

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RESOLVING THAT THE CITIZENRY  
2 AND THE STATE OF IDAHO HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE  
3 REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY RECORD OF DECISION OR AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY  
4 THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE BUNKER HILL  
5 SUPERFUND SITE.  
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7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued  
9 Records of Decision in 1991 and 1992 related to the 21 square mile Bunker Hill  
10 Superfund Site Box and issued an Interim Record of Decision in 2002 for the  
11 site which was expanded to the Coeur d'Alene Basin; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has certain financial obligations related  
13 to the cost of the cleanup under the Records of Decision; and

14 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Legislature is responsible for appropriating  
15 funds to provide for the State of Idaho's contribution to the cleanup effort;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Legislature recognizes and acknowledges that  
18 citizens, businesses and local governmental entities of the Coeur d'Alene  
19 Basin are directly impacted by cleanup activities in the region under the  
20 Records of Decision; and

21 WHEREAS, the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-  
22 tion, and Liability Act (CERCLA) mandates a substantial role of the state,  
23 and those members of the public impacted by CERCLA activities, and the State  
24 of Idaho is committed to the continuance of these efforts using best manage-  
25 ment practices for positive long-term outcomes; and

26 WHEREAS, documented progress continues to be made with respect to im-  
27 proving environmental quality and public health in the region under the ex-  
28 isting remedies; and

29 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to amend the  
30 existing Records of Decision; and

31 WHEREAS, any amendments to the existing Records of Decision will have  
32 direct and significant impact on the citizens, businesses and local communi-  
33 ties in the area and the Environmental Protection Agency may seek additional  
34 financial commitments from the State of Idaho; and

35 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Legislature desires to ensure cleanup efforts  
36 in the Coeur d'Alene Basin under any proposed amendments to prior Records of  
37 Decision proceed only after the State of Idaho has an adequate opportunity  
38 to review and analyze the impacts of the proposed amendments on the State of  
39 Idaho, its businesses, its local communities and its citizens.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular  
41 Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of  
42 Representatives concurring therein, that citizens, business owners and  
43 local governmental entities within the Coeur d'Alene Basin and the State

1 of Idaho should have ample opportunity to review and provide substantive  
2 comments on any proposed amendments to the existing Records of Decision.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth  
4 Idaho Legislature that the Idaho Legislature have an opportunity to consider  
5 any amendments to the existing Records of Decision prior to the State of  
6 Idaho entering into any commitments for additional funding over and above  
7 historic appropriation levels for the Bunker Hill Superfund Site.