LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-fourth Legislature First Regular Session - 2017

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING A PILOT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE TESTIMONY
FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR
SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives desires to increase the ability
of Idaho citizens to testify at House committee hearings; and
WHEREAS, by adopting a remote testimony pilot program, more Idahoans
will be able to participate in the legislative process; and
WHEREAS, it is good public policy to provide for remote testimony using
video conferencing from one or more remote sites around the state to increase
public participation in government; and
WHEREAS, for citizens who live at a distance from the Statehouse, pro-
viding an alternative means for testifying will help mitigate the hardship
for those citizens to have their voices heard; and
WHEREAS, Idaho citizens who do not reside within 100 miles' driving dis-
tance of the Statehouse should be able to testify via video conferencing at
House committee hearings; and
WHEREAS, a remote testimony pilot program using video conferencing will
provide necessary information on the potential to implement future remote
testimony for all House committee hearings; and
WHEREAS, the Legislative Services Office is authorized to gather infor-
mation necessary to implement a remote testimony pilot program for the Sec-
ond Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature and is authorized
to work with individuals at potential remote sites to develop the pilot pro-
gram; and
WHEREAS, estimated costs associated with implementing the pilot pro-
gram will be gathered by the Legislative Services Office, and such estimate
will be reported to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives will select one or
more House committees to participate in the remote testimony pilot program
for the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
tatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho
Legislature, that a remote testimony pilot program for the Second Regular
Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature be adopted by the House of Rep-
resentatives.