

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate authorized in 2017 a working group of legislators to study campaign finance issues and to make recommendations to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the working group proposed campaign finance reform recommendations to the Legislature during the 2018 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the working group that numerous issues remain to be studied including, but not limited to, the modernization and simplification of the sunshine laws relating to campaign finance disclosures by candidates, lobbyists and political action committees, technology requirements for a single database to be operated through the Secretary of State's website, and increasing the transparency of the campaign process in Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to continue and complete a study of issues relating to campaign finance reform. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or proposed legislation.

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