

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT  
3 OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO  
4 DEVELOP PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND USE OF THE  
5 IDAHO STATE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.

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

7 WHEREAS, the Medicaid reimbursement of the Idaho State School and Hos-  
8 pital is currently \$705 per resident per day and the average Medicaid re-  
9 imbursement of privately run intermediate care facilities in Idaho is cur-  
10 rently \$226 per day; and

11 WHEREAS, the Medicaid reimbursement to the Idaho State School and Hos-  
12 pital is more than three times higher than the Medicaid reimbursement to pri-  
13 vately run intermediate care facilities in Idaho; and

14 WHEREAS, the Idaho State School and Hospital provides an important  
15 function and is a safety net for dozens of very difficult patients with in-  
16 tellectual disabilities and/or mental illness; and

17 WHEREAS, there are many buildings and much land owned by the state that  
18 are no longer used to care for the few residents at the Idaho State School and  
19 Hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, Idaho has successfully discharged many patients from the Idaho  
21 State School and Hospital into the community to lower cost alternatives,  
22 where those individuals will likely have the opportunity to achieve a higher  
23 quality of life; and

24 WHEREAS, many advocates for the intellectually disabled recommend the  
25 closure of the Idaho State School and Hospital and finding placement in the  
26 community for those that currently reside there; and

27 WHEREAS, there are extensive state owned buildings and land surrounding  
28 the Idaho State School and Hospital that are not being used for the benefit of  
29 the state of Idaho.

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 Idaho Department of Health and Wel-  
33 fare and the Idaho Department of Administration are requested to develop a  
34 request for proposal for a private organization to take over the operation of  
35 the Idaho State School and Hospital.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Administration is  
37 requested to develop a proposal to sell the buildings and lands surrounding  
38 the Idaho State School and Hospital or to use them in a way that financially  
39 benefits the state of Idaho.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
41 and the Idaho Department of Administration are encouraged to work with in-  
42 terested parties, including client advocates, to develop the requests for  
43 proposal described in this concurrent resolution.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
2 and the Idaho Department of Administration are requested to bring a report  
3 outlining such proposals to the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first  
4 Idaho Legislature.

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
6 is requested to draft legislation, if necessary, to implement these propos-  
7 als.