IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF DRIVER AUTHORIZATION CARDS.

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

WHEREAS, the federal government is vested with sole constitutional authority to regulate and enforce the immigration and naturalization of persons within the United States but has not provided for, implemented, or enforced a system of immigration to meet the labor needs of commerce and industry in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the State of Idaho and other states are faced with increasing populations of residents whose presence is not in accord with federal immigration law, but who have become integral, essential, and meaningful residents of the State of Idaho and whose skills and talents fill workforce needs not met by domestic workers within Idaho's most vital industries, including agriculture, food processing, construction trades, tourism, hospitality, lodging, and retail services; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates have resulted in the collection of personally identifiable information and other private information incident to issuance of REAL ID Cards, or STAR Cards, that many residents find objectionable and to which they desire alternative forms of identification for driving privileges that are not so invasive as to matters of personal privacy; and

WHEREAS, opportunity and economic participation for Idaho residents is limited when they have no driving privileges, and Idaho's road safety and financial responsibility for accidents and injuries is compromised and threatened by persons operating vehicles on Idaho's roads without driver training and education; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Legislature to promote the common welfare of all Idaho residents, to secure their safety on highways, and to promote their economic independence and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of driver authorization cards for the State of Idaho. The principal goal of the committee shall be to gather information and make recommendations regarding the adoption of a system for the authorization of driving privileges that would be available to all residents of Idaho, and the manner, method, and means for implementation of the same. The committee is expected to examine how such a system may be structured in light of the constitutional duties, oath, and obligations of elected officials and consistent with principles of federalism. The committee is further expected to examine how such a system may affect the welfare of Idahoans, road safety within Idaho, and economic participation and

development. 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 advisory 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-sixth Idaho Legislature.