LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session – 2018

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF FACT AND URGING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND ITS STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS CAREFULLY MONITOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON'S ACTIONS REGARDING ITS TIME ZONE AND BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE IDAHO'S NORTHERN TEN COUNTIES CONSISTING OF BENEWAH, BONNER, BOUNDARY, CLEARWATER, IDAHO, KOOTENAI, LATAH, LEWIS, NEZ PERCE AND SHOSHONE WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME ZONE AND EXEMPT THOSE COUNTIES FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE.

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

WHEREAS, Idaho's northern ten counties, consisting of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone, are currently in the Pacific Standard Time Zone and the remaining 34 counties in the state are in the Mountain Standard Time Zone; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington currently follows Pacific Standard Time but may be considering requesting the United States Department of Transportation to change its time zone to Mountain Standard Time and exempt it from following Daylight Saving Time; and

WHEREAS, in the event the State of Washington does make such a request and that request is granted by the United States Department of Transportation, there would be a significant impact on the convenience of commerce for the ten northern Idaho counties currently in the Pacific Standard Time Zone. Impacts that would be experienced include impacts to the conduct of business across state lines, transportation, health care and employment, particularly when the State of Montana also follows Mountain Standard Time; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho should carefully monitor the State of Washington's actions regarding its time zone and be prepared to consider requesting that the United States Department of Transportation include Idaho's northern ten counties consisting of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone within the Mountain Standard Time Zone and exempt those counties from Daylight Saving Time. Furthermore, that the State of Idaho should notify the State of Washington that it is prepared to act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we urge the people of the State of Idaho and its state and county officials to carefully monitor the State of Washington's actions regarding its time zone and be prepared to consider requesting that the United States Department of Transportation include Idaho's northern ten counties consisting of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone within the
Mountain Standard Time Zone and exempt those counties from Daylight Saving Time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Senate Concurrent Resolution to the Washington State Legislature.