

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE IDAHO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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

WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature is desirous of undertaking a study of the data-driven, fiscally responsible policies and practices that can increase public safety, reduce recidivism and reduce spending on corrections in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho would like to receive Justice Reinvestment Technical Assistance from the Council of State Government's Justice Center to complete a study and develop solutions and evidence-based practices to improve Idaho's criminal justice system, making it more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, all three branches of Idaho government are supportive of exploring a justice reinvestment and resource reallocation approach to improve public safety, reduce recidivism and reduce spending on corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature finds that creating an interim legislative committee to guide the analysis and policy development, co-chaired by the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee Chair and the House of Representatives Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee Chair, will promote the goals of this study; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Idaho and its citizens to advance this study, and the interim committee shall submit a report of its activities, findings and recommendations regarding increased public safety, reducing recidivism, reducing spending on corrections and the reallocation and reinvestment of resources.

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 Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the criminal justice system of the State of Idaho. The committee shall consist of ten legislators with five from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives. Additional legislators may also be appointed as nonvoting members of the committee. The Legislative Council 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 the Co-Chairs of the committee are authorized to appoint advisors with expertise in Idaho's criminal justice system and are expected to receive input from the Council of State Government Justice Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any advisors to the committee who are not legislative members shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per

1 diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regard-
2 ing the committee's recommendations and proposed legislation.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report to the Second
4 Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature and detail its find-
5 ings and recommendations.