and transparent
12 purchasing processes; and

13 WHEREAS, Idaho's purchasing process should include an increased re-
14 spect for local business interests; and

15 WHEREAS, statewide purchasing solutions may not always be in the best
16 interests of Idaho; and

17 WHEREAS, a thorough and complete study of our state purchasing laws
18 should include a comprehensive review of best practices in the field; and

19 WHEREAS, tax moneys will likely be saved through changes in procedures
20 used in purchasing goods and services on behalf of the state.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
22 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
23 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
24 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the purchasing laws
25 of the State of Idaho including, but not limited to, the submission and ac-
26 ceptance of bids for goods and services, including construction and to re-
27 port and make recommendations for changes therein. The Legislative Council
28 shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house ap-
29 pointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input,
30 advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not mem-
31 bers of the Legislature.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may
33 be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Leg-
34 islative Council. Nonlegislative members of the committee shall not be re-
35 imbursement from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and
36 shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations
37 or proposed legislation.

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