

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 31,  
3 IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31-882, IDAHO CODE, TO ES-  
4 TABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARDS OF COUNTY  
5 COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 8, Title 31, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
9 ignated as Section 31-882, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 31-882. SPECIAL EXPERTISE OF BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -- CO-  
11 ORDINATION OF PLANNING EFFORTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES. (1) When a board of  
12 county commissioners represents a county as a cooperating agency in mat-  
13 ters related to the national environmental policy act and in federal land  
14 planning, implementation, and management actions, the board of county com-  
15 missioners shall be deemed to have special expertise on all subject matters  
16 for which it has statutory responsibility, including but not limited to  
17 those directly or indirectly related to the health, safety, welfare, custom,  
18 culture, and socioeconomic viability of a county.

19 (2) A board of county commissioners that has adopted a comprehensive  
20 plan pursuant to section 67-6508, Idaho Code, may participate in efforts to  
21 coordinate such plan with federal agencies as provided in:

22 (a) The multiple-use sustained-yield act of 1960;

23 (b) The forest and rangeland renewable resources planning act of 1974,  
24 as amended by the national forest management act of 1976;

25 (c) The federal land policy and management act of 1976;

26 (d) Any federal regulations adopted pursuant to the acts listed in  
27 paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection; and

28 (e) Any other federal statutes that provide for coordination with local  
29 governments.

30 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
31 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its  
32 passage and approval.