Joint resolution from Idaho Legislature 2005:

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho and its institutions of higher education have profound responsibility to increase awareness, knowledge, technology and tools that will lead the state of Idaho to a prosperous and sustainable future; . . .THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that an educational focus on sustainability will lead the state of Idaho to the realization of its economic aspirations, environmental goals, and beyond our greatest expectations for the future. Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to set an example by implementing steps to achieve a sustainable community, with the ultimate goal of a sustainable Idaho. Idaho Legislature April 6, 2005

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WHEREAS, education for sustainability increases the power of all Idahoans to address future economic and environmental realities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho's major industries have benefited from, and will continue to benefit from, commitment to an institutional focus on research and development of new ideas and technologies that will lead to a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the University of Idaho is paving the way to the future through innovative research, collaboration with statewide extensions and private industry, and the development of an effective sustainability curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that an educational focus on sustainability will lead the state of Idaho to the realization of its economic aspirations, environmental goals, and beyond our greatest expectations for the future.

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The proposal would direct the institutions of higher learning to encourage the stewardship and increase awareness that will lead the state of Idaho to a sustainable future. Sustainability can be defined as creating community-based economic and social connections while maintaining environmental quality without depleting natural resources for future generations. Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to set an example by implementing steps to achieve a sustainable community, with the ultimate goal of a sustainable Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no immediate fiscal impact, but the legislature may invest in project concepts in the future.

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