

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

BY AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
2 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL
3 ISSUES.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the largest sector of the Idaho economy is the agricultural
7 sector. Over one million Idahoans are involved in some way in the agricul-
8 tural economic sector and the agricultural sector is also Idaho's largest
9 exporter. It is therefore a high priority of the Legislature to ensure that
10 Idaho's agricultural businesses have the tools and opportunities to thrive,
11 to be profitable, to employ Idahoans, and to support a growing gross domestic
12 product for the State of Idaho; and

13 WHEREAS, beginning in 2020 there have been trends in the national and
14 worldwide agricultural economies that can potentially undermine Idaho's
15 agriculture economy. These include the accelerated purchase of Idaho agri-
16 culture lands by outside interests, the practice of inoculating farm and
17 ranch animals with the untested mRNA gene therapy shots, modifications in
18 animal feed that have reduced yields, an unexplained increase of food pro-
19 cessing plants being out of production because of supply chain disruptions,
20 plant maintenance deficiencies and unusual accidents, inflation in consumer
21 food products that exceeds the inflation rates of other consumer products,
22 shortages of fertilizer, a sharp decline in the growth of Idaho's agricul-
23 tural economy during the Covid-19 pandemic, the curtailment of business
24 and restrictions on employment resulting from the state's response to the
25 Covid-19 pandemic, and other factors that create challenges for agribusi-
26 ness.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
28 sion of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
29 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized
30 to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of agricultural is-
31 sues of importance to the State of Idaho. The committee shall consist of six
32 (6) members, with three (3) members from the Senate, one (1) of whom shall
33 be cochair of the committee, and three (3) members from the House of Repre-
34 sentatives, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the committee. Members from
35 the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
36 members from the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker
37 of the House of Representatives. No more than two (2) members from the Sen-
38 ate and no more than two (2) members from the House of Representatives shall
39 be from the same political party. Appointments to the committee shall be for
40 the term of office of the member appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in a
41 manner consistent with the appointment procedure set forth in this clause,
42 except the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. A
43 committee member may be reappointed to the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall meet at the call of the
2 cochairs as needed, but no less than three times during the interim.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make recommendations to
4 the Legislature and to the Governor regarding actions, policies, and recom-
5 mended legislation necessary to protect, promote, and grow the agricultural
6 sector of Idaho's economy.