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## **Joint Resolution FY25 #01**

**TITLE:** A Resolution in Support of the Idaho LAUNCH Program

**DATE(s) OF INTRODUCTION:** 3/10/25 (ASBSU), 3/05/25 (ASUI), 3/05/25 (ASISU), 3/10/25 (ASLCSC)

**INTRODUCED BY:** Isaac Celedon, ASBSU President; Kate Perkes, ASBSU Vice President; Martha Smith, ASUI President; Emma Johnston, ASUI Vice President; Neelam Mishra, ASISU President; Jennifer Vidales, ASISU Vice President; Rayne Martinez, ASLCSC President; Nallely Leon, ASLCSC Vice President

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this resolution is to formally voice our support for the Idaho LAUNCH Program, which has expanded workforce development opportunities for Idahoans. We recognize and appreciate the significant benefit of Idaho LAUNCH in making both higher education and the trades more accessible and affordable, resulting in a positive economic impact for the state of Idaho.

### **II. Rationale**

WHEREAS, the Idaho LAUNCH grant program offers high school students in Idaho the opportunity to significantly reduce the cost of tuition and fees at an eligible institution or career technical program, up to a maximum amount of \$8,000. This amount can be life-changing, and is shown to impact students' decision-making when they assess where to go after graduating high school.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program directly invests in Idaho's workforce needs by offering scholarships to students seeking training programs or degrees related to in-demand careers, including nursing, construction management, teaching, power plant operators, farmers, and many others.

WHEREAS, these in-demand careers factor in job openings, wages, economic mobility, and educational requirements for each occupation in Idaho that will impact the state.

WHEREAS, approximately 88 percent of applications received this year came from students enrolled in public high schools across Idaho.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program has produced significant increases in the number of Idaho residents choosing to stay in Idaho and enroll with in-state postsecondary institutions and career technical programs. The increase has benefited both community colleges and four-year institutions. Retaining our students translates to preserving Idaho's culture and growing our economy, as top talent chooses to study, live, and work here.

WHEREAS, LAUNCH has helped students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to afford a college or career technical education—both of which are crucial ladders of the economic mobility central to the American Dream.

WHEREAS, LAUNCH represents a “hand up” to students who need it. Every dollar given to an Idaho high school graduate is a dollar reinvested into the state economy, and will produce Idaho college or career technical graduates who are more likely to stay and put down roots in Idaho.

WHEREAS, this investment by the State Legislature provides all Idahoans with benefits by enabling students, particularly those in rural areas, to access education that strengthens their communities and contributes to the state's overall growth.

WHEREAS, the LAUNCH program is education and economic policy done the Idaho Way.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the student bodies of Idaho's four-year post-secondary institutions, on behalf of our students, express their profound support for the Idaho LAUNCH program, and ask state leaders and representatives to support and continue Idaho LAUNCH for future students.

**TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:**

**The State of Idaho:** Governor, Brad Little; Lieutenant Governor, Scott Bedke; Speaker of the House, Mike Moyle; House Majority Leader, Jason A. Monks; House Minority Leader, Ilana Rubel; President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Kelly Arthur Anthon; Senate Majority Leader, Lori Den Hartog; Senate Minority Leader, Melissa Wintrow; Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Co-Chair, Wendy Horman; Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Co-Chair, Scott Grow; House Education Committee Chair, Douglas T. Pickett; Senate Education Committee Chair, Dave Lent; Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee Chair, Daniel D. Foreman; House Commerce and Human Resources Committee Chair, James Holtzclaw; Executive Director of the State Board of Education, Josh Whitworth; Executive Director of the Idaho Workforce Development Council, Wendi Secrist.

**Boise State University:** University President, Dr. Marlene Tromp; Chief Executive Officer at the Boise State University Foundation, Argia Beristain; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jeremiah B. Shinn; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; Senior Counsel for Government Relations, Jenn White; Senior Advisor for Government Relations, Peter Risse; Senior Director of Student and Recent Graduate Programs, Sydney Montgomery; Professional Staff Association; Association of Classified Employees; President of Faculty Senate, Dr. Laurie Cavey; The Arbiter; Albertsons Library Archives; Director for Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Erin Mahn; Teri Rapp, Technical Record Specialist III of Shared Business Services.

**University of Idaho:** University President, Scott C. Green; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Blaine Eckles; Caroline Nilson Troy, Government Relations Liaison; VP of University Advancement, Ben McLuen; Senior Director of Development; Jeff Pilcher; Director of Student Involvement, Brandon Brackett; Assistant Director of Student Involvement, Sandra Kelly; Georgia Swanson, Editor of the Argonaut.

**Idaho State University:** University President, Robert Wagner; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Craig Chatriand; Dean of Students and VP of Student Affairs, Dr. Matt Daily; VP of University Advancement, Catherine Wooten; Chair of Faculty Senate, Amanda Zink; The Bengal Newspaper; Student Care and Assistance Coordinator, Lesa Crawford.

**Lewis-Clark State College:** University President, Dr. Cynthia L. Pemberton; Senior Vice President and Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Andrew Hanson; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Fredrick Chilson.

**APPROVAL:**

By the ASBSU General Assembly on (3/10/2025) by a vote of (in favor) 23 and (opposed) 0 and (abstaining) 0.

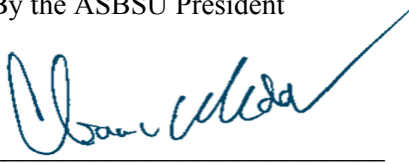
By the ASBSU Academic Senate on (3/10/2025) by a vote of (in favor) 13 and (opposed) 0 and (abstaining) 0.

By the ASUI Senate on (3/05/25) by a vote of (in favor) 11 and (opposed) 0 and (abstaining) 0.

By the ASISU Senate on (3/5/2025) by a vote of (in favor) 12 and (opposed) 0 and (abstaining) 1.

By the ASLCSC Council on (3/10/2025) by a vote of (in favor) 8 and (opposed) 0 and (abstaining) 0.

By the ASBSU President



Isaac Celedon

3/10/25

Date

By the ASUI President

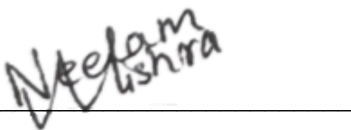
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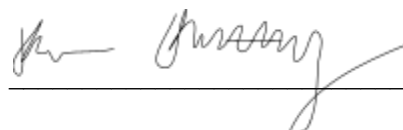


Neelam Mishra

3/05/25

Date

By the ASLCSC President



Rayne Martinez

3/10/25

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