

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY EDUCATION 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 PUBLIC
4 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

6 WHEREAS, the current public school funding formula was enacted in 1994
7 and the evolving needs of students make it desirable to review the current
8 funding formula; and

9 WHEREAS, the Education School Funding Subcommittee of the Governor's
10 Task Force concluded that, rather than focus solely on funding based on at-
11 tendance or enrollment, the entire formula needs a thorough review; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Idaho Legislature authorized the Public School
13 Funding Formula legislative interim study committee to study the public
14 school funding formula with HCR 33; and

15 WHEREAS, the Public School Funding Formula legislative interim commit-
16 tee held five meetings around the State of Idaho between July 2016 and Decem-
17 ber 2016, during which time it heard public testimony from stakeholders, re-
18 ceived presentations from national, state and local experts, and oversaw a
19 survey by the Board of Education of parents, teachers, school administrators
20 and employees; and

21 WHEREAS, the issue of public school funding is highly complex and it was
22 anticipated that the work would be a multi-year project; and

23 WHEREAS, the Public School Funding Formula legislative interim commit-
24 tee has preliminary recommendations to report to the Legislature; and

25 WHEREAS, it is desirable to reauthorize the committee in order to allow
26 it to complete its study of the public school funding formula.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
28 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
29 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
30 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of and make recommenda-
31 tions for the state's public school funding formula. The Legislative Coun-
32 cil shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house
33 appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive in-
34 put, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not
35 members of the Legislature.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Instruction
37 and another member of the Idaho State Board of Education shall serve as vot-
38 ing nonlegislative members of the committee.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Services Office, Office of
40 the State Board of Education including the Public Charter School Commission,
41 State Department of Education, Office of the Governor and Division of Finan-
42 cial Management shall provide staff support to the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the committee is also authorized to retain the
2 services of a consultant or analyst, with the prior approval of the President
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
4 who is familiar with education funding policy and who can provide necessary
5 economic or other research that can assist the committee and the Legislature
6 in making an informed decision on this important topic. With the exception
7 of a consultant approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives, nonlegislative members shall not be
9 reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings,
11 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular
12 Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.