

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DIRECTING THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY  
2 MEDICAL SERVICES AND PREPAREDNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE  
3 LEGISLATION ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN IDAHO.  
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature has recognized the importance of emergency  
7 medical services (EMS) since the passage of the original EMS Act in the early  
8 1970s; and

9 WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Idaho are currently provided  
10 by a patchwork of organizations bound loosely together by a set of outdated  
11 statutes that no longer adequately serve Idaho's needs; and

12 WHEREAS, during the 2010 legislative session, Senate Bill 1391 was in-  
13 troduced, which was intended to align Idaho's EMS-specific statutes and ad-  
14 dress the need for a systematic approach to the provision of EMS in Idaho; and

15 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1391 was held in committee due to a number of stake-  
16 holder concerns; and

17 WHEREAS, following the failure of Senate Bill 1391, the Joint Legisla-  
18 tive Oversight Committee directed the Office of Performance Evaluations  
19 (OPE) to study the governance of EMS in Idaho; and

20 WHEREAS, in a November 2010 report, "Governance of EMS Agencies in  
21 Idaho," OPE made seven recommendations intended to enable the Department of  
22 Health and Welfare's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness  
23 and local stakeholders to begin incorporating the design attributes of a  
24 well-functioning EMS system; and

25 WHEREAS, in June 2013, OPE issued a follow-up report, which noted nu-  
26 merous examples of local EMS stakeholders coming together to develop EMS  
27 systems, but which also noted that no significant statewide action had been  
28 taken to address OPE's recommendations.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
30 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
31 the Senate concurring therein, that the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
32 and Preparedness convene a working group to draft EMS system legislation for  
33 consideration by the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legis-  
34 lature.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in preparing the legislation, the working  
36 group should address the findings and recommendations from the 2010 OPE re-  
37 port, "Governance of EMS Agencies in Idaho," and other pertinent materials.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bureau include a broad stakeholder base  
39 in the membership of the working group to assure that the resulting legisla-  
40 tion best addresses the needs of all Idahoans.