

Resolution 2021-08
Unfunded Mandates/Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Kootenai County is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho;

WHEREAS, Kootenai County derives its powers and authorities from the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code as enacted by the Idaho Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services carried out by Kootenai County on behalf of its citizens are mandated by Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing state mandated programs and services is only partially paid for by shared state revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has granted counties taxing authority to fund county programs and services; and

WHEREAS, underfunded and unfunded state mandated county programs and services have increased property taxes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to curb the practice of imposing underfunded or unfunded State mandates on local governments; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of adequate state funding, the Idaho Legislature has not allowed political subdivisions to reduce or discontinue state mandated programs or services; and

WHEREAS, state mandated services may displace local revenues that would otherwise be dedicated to other essential local government priorities; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to ensure the State of Idaho adequately fund the costs incurred by political subdivisions in complying with state laws, rules, and regulations that mandate local government programs and services; and

WHEREAS, to strengthen the partnership between the state of Idaho and its political subdivisions.

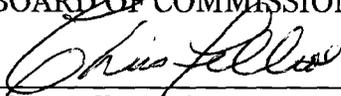
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Kootenai County Commissioners calls for the Idaho legislature and the Governor to pass legislation to prohibit the imposition of responsibility for new programs or increased levels of service under existing programs on any political subdivision of the state unless the subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the costs of the new programs or increase to funding capacity. Reimbursement by the state may be made by: (a) a specific appropriation; or (b) increases in state distributions of revenue to political subdivisions.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Duncan, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, the following vote was recorded:

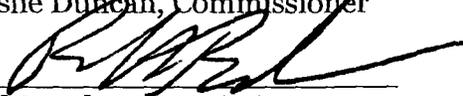
Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Duncan: Aye
Chairman Fillios: Aye

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 19th day of January, 2021.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Chris Fillios, Chairman


Leslie Duncan, Commissioner


Bill Brooks, Commissioner

ATTEST
JIM SPANNONE, CLERK
AUDITOR
AND
RECORDER
Deputy Clerk
STATE OF
IDAHO

