LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-third Legislature First Regular Session - 2015

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE PURCHASING LAWS OF THE STATE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho finds that the purchasing laws of the state could be strengthened and have not been fully revised, modernized or updated during the past 40 years; and

WHEREAS, with changes in technology the purchasing laws of the 1970s are antiquated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to open, honest and transparent purchasing processes; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's purchasing process should include an increased respect for local business interests; and

WHEREAS, statewide purchasing solutions may not always be in the best interests of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, a thorough and complete study of our state purchasing laws should include a comprehensive review of best practices in the field; and

WHEREAS, tax moneys will likely be saved through changes in procedures used in purchasing goods and services on behalf of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the purchasing laws of the State of Idaho including, but not limited to, the submission and acceptance of bids for goods and services, including construction and to report and make recommendations for changes therein. 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 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 Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature.