

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDU-
2 CATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE IDAHO STATE BUILDING AUTHORITY
3 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IDAHO CYBERCORE INTEGRATION CENTER
4 AND IDAHO COLLABORATIVE COMPUTING CENTER.
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6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has directed Idaho's institutions
8 of higher education through board policy to be a driving force in innovation
9 and economic development in the State of Idaho through collaboration and re-
10 search programs in strategic areas and to serve as catalysts and engines to
11 spur the creation of new knowledge, technologies, products and industries
12 that in turn will lead to new advancements and opportunities for the State of
13 Idaho; and

14 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education's higher education research pol-
15 icy emphasizes the need for extensive and rapid dissemination of new knowl-
16 edge and the establishment of knowledge networks that facilitate public,
17 private and academic institution interaction and collaborative relation-
18 ships between academia and varied stakeholders outside of academia; and

19 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education desires to increase the quality
20 and quantity of research and to encourage continued public and private sup-
21 port of research in Idaho; and

22 WHEREAS, the Idaho National Laboratory has proven to be an integral
23 partner in advancing the research efforts of the State of Idaho in collabora-
24 tion with Idaho's public institutions; and

25 WHEREAS, the existing consortium of the Idaho National Laboratory and
26 Idaho's public research institutions at the Center for Advanced Energy Stud-
27 ies has proven to be of public use and provides a public benefit to Idaho; and

28 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state for the Idaho State
29 Building Authority to provide the facilities to be known as the "Idaho Cyber-
30 core Integration Center" and the "Idaho Collaborative Computing Center" for
31 use by the Idaho National Laboratory, the University of Idaho, Boise State
32 University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, College of
33 Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, North Idaho College, Eastern Idaho
34 Technical College, other public agencies, and private companies to promote
35 their educational, service and business needs; and

36 WHEREAS, the total par amount of bonds for the Idaho Cybercore Integra-
37 tion Center and the Idaho Collaborative Computing Center shall not exceed
38 \$90 million; and

39 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the State Building Authority
40 will report final lease terms and financial details to the Joint Finance-App-
41 propriations Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the House of Rep-
42 resentatives Education Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, a collaboration between the Idaho National Laboratory and
2 Idaho's public higher education institutions for research and educational
3 opportunities at the Idaho Cybercore Integration Center and the Idaho Col-
4 laborative Computing Center will be of public use and will provide a public
5 benefit to Idaho.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
7 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
8 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature hereby authorizes and
9 provides approval for the State Board of Education to enter into an agreement
10 or agreements, either separately or together, with the Idaho State Build-
11 ing Authority, under such terms and conditions as may be reasonable and nec-
12 essary, to provide for the financing and development of research and educa-
13 tional facilities, and related facilities, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, for their
14 uses and the uses of other public and/or private entities that may have af-
15 filiated, related or collaborative purposes.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution constitutes authorization
17 required by the provisions of Section 67-6410, Idaho Code.