

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING A PILOT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE TESTIMONY
2 FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR
3 SESSION OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH IDAHO LEGISLATURE.
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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives desires to increase the ability
7 of Idaho citizens to testify at House committee hearings; and

8 WHEREAS, by adopting a remote testimony pilot program, more Idahoans
9 will be able to participate in the legislative process; and

10 WHEREAS, it is good public policy to provide for remote testimony using
11 video conferencing from one or more remote sites around the state to increase
12 public participation in government; and

13 WHEREAS, for citizens who live at a distance from the Statehouse, pro-
14 viding an alternative means for testifying will help mitigate the hardship
15 for those citizens to have their voices heard; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho citizens who do not reside within 100 miles' driving dis-
17 tance of the Statehouse should be able to testify via video conferencing at
18 House committee hearings; and

19 WHEREAS, a remote testimony pilot program using video conferencing will
20 provide necessary information on the potential to implement future remote
21 testimony for all House committee hearings; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislative Services Office is authorized to gather infor-
23 mation necessary to implement a remote testimony pilot program for the Sec-
24 ond Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature and is authorized
25 to work with individuals at potential remote sites to develop the pilot pro-
26 gram; and

27 WHEREAS, estimated costs associated with implementing the pilot pro-
28 gram will be gathered by the Legislative Services Office, and such estimate
29 will be reported to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

30 WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives will select one or
31 more House committees to participate in the remote testimony pilot program
32 for the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
34 tatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho
35 Legislature, that a remote testimony pilot program for the Second Regular
36 Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature be adopted by the House of Rep-
37 resentatives.