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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE IDAHO LAUNCH PROGRAM

Joint Resolution FY25 #01

The purpose of this resolution is to formally voice our support for the Idaho LAUNCH Program, which has expanded workforce development opportunities for Idahoans. We recognize and appreciate the significant benefit of Idaho LAUNCH in making both higher education and the trades more accessible and affordable, resulting in a positive economic impact for the state of Idaho.

WHEREAS, the Idaho LAUNCH grant program offers high school students in Idaho the opportunity to significantly reduce the cost of tuition and fees at an eligible institution or career technical program, up to a maximum amount of \$8,000. This amount can be life-changing, and is shown to impact students' decision-making when they assess where to go after graduating high school.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program directly invests in Idaho's workforce needs by offering scholarships to students seeking training programs or degrees related to in-demand careers, including nursing, construction management, teaching, power plant operators, farmers, and many others.

WHEREAS, these in-demand careers factor in job openings, wages, economic mobility, and educational requirements for each occupation in Idaho that will impact the state.

WHEREAS, approximately 88 percent of applications received this year came from students enrolled in public high schools across Idaho.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program has produced significant increases in the number of Idaho residents choosing to stay in Idaho and enroll with in-state postsecondary institutions and career technical programs. The increase has benefited both community colleges and four-year institutions. Retaining our students translates to preserving Idaho's culture and growing our economy, as top talent chooses to study, live, and work here.

WHEREAS, LAUNCH has helped students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to afford a college or career technical education—both of which are crucial ladders of the economic mobility central to the American Dream.

WHEREAS, LAUNCH represents a “hand up” to students who need it. Every dollar given to an Idaho high school graduate is a dollar reinvested into the state economy, and will produce Idaho college or career technical graduates who are more likely to stay and put down roots in Idaho.

WHEREAS, this investment by the State Legislature provides all Idahoans with benefits by enabling students, particularly those in rural areas, to access education that strengthens their communities and contributes to the state's overall growth.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program is education and economic policy done the Idaho Way.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the student bodies of Idaho's four-year post-secondary institutions, on behalf of our students, express their profound support for the Idaho LAUNCH program, and ask state leaders and representatives to support and continue Idaho LAUNCH for future students.

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