LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-sixth Legislature First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND CREATING A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE EXPENDITURE OF CERTAIN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS.

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

WHEREAS, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), P.L. 117-2, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, ARPA includes more than $2.5 billion of funding for Idaho through grants to state agencies or pass-through to units of local government that would require legislative appropriations for expenditure; and

WHEREAS, this funding is included in numerous federal programs that will require in-depth review and analysis and careful consideration prior to funding decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that a committee is hereby created to undertake and complete a study of the expenditure of ARPA funds. The Senate membership of the committee shall be composed of the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Senate majority leader, the Senate minority leader, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and two additional senators to be appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore. The House of Representatives membership of the committee shall be composed of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House majority leader, the House minority leader, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and two additional members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The committee shall study and make recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature regarding the expenditure of federal funds received under ARPA for any purpose other than water infrastructure, broadband infrastructure, and sewer infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to receive input, advice, and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature.