



LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



Sixty-seventh Legislature

First Regular Session - 2023

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.

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

WHEREAS, the largest sector of the Idaho economy is the agricultural sector. Over one million Idahoans are involved in some way in the agricultural economic sector and the agricultural sector is also Idaho's largest exporter. It is therefore a high priority of the Legislature to ensure that Idaho's agricultural businesses have the tools and opportunities to thrive, to be profitable, to employ Idahoans, and to support a growing gross domestic product for the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2020 there have been trends in the national and worldwide agricultural economies that can potentially undermine Idaho's agriculture economy. These include the accelerated purchase of Idaho agriculture lands by outside interests, the practice of inoculating farm and ranch animals with the untested mRNA gene therapy shots, modifications in animal feed that have reduced yields, an unexplained increase of food processing plants being out of production because of supply chain disruptions, plant maintenance deficiencies and unusual accidents, inflation in consumer food products that exceeds the inflation rates of other consumer products, shortages of fertilizer, a sharp decline in the growth of Idaho's agricultural economy during the Covid-19 pandemic, the curtailment of business and restrictions on employment resulting from the state's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and other factors that create challenges for agribusiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of agricultural issues of importance to the State of Idaho. The committee shall consist of six (6) members, with three (3) members from the Senate, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the committee, and three (3) members from the House of Representatives, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the committee. Members from the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and members from the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. No more than two (2) members from the Senate and no more than two (2) members from the House of Representatives shall be from the same political party. Appointments to the committee shall be for the term of office of the member appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in a manner consistent with the appointment procedure set forth in this clause, except the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. A committee member may be reappointed to the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall meet at the call of the  
2 cochairs as needed, but no less than three times during the interim.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make recommendations to  
4 the Legislature and to the Governor regarding actions, policies, and recom-  
5 mended legislation necessary to protect, promote, and grow the agricultural  
6 sector of Idaho's economy.