

2020 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 14

MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A “PUBLIC FACILITIES”

WHEREAS, Section 67-8203(24), Idaho Code excludes public school facilities from the list of “Public facilities”; and

WHEREAS, Public School Facilities are an integral part of all Idaho communities; and

WHEREAS, Public School Facilities include or fund much infrastructure that meets the current definition of public facilities, including water storage, roads, streets, traffic signals, landscaping, parks, open space and recreation areas, related capital improvements, and public safety facilities; and

WHEREAS, Current capital construction funding models place an excessive burden on current residents; and

WHEREAS, growing districts have no mechanism to respond to growth without placing a heavy burden on current tax payers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association shall work with the Idaho State Department of Education, Idaho State Board of Education, and the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code to add “Public School Facilities” to the definition of “Public Facilities”.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Adding “Public School Facilities” to the definition of “Public Facilities” in Section 67-8203(24) would allow school districts to access funding under Title 67 Chapter 82 for the purpose stated in Section 67-8202, namely to create “an equitable program for planning and financing public facilities needed to serve new growth and development is necessary in order to promote and accommodate orderly growth and development and to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the state of Idaho”.

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO NOT PASS

Alan Erickson of the ISBA Executive Board will address the Executive Board’s recommendation to the membership at the Business Session of the Annual Convention.