

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; AMENDING SECTION 47-1601, IDAHO CODE, TO  
3 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE GEOTHERMAL RE-  
4 SOURCE LEASES FOR TERMS OF UP TO FORTY-NINE YEARS ON CERTAIN STATE OR  
5 SCHOOL LANDS AND TO DELETE REFERENCE TO OTHER TERM OF LEASE PROVISIONS.

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

7 SECTION 1. That Section 47-1601, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 47-1601. GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES -- LAND LEASES -- AUTHORIZATION. The  
10 state board of land commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to  
11 issue geothermal resource leases for a terms of ten (10) up to forty-nine  
12 (49) years, and as long thereafter as geothermal resources are produced in  
13 paying quantities, or as much longer thereafter as the lessee in good faith  
14 shall conduct geothermal resource well drilling or construction operations,  
15 thereon, or for such lesser term as it finds to be in the public interest, on  
16 any state or school lands which may contain geothermal resources, together  
17 with the right to use and occupy so much of the surface of said land as may  
18 be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the prospecting for,  
19 exploration for, drilling or other well construction for, and production of  
20 geothermal resources.