

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUN-
2 CIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF ENERGY,
3 ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND TO MONITOR THE INTEGRATED STATE ENERGY
4 PLAN AND OTHER ISSUES.
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6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, for the past fourteen years, the Legislature has adopted con-
8 current resolutions that authorized the Legislative Council to appoint a
9 committee to undertake and complete a study of energy, environment and tech-
10 nology related issues from both the statewide perspective and the national
11 perspective and to submit a final report to the Idaho Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2006 the Legislature felt the state of Idaho needed to have
13 an integrated state energy plan that provides for the state's power genera-
14 tion needs and protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the
15 products produced in this state; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho has substantial power needs in the near future, and the
17 goal of the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan is to ensure that those needs
18 will be met; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the goal of the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan to
20 maintain the health, safety and welfare of Idaho's citizens, the quality
21 and financial security of existing agricultural businesses and industries,
22 the economic growth of the state of Idaho, and the environmental quality and
23 natural resources of this state; and

24 WHEREAS, it is the goal that the 2007 Integrated State Energy Plan be a
25 living, vibrant document; and

26 WHEREAS, the committee met in 2009 and 2010 and monitored the 2007 In-
27 tegrated State Energy Plan, followed the fluctuation in petroleum prices
28 and heard testimony regarding issues facing regulated utilities, municipal
29 utilities and cooperatives, industry and alternative energy sources.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
31 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
32 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
33 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the 2007 Integrated
34 State Energy Plan that provides for the state's power generation needs and
35 protects the health and safety of the citizens of Idaho and the products pro-
36 duced in this state, and make any recommendations for necessary changes in
37 both state law and the plan regarding energy in the state and to monitor other
38 energy, environment and technology related issues. The Legislative Council
39 shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house ap-
40 pointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input,
41 advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not mem-
42 bers of the Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may
2 be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Leg-
3 islative Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall
4 not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other ex-
5 penses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recom-
6 mendations or proposed legislation.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall make a progress report
8 to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature and re-
9 port its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the
10 First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature.