

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DIRECTING THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES AND PREPAREDNESS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE
LEGISLATION ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN IDAHO.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature has recognized the importance of emergency
medical services (EMS) since the passage of the original EMS Act in the early
1970s; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services in Idaho are currently provided
by a patchwork of organizations bound loosely together by a set of outdated
statutes that no longer adequately serve Idaho's needs; and

WHEREAS, during the 2010 legislative session, Senate Bill 1391 was in-
troduced, which was intended to align Idaho's EMS-specific statutes and ad-
dress the need for a systematic approach to the provision of EMS in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1391 was held in committee due to a number of stake-
holder concerns; and

WHEREAS, following the failure of Senate Bill 1391, the Joint Legisla-
tive Oversight Committee directed the Office of Performance Evaluations
(OPE) to study the governance of EMS in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, in a November 2010 report, "Governance of EMS Agencies in
Idaho," OPE made seven recommendations intended to enable the Department of
Health and Welfare's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness
and local stakeholders to begin incorporating the design attributes of a
well-functioning EMS system; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, OPE issued a follow-up report, which noted nu-
merous examples of local EMS stakeholders coming together to develop EMS
systems, but which also noted that no significant statewide action had been
taken to address OPE's recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
the Senate concurring therein, that the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
and Preparedness convene a working group to draft EMS system legislation for
consideration by the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legis-
lature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in preparing the legislation, the working
group should address the findings and recommendations from the 2010 OPE re-
port, "Governance of EMS Agencies in Idaho," and other pertinent materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bureau include a broad stakeholder base
in the membership of the working group to assure that the resulting legisla-
tion best addresses the needs of all Idahoans.