

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING AND URGING THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS, WHEN IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST, TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY IN ENTERING INTO LAND EXCHANGES, INCLUDING MULTIPARTY EXCHANGES.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, the Legislature has the power to authorize the State Board of Land Commissioners to exchange granted or acquired lands of the state on an equal value basis for other lands under agreement with the United States, local units of government, corporations, companies, individuals or combinations thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 58-138, Idaho Code, the state has, subject to specified conditions, authorized the State Board of Land Commissioners, in its discretion, when in the state's best interest, to exchange state lands for lands of equal value, public or private; and

WHEREAS, land exchanges are not limited to two-way exchanges and afford the state the opportunity to enter into multiparty land exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Section 8, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho provides that no more than one hundred sections of state lands shall be sold in any one year and that no more than three hundred and twenty acres of land shall be sold to any one individual, company or corporation; and

WHEREAS, due to such limitations relating to sales, without land exchanges, the interests of the endowments are being harmed; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature encourages and urges the State Board of Land Commissioners, when in the state's best interest, to exercise its authority in entering into land exchanges, including multiparty exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature supports exploring the potential of devoting a specific division within the Idaho Department of Lands that would be dedicated to efforts associated with all land exchanges, including multiparty land exchanges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage and urge the State Board of Land Commissioners, when in the state's best interest, to exercise its authority in entering into land exchanges, including multiparty exchanges.