

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AFFIRMING THE LEGISLATURE'S OPPOSITION TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, marijuana is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance under both state and federal law and has a negative impact on public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content of marijuana has risen dramatically in the last 30 years, contributing to the fact that one out of six teenagers who start smoking marijuana will become addicted to it; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use has a detrimental effect on individual learning and brain development; and

WHEREAS, national pro-marijuana organizations have invested millions to push drug legalization in America, and have targeted Idaho for a "medical" marijuana initiative in 2014; and

WHEREAS, drug legalization efforts in other states have led to social, economic and legal chaos, with programs full of fraud and abuse; and

WHEREAS, drug legalization laws in neighboring states have already adversely impacted Idaho through cultural acceptance of drug use that reduces the perception of harm among children and increases drug use; and

WHEREAS, increased drug use will impact public education in Idaho, productivity in the workplace, escalate the number of impaired drivers on Idaho roads, and affect other areas of our lives; and

WHEREAS, the people of Idaho have a strong tradition of prevention efforts through public education, sound public policies and laws pertaining to substance abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Idaho Legislature takes this opportunity to state its opposition to efforts to legalize marijuana for any purpose in the State of Idaho.