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Second Regular Session - 2022

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PLEDGING TO CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREATER IDAHO MOVEMENT TO DETERMINE THE BEST POSSIBLE COURSE FOR IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, many members of the House of Representatives have been actively engaged with members of Citizens for a Greater Idaho to move Idaho's borders to include portions of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the people of Oregon are eager to continue talks with Idahoans and Idaho legislators about the possibility of moving the borders; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has many resources that would be highly beneficial to Idaho and Idahoans, some of which include a large open and rugged land mass, water resources, timber, and minerals; and

WHEREAS, Idaho would have the ability to approve tax-based projects at the deep-water port at Coos Bay, thus no longer needing to rely upon the Portland port and making it much easier to get products to market with the new option at Coos Bay; and

WHEREAS, access to Coos Bay provides a backup to potential dam breaches on the Snake River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Oregon counties that would join with Idaho would be a huge boost to Idaho's tax base once they were free and clear of the regulatory constraints of Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, that the House of Representatives will continue to be actively engaged in discussions with the Greater Idaho movement as we determine the best possible course for Idaho.