

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 101

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

1 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION,  
2 THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES  
3 IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION  
4 REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
5 STATES.  
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7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho  
8 assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully  
9 represent that:

10 WHEREAS, there is a growing need to increase the number of medical residency posi-  
11 tions available to meet a growing need in Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, Idaho ranks 49th out of the 50 states in the number of practicing physicians  
13 per capita; and

14 WHEREAS, Idaho currently ranks 49th out of the 50 states for the number of resident  
15 physicians per capita; and

16 WHEREAS, there is currently an increase in the number of medical students graduating  
17 each year in the United States to help meet a projected physician workforce shortage, but there  
18 has not been an equal increase in the number of residency positions available; and

19 WHEREAS, it is currently projected that by the year 2013, the number of United States  
20 medical school graduates will exceed the number of first year residency positions available; and

21 WHEREAS, Idaho ranks 8th out of the 50 states in retention of resident physicians as  
22 practicing physicians within the state; and

23 WHEREAS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) moneys help finance  
24 residency programs through sponsoring hospitals based upon the number of residents, the num-  
25 ber of Medicare patients and the complexity of patients' conditions; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States Congress through the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, froze the  
27 amount of CMS moneys used for Graduate Medical Education.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of  
29 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein,  
30 that the United States Congress is urged to provide additional financial opportunities to fund  
31 medical residency programs to meet a growing and underfunded need.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is hereby au-  
33 thorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States,  
34 the Secretary of Education, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
35 sentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the  
36 Congress of the United States.