

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DIRECTING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH AND WELFARE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING
4 LEGISLATION THAT CREATES A SYSTEM OF CARE FOR TIME-SENSITIVE EMERGEN-
5 CIES IN IDAHO.

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

7 WHEREAS, time-sensitive emergencies, specifically blunt trauma in-
8 juries, strokes and heart attacks, were three of the top five causes of
9 deaths in Idaho in 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, numerous studies throughout the United States have demon-
11 strated that organized systems of care improve patient outcomes, thus reduc-
12 ing the frequency of preventable death and improving the functional status
13 of the patient. The Institute of Medicine Hospital-Based Emergency Care:
14 At the Breaking Point, in 2006 recommended improving the care of critical
15 illness through regionalization by transporting critically ill patients to
16 designated specialized care centers; and

17 WHEREAS, Idaho remains one of only a few states without organized sys-
18 tems of care for trauma, stroke and heart attack; and

19 WHEREAS, trauma systems of care are well understood as they have existed
20 in many other states for decades.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
22 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
23 the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Department of Health and Wel-
24 fare should convene a working group to define the elements of, funding mech-
25 anisms for, and an implementation plan that uses the trauma component as the
26 initial framework in a deliberate, incremental implementation approach for
27 a comprehensive system of care for time-sensitive emergencies in Idaho.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group should draft legislative
29 language for the 2014 legislative session that recognizes the need for a sys-
30 tem of care for trauma, stroke and heart attack in Idaho.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
32 should include a broad stakeholder base in the membership of the working
33 group to assure that the resulting legislative language best represents the
34 needs of all Idahoans.