IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUPPORTING THE OBLIGATION OF $19,990,500 IN ARPA FUNDS TO THE IDAHO SUPREME COURT TO OFFSET COSTS OF THE COURT'S INCREASED RELIANCE ON TECHNOLOGY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19.

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

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), P.L. 117-2, was passed by Congress and signed into law; and

WHEREAS, ARPA allocated $1,094,018,353 to the State of Idaho for the State Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, projects associated with the State Fiscal Recovery Fund must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, one of the four allowable uses of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund is to respond to the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Supreme Court has requested $19,990,500 in ARPA funds to offset costs of the court's increased reliance on technology brought about by the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, that the House of Representatives supports the obligation of $19,990,500 in ARPA funds to the Idaho Supreme Court to offset costs of the court's increased reliance on technology brought about by the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.