



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 2, 2026

The Honorable Mike Moyle
Speaker of the House
Idaho House of Representatives
Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on April 2, 2026, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House bill, to wit:

HOUSE BILL 898

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 12:50 p.m. on April 1, 2026.

Collaboration, consultation, and coordination are foundational for a functional government, especially within permitting. By incorporating the State Historic Preservation Office into the Office of Species, Minerals, and Energy Coordination, Idaho will now have a one-stop-shop to elevate a unified voice in the federal permitting process.

It is imperative for this agency's success that staff continue to collaborate and consult with all stakeholders, including the Kootenai, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Paiute, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes as well as certified local governments. This new agency will work closely with these valued partners and neighbors now and into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho