

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW  
JOINT RULE 24 OF THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature values the principles of limited and efficient government; and

WHEREAS, the consideration of a large volume of legislation is not necessarily compatible with Idaho's part-time, citizen legislature; and

WHEREAS, at least 24 state legislative chambers have undertaken measures to reduce the amount of legislation entering the legislative process in order to allow legislators to more efficiently consider and debate the most important issues facing their states; and

WHEREAS, the Senate and the House of Representatives deem it necessary and desirable to add a new Joint Rule 24 to the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be amended by the addition thereto of a new Joint Rule 24 to read as follows:

JOINT RULE 24

LIMITATIONS ON DRAFTING REQUESTS AND ROUTING SLIPS -- Except as otherwise provided for in this rule, each member of the Legislature may request from the Legislative Services Office the drafting of no more than 25 pieces of draft legislation and no more than 10 completed routing slips (RSs) during the period from July 1 through June 30 of each year.

For the purposes of this rule, variations of the same draft legislation revised through the drafting process shall count as a single piece of draft legislation, and whenever a completed RS is revised as a change RS or as a new RS, it shall count as a single RS. Additionally, the limitations provided for in this rule shall not apply:

(a) If an exception is expressly granted in writing by the Senate Pro Tempore, for members of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for members of the House of Representatives;

(b) To legislation pertaining to appropriations drafted by the Budget and Policy Division of the Legislative Services Office;

(c) To drafts or RSs of amendments or trailer bills; or

(d) To legislation sponsored by legislative interim committees.