

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 162

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL LANDS; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF  
A NEW CHAPTER 93, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO COUNCIL  
ON FEDERAL LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. That Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
ter 93, Title 67, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 93  
IDAHO COUNCIL ON FEDERAL LANDS

67-9301. IDAHO COUNCIL ON FEDERAL LANDS CREATED -- APPOINTMENT OF MEM-  
BERS -- ORGANIZATION -- POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) There is hereby created the  
Idaho council on federal lands, which shall consist of eight (8) members,  
with four (4) members from the senate as appointed by the president pro tem-  
pore of the senate, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the council, and four  
(4) members from the house of representatives as appointed by the speaker of  
the house of representatives, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the coun-  
cil. Members shall be appointed based on knowledge of and experience with  
federal laws and management affecting natural resources on federally admin-  
istered lands in Idaho. The council is authorized to receive input, advice,  
and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of  
the legislature.

(2) The council shall monitor and review policies and issues associated  
with federal lands in the state of Idaho relating to jurisdiction, govern-  
mental sovereignty, taxation, natural resources, economic development, and  
other issues where state government and federal government interface with  
respect to such lands. The council shall from time to time advise the leg-  
islature of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of issues regarding state  
and federal relations with respect to such lands. The council shall further-  
more from time to time advise the legislature and assist in the development  
and implementation of legislation, cooperative policies, programs, and pro-  
cedures focusing on the unique relationship between federal and state gov-  
ernment as it relates to federal lands in the state of Idaho. The council  
shall facilitate contracts between the federal government and individuals  
or state, local, and other agencies as deemed warranted.

(3) The council shall meet at least twice a year and may be called for  
special meetings by the cochairs of the council. Five (5) members shall con-  
stitute a quorum. Members of the council shall be compensated as provided by  
the citizens' committee on legislative compensation for interim legislative  
meetings, which compensation shall be paid from the legislative account.

1           (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
2 council, acting through the cochairs, may hire legal counsel to assist the  
3 council with its powers and duties and may utilize staff and resources within  
4 state government.