

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THE LINKIDAHO STATEWIDE BROAD-
3 BAND COORDINATOR TO REPORT ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LINKIDAHO
4 BROADBAND PROJECT.

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

6 WHEREAS, the LinkIDAHO Broadband Project is a part of the federal State
7 Broadband Data and Development Program funded by the American Recovery and
8 Reinvestment Act with an initial grant of \$1.8 million in November 2009 and
9 a supplemental award of \$2.65 million in September 2010 to position Idaho to
10 continue the project after five years; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of planning and plan im-
12 plementation; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Legislature to create accountability at
14 the state level for progress on implementation of the broadband plan when it
15 is completed and for successful coordination within the state and to educate
16 the legislators on broadband needs, use and development within the state of
17 Idaho; and

18 WHEREAS, currently, the state of Idaho shall be designating an entity
19 under the LinkIDAHO planning process to host the coordination of the state
20 broadband policy and to employ an Idaho broadband coordinator; and

21 WHEREAS, it would be the desire of the Legislature that the coordinating
22 entity do the following: assume the lead role in collecting information, or-
23 ganizing and sharing data, and promoting the development of broadband infra-
24 structure; and develop the capability to enhance broadband communications.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
26 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
27 the Senate concurring therein, that we request the Commission for Libraries
28 or other entity designated to oversee the Idaho Broadband Plan report to the
29 Legislature annually on the availability of meaningful broadband capabili-
30 ties in each area of the state and for major economic sectors, areas of de-
31 ficiency and recommended actions to promote or enhance this critical infra-
32 structure and its effective use in its role of hosting the coordination of
33 the LinkIDAHO Broadband Project and employing the Idaho broadband coordina-
34 tor.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
36 tives is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor and the
37 coordinating entity of the LinkIDAHO Broadband Project.