

Joint resolution from Idaho Legislature 2005:

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho and its institutions of higher education have profound responsibility to increase awareness, knowledge, technology and tools that will lead the state of Idaho to a prosperous and sustainable future;. . .THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that an educational focus on sustainability will lead the state of Idaho to the realization of its economic aspirations, environmental goals, and beyond our greatest expectations for the future. Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to set an example by implementing steps to achieve a sustainable community, with the ultimate goal of a sustainable Idaho. Idaho Legislature April 6, 2005

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Fifty-eighth Legislature First Regular Session - 2005

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT  
3 OF SUSTAINABILITY AT IDAHO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
4 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:  
5 WHEREAS, the people of the state of Idaho are justifiably proud of our  
6 rich tradition of quality institutions of higher education and preservation of  
7 our natural resources; and  
8 WHEREAS, Idaho's institutions of higher education should be models for the  
9 wise stewardship of economic and environmental resources; and  
10 WHEREAS, the state of Idaho and its institutions of higher education bear  
11 profound responsibility to increase awareness, knowledge, technology and tools  
12 that will lead the state of Idaho to a prosperous and sustainable future; and  
13 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability has been defined as meeting the  
14 needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to  
15 meet their own needs and may include use of resources in a manner that allows  
16 the resources to be replenished by natural systems, as well as avoidance of  
17 pollution that damages biological systems and emphasizes use of resources in  
18 such a manner that they will never be exhausted; and  
19 WHEREAS, the state of Idaho should encourage the mobilization of internal  
20 and external resources so its institutions can collaborate to develop a con-  
21 cept of sustainability that reflects Idaho's unique values and involves all  
22 stakeholders; and  
23 WHEREAS, education is critical for pursuing a sustainable future for

24 Idaho; and  
25 WHEREAS, education for sustainability increases the power of all Idahoans  
26 to address future economic and environmental realities; and  
27 WHEREAS, the state of Idaho's major industries have benefited from, and  
28 will continue to benefit from, commitment to an institutional focus on  
29 research and development of new ideas and technologies that will lead to a  
30 sustainable future; and  
31 WHEREAS, the University of Idaho is paving the way to the future through  
32 innovative research, collaboration with statewide extensions and private  
33 industry, and the development of an effective sustainability curriculum.  
34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session  
35 of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representa-  
36 tives concurring therein, that an educational focus on sustainability will  
37 lead the state of Idaho to the realization of its economic aspirations, envi-  
38 ronmental goals, and beyond our greatest expectations for the future.

## Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposal would direct the institutions of higher learning to encourage the stewardship and increase awareness that will lead the state of Idaho to a sustainable future. Sustainability can be defined as creating community-based economic and social connections while maintaining environmental quality without depleting natural resources for future generations. Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to set an example by implementing steps to achieve a sustainable community, with the ultimate goal of a sustainable Idaho.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no immediate fiscal impact, but the legislature may invest in project concepts in the future.

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