

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This concurrent resolution declares that the State Board of Education has acted beyond the scope of its legal authority in attempting to affiliate the University of Idaho with the University of Phoenix. The resolution further declares that the Board has infringed on the Legislature's power in violation of the Idaho Constitution.

The resolution: 1) calls for the proposed affiliation to be considered by the Legislature; 2) requests that the Board reconsider its vote authorizing the creation of a corporation; 3) requests that the Board, the University of Idaho, and the University of Phoenix cooperate fully with the Legislature while the Legislature considers the proposed affiliation; and 4) authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to act as agents of the Legislature in taking certain actions, including potential legal action.

FISCAL NOTE

To the extent that this concurrent resolution requests that certain actions be taken by other parties, it does not, in and of itself, have any impact on the revenues or expenditures of any public fund. However, if the Legislature files a legal action as authorized in this resolution, the Legislature could incur costs of representation if private counsel is retained. Such costs would depend on the nature of the action filed, the fee rates of private counsel, and the duration of the case.

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