

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
3 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF BROADBAND
4 ACCESS FOR THE STATE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho agrees with the need for
7 consistent broadband services being available for use by the school dis-
8 tricts and state agencies in the State of Idaho; and

9 WHEREAS, a set of standards for broadband functionality and intercon-
10 nectivity enables the sharing of courses among school districts and equal
11 access by students to concurrent enrollment offered by higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, Idaho's local school districts appear to have been able to con-
13 tract for public Internet access at drastically reduced costs in the short-
14 term; and

15 WHEREAS, a thorough and complete study of our state broadband service
16 should include a comprehensive review of best practices in the field.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
18 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
19 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
20 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of and make recommenda-
21 tions for broadband services and governance for the State of Idaho. The Leg-
22 islative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership
23 from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee
24 to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties
25 who are not members of the Legislature.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may
27 be appointed by the co-chairs of the committee who are appointed by the Leg-
28 islative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall
29 not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other ex-
30 penses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recom-
31 mendations or proposed legislation.

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