

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF IDAHO TO REJECT ANY EFFORT TO BRING THE IDAHO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT TO THE BALLOT.

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

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to increased cartel activity, development of black market marijuana production, human trafficking, and increased crime rates, including violent crime and impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to increased rates of serious health issues, including psychosis, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, marijuana-linked vomiting or cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome, cardiac issues, strokes, addiction, diabetes, and harm to children in the womb; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to illegal grow sites on federal and state lands that have led to deforestation, diversion of water, poisoning of streams, death of wildlife, threats of violence from those protecting illegal marijuana grows, and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana in other states has led to safety concerns on job sites and has negatively impacted the supply of drug-free labor; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act may be on the ballot in Idaho as an initiated state statute on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act could ultimately allow 12 marijuana production facilities and 36 dispensaries to operate in the State of Idaho and would allow online ordering and home delivery of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act would require multiple state agencies and their employees, including the Department of Health and Welfare and the State Board of Pharmacy, to create and administer a statewide program that involves marijuana manufacturing, processing, transportation, and retail sales, including online sales; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act would increase the administrative budget of the Department of Health and Welfare by an estimated \$1.1 million annually and require \$2.9 million of startup costs at a time when the state is facing substantial budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act does not require a medical referral or a prescription to obtain marijuana; and

WHEREAS, under the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act, the 18 medical conditions that qualify one to obtain a medical cannabis card, including insomnia, anxiety, and acute pain, are so broad that almost anyone could qualify; and

1           WHEREAS, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act lacks safeguards to such an ex-  
2 tent that it would effectively legalize widespread recreational use of mari-  
3 juana; and

4           WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana would have devastating impacts  
5 on Idaho children and their families.

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
7 sion of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature urges the citizens of  
9 Idaho to reject any effort to bring the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act to the bal-  
10 lot.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is  
12 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the  
13 Governor of the State of Idaho, the Attorney General, and the congressional  
14 delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United  
15 States.