

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

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 AND TO MAKE REC-
4 OMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY EXPANSION
5 ON EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT SERVE MEDICALLY INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS AND RE-
6 GARDING RELATED ISSUES.

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

8 WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the Idaho electorate passed Proposition
9 2, expanding eligibility for Medicaid to persons with a modified adjusted
10 gross income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level; and

11 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Medicaid eligibility expansion will re-
12 duce or eliminate the need for existing programs that serve medically indi-
13 gent individuals, including the county medically indigent program and the
14 catastrophic health care costs program; and

15 WHEREAS, federal financial participation for Medicaid eligibility ex-
16 pansion is set at 90%, with the state providing the remainder of the funds
17 needed for expansion; and

18 WHEREAS, funds currently reserved for the county medically indigent
19 program and the catastrophic health care costs program have been identified
20 as a potential source of funding for Medicaid eligibility expansion; and

21 WHEREAS, a study is necessary to determine:

22 (1) The impacts of Medicaid eligibility expansion on existing programs
23 that serve medically indigent individuals;

24 (2) Options to reduce, phase out, or eliminate the county medically in-
25 digent program and the catastrophic health care costs program;

26 (3) The savings to each county and the state from reduction or elimina-
27 tion of each program;

28 (4) An equitable means to assess each county for its share of state
29 funding for Medicaid eligibility expansion; and

30 (5) An effective means for the state to collect Medicaid eligibility
31 expansion assessments from the counties.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
33 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
34 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized
35 to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study and to make recom-
36 mendations regarding the effects of Medicaid eligibility expansion on ex-
37 isting programs that serve medically indigent individuals and regarding re-
38 lated issues identified in this resolution. The Legislative Council shall
39 determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed
40 to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice,
41 and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of
42 the Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cochairs of the committee who are ap-
2 pointed by the Legislative Council shall appoint, as a nonvoting member of
3 the committee, a person representing the Idaho Association of Counties.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other nonlegislative members of the commit-
5 tee may be appointed by the cochairs. Nonlegislative members of the commit-
6 tee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage, or
7 other expenses.

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