

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
3 STATE LEGISLATURES FOR ITS SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND ITS COMMITMENT TO THE
4 LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes and commends the National
7 Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was
9 founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the
10 premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial leg-
11 islators and legislative staff; and

12 WHEREAS, NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that
13 served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that
14 legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

15 WHEREAS, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to
16 advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legisla-
17 tures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure
18 that states have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

19 WHEREAS, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories
20 of democracy and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle
21 emerging challenges. State legislatures are where people from very differ-
22 ent backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together
23 and find common ground, and NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, pro-
24 vided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review
25 of complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation. NCSL
26 strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the
27 international community; and

28 WHEREAS, Idaho Legislative members and staff have a rich history with
29 NCSL; and

30 WHEREAS, current Pro Tempore, Senator Chuck Winder, serves on the NCSL
31 Federalism Work Group; and

32 WHEREAS, former Speaker of the House, Representative Scott Bedke, was
33 President of NCSL from 2022 to 2023; and

34 WHEREAS, former Pro Tempore, Senator Brent Hill, served on NCSL's Exec-
35 utive Committee from 2015 to 2018; and

36 WHEREAS, Representative Megan Blanksma served on NCSL's Executive Com-
37 mittee from 2021 to 2023; and

38 WHEREAS, the following former members served on the Executive Commit-
39 tee spanning 1980 to 2015: senators John Andreason, Denton Darrington, Bart
40 Davis, Mark Riggs, Jerry Twigs, and John Goedde, along with former represen-
41 tatives Peggy Bunting and Douglas Jones; and

1 WHEREAS, Legislative Services Director, Terri Kondeff, currently
2 serves on the NCSL Executive Committee and on the Legislative Staff Coordinating
3 Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Special Projects Coordinator, Michelle O'Brien, currently
5 serves as President of National Services and Security Association and on the
6 Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Senior IT Specialist, Soren Jacobsen, served as President of
8 NALIT and serves on the Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Secretary of the Senate, Jennifer Novak, currently serves on
10 the Mason's Manual Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, the Office of Performance Evaluation has won the Notable Document
12 awards 15 times since 2006.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session
14 of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives
15 concurring therein, that we recognize and commend the National Conference of State
16 Legislatures for its superb leadership and its commitment to the legislative institution
17 as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in
18 2025.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized
20 and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the National Conference
21 of State Legislatures.