



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

April 1, 2026

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on April 1, 2026, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate bill to wit:

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within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:48 p.m. on March 26, 2026.

Our ability to manage our parks, wildlife, and roads properly and sustainably are paramount to all Idahoans. Article IV, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution provides for the standard process of gubernatorial appointment and senate confirmation. The confirmation process and the separation of powers provided therein ensure that agency directors are selected on the basis of merit to carry out the mission of their respective agency.

While each of these agencies has a unique origin, it's important to highlight the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, which was established by voter initiative. The will of the people was to provide professional oversight for a public use. These professional qualifications are not only an expectation but statutory requirements, not just for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game but all agencies. Senate Bill 1300 does nothing to alter the statutory qualifications; it simply amends the appointment process.

Those same requirements are included for these agencies' board members and commissioners. Moreover, statute includes additional requirements for regional representation and bipartisan membership for these boards and commission to ensure these agencies operate with all Idahoans in mind. These board members and commissioners provide invaluable insight to the Governor and the agencies they oversee, and I look forward to working with them in evaluating agency leadership.

Sincerely,

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

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho