

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF FACT AND URGING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
3 AND ITS STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS CAREFULLY MONITOR THE STATE OF WASH-
4 INGTON'S ACTIONS REGARDING ITS TIME ZONE AND BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER
5 REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE
6 IDAHO'S NORTHERN TEN COUNTIES CONSISTING OF BENEWAH, BONNER, BOUND-
7 ARY, CLEARWATER, IDAHO, KOOTENAI, LATAH, LEWIS, NEZ PERCE AND SHOSHONE
8 WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME ZONE AND EXEMPT THOSE COUNTIES FROM
9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO FOR-
10 FORWARD A COPY OF THIS SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
11 LEGISLATURE.

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

13 WHEREAS, Idaho's northern ten counties, consisting of Benewah, Bon-
14 ner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and
15 Shoshone, are currently in the Pacific Standard Time Zone and the remaining
16 34 counties in the state are in the Mountain Standard Time Zone; and

17 WHEREAS, the State of Washington currently follows Pacific Standard
18 Time but may be considering requesting the United States Department of
19 Transportation to change its time zone to Mountain Standard Time and exempt
20 it from following Daylight Saving Time; and

21 WHEREAS, in the event the State of Washington does make such a request
22 and that request is granted by the United States Department of Transporta-
23 tion, there would be a significant impact on the convenience of commerce for
24 the ten northern Idaho counties currently in the Pacific Standard Time Zone.
25 Impacts that would be experienced include impacts to the conduct of business
26 across state lines, transportation, health care and employment, particu-
27 larly when the State of Montana also follows Mountain Standard Time; and

28 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho should carefully monitor the State of
29 Washington's actions regarding its time zone and be prepared to consider
30 requesting that the United States Department of Transportation include
31 Idaho's northern ten counties consisting of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary,
32 Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone within the
33 Mountain Standard Time Zone and exempt those counties from Daylight Saving
34 Time. Furthermore, that the State of Idaho should notify the State of Wash-
35 ington that it is prepared to act.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
37 Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of
38 Representatives concurring therein, that we urge the people of the State of
39 Idaho and its state and county officials to carefully monitor the State of
40 Washington's actions regarding its time zone and be prepared to consider
41 requesting that the United States Department of Transportation include
42 Idaho's northern ten counties consisting of Benewah, Bonner, Boundary,
43 Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce and Shoshone within the

1 Mountain Standard Time Zone and exempt those counties from Daylight Saving
2 Time.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is
4 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Senate Concurrent
5 Resolution to the Washington State Legislature.