

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session - 2019

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 162

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL LANDS; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF
A NEW CHAPTER 93, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO COUNCIL
ON FEDERAL LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. That Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
ter 93, Title 67, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 93

IDAHO COUNCIL ON FEDERAL LANDS

67-9301. IDAHO COUNCIL ON FEDERAL LANDS CREATED -- APPOINTMENT OF MEM-
BERS -- ORGANIZATION -- POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) There is hereby created the
Idaho council on federal lands, which shall consist of eight (8) members,
with four (4) members from the senate as appointed by the president pro tem-
pore of the senate, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the council, and four
(4) members from the house of representatives as appointed by the speaker of
the house of representatives, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the coun-
cil. Members shall be appointed based on knowledge of and experience with
federal laws and management affecting natural resources on federally admin-
istered lands in Idaho. The council is authorized to receive input, advice,
and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of
the legislature.

(2) The council shall monitor and review policies and issues associated
with federal lands in the state of Idaho relating to jurisdiction, govern-
mental sovereignty, taxation, natural resources, economic development, and
other issues where state government and federal government interface with
respect to such lands. The council shall from time to time advise the leg-
islature of the nature, magnitude, and priorities of issues regarding state
and federal relations with respect to such lands. The council shall further-
more from time to time advise the legislature and assist in the development
and implementation of legislation, cooperative policies, programs, and pro-
cedures focusing on the unique relationship between federal and state gov-
ernment as it relates to federal lands in the state of Idaho. The council
shall facilitate contracts between the federal government and individuals
or state, local, and other agencies as deemed warranted.

(3) The council shall meet at least twice a year and may be called for
special meetings by the cochairs of the council. Five (5) members shall con-
stitute a quorum. Members of the council shall be compensated as provided by
the citizens' committee on legislative compensation for interim legislative
meetings, which compensation shall be paid from the legislative account.

1 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
2 council, acting through the cochairs, may hire legal counsel to assist the
3 council with its powers and duties and may utilize staff and resources within
4 state government.