

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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### Bill Status

HCR063.....by STATE AFFAIRS  
 MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE - STUDY - Stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the current mental health and substance abuse treatment delivery systems in Idaho and to review alternative ways to provide these services.

03/14 House intro - 1st rdg - to printing

03/15 Rpt prt - to Health/Wel

03/21 Rpt out - rec d/p - to 2nd rdg

03/22 2nd rdg - to 3rd rdg

03/23 3rd rdg - ADOPTED - 62-8-0

AYES -- Anderson, Andrus, Barraclough, Bastian, Bayer, Bedke, Bell, Bilbao, Black, Block, Boe, Bolz, Brackett, Bradford, Cannon, Chadderdon, Clark, Collins, Crow, Deal, Denney, Edmunson, Ellsworth, Eskridge, Field(18), Field(23), Garrett, Harwood, Henbest, Henderson, Jaquet, Kemp, Lake, LeFavour, Martinez, Mathews, Miller, Mitchell, Moyle, Nonini, Pasley-Stuart, Pence, Raybould, Ring, Ringo, Roberts, Rusche, Rydalch, Saylor, Schaefer, Shepherd(2), Shirley, Skippen, Smith(30), Smith(24), Smylie, Snodgrass, Stevenson, Trail, Wills, Wood, Mr. Speaker

NAYS -- Barrett, Hart, Loertscher, McGeachin, McKague, Nielsen, Sali, Shepherd(8)

Absent and excused -- None

Floor Sponsor - Skippen

Title apvd - To Senate

03/24 Senate intro - 1st rdg - to St Aff

04/10 Rpt out - rec d/p - to 10th Ord

Rls susp - ADOPTED - 28-0-7

AYES -- Andreason, Broadsword, Bunderson, Burtenshaw, Coiner, Compton, Corder, Darrington, Davis, Fulcher(Fulcher), Gannon, Geddes, Goedde, Hill(Moeller), Kelly, Keough, Langhorst, Little, Lodge, Malepeai, Marley, Richardson, Schroeder, Stegner, Stennett, Sweet, Werk, Williams

NAYS -- None

Absent and excused -- Brandt, Burkett, Cameron, Jorgenson, McGee, McKenzie, Pearce

Floor Sponsor - Stegner

Title apvd - to House

04/10 To enrol - Rpt enrol - Sp signed

04/11 Pres signed - To Secretary of State

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]]]] LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO ]]]]  
Fifty-eighth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2006

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO  
3 APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE CURRENT MEN-  
4 TAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN IDAHO AND TO  
5 REVIEW ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.

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

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Welfare has grown too large as an  
8 agency to effectively manage substance abuse treatment and mental health ser-  
9 vices for children and adults; and

10 WHEREAS, the district and magistrate courts, the Department of Correction  
11 and the Department of Juvenile Corrections and counties are being adversely  
12 affected by our inability to address the needs of those with mental health or  
13 substance abuse issues and those who are dual-diagnosed; and

14 WHEREAS, the staggering cost of mental health and substance abuse treat-  
15 ment systems without accountability measures in either should not be sus-  
16 tained; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature has struggled to find methods to provide guidance  
18 for substance abuse and mental health treatment design, delivery and account-  
19 ability;

20 WHEREAS, mental health services funded through Medicaid have been subject  
21 to some scrutiny through the pilot credentialing authorized by the Legislature  
22 in 2005 in the Department of Health and Welfare's appropriation; and

23 WHEREAS, there is a policy question as to whether substance abuse services  
24 and adult and children's mental health services ought to be removed from the  
25 Department of Health and Welfare and be combined into a new stand alone  
26 agency.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
28 sion of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
29 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to  
30 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the current mental  
31 health and substance abuse treatment delivery systems in Idaho and to review  
32 alternative ways to provide these services and make recommendations for any  
33 changes the committee would see as appropriate, with specific attention paid  
34 to a system that meets the needs of, and provides accountability to, Idahoans.  
35 The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and member-  
36 ship from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the com-  
37 mittee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected  
38 parties who are not members of the Legislature.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be  
40 appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legisla-  
41 tive Council. Nonlegislative members of the advisory committee shall not be

42 reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and  
43 shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or  
44 proposed legislation.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, rec-  
2 ommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Session of  
3 the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

## Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS 16238

This resolution authorizes the creation of an interim committee, to be created by the Legislative Council, for the purpose of evaluating the merits of removing the programs of substance abuse, adult and children's mental health from the Department of Health and Welfare, and combining them into a new agency. The purpose of such a move would be to improve treatment to those in need of services and provide more accountability for the quality and cost of those services. It would allow for a thorough study of this issue by all relevant parties. The committee would be charged with making recommendations to the next regular session of the Idaho Legislature.

### FISCAL NOTE

The cost of the Committee would be expected to not exceed \$10,000. It would be paid for from the Legislative Account.

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