American Planning Association
Idaho Chapter

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The Honorable Ron Mendive, Chair
House Local Government Committee
Idaho State House of Representatives
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID  83720-0054

RE:  H0124, amending Section 67-8205, Relating to Impact Fee Advisory Committees

Dear Chairman Mendive,

On behalf of the Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Idaho), I am writing to register my organization’s support regarding House Bill 124, the amendment to Section 67-8205 regarding Impact Fee Advisory Committee members.

Our organization represents more than 250 local planning officials, private-sector planners, and planning commission members statewide. We are the technicians, professionals, policy and decision makers who represent the public interest in carrying out the authorities vested with local government under Idaho’s Local Land Use Planning Act, Title 67, Chapter 65 of the Idaho Statutes and regularly use the Impact Fee provisions found in Idaho Code Title 67, Chapter 82.

APA Idaho strongly supports the utilization of a Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee to assist in the creation and execution of Development Impact Fee programs. Local citizen and subject matter expert involvement in impact fee programs are vital to their success. Specifically, in this Bill we support-

1) The requirement of communities to appoint at least two (2) citizens that may have a different perspective of impact fees from what those “active in the business of development, building, or real estate” may have.

2) The requirement for local citizens to be involved in the process, as opposed to those that may not have an interest in the impact fee program.

3) The specific date of when these changes take place.

4) The specific direction on how to bring Impact Fee Advisory Committees that are out of compliance, into compliance.
We sincerely appreciate your service to the citizens of this state. We also appreciate the opportunity Representatives – Clow, Green and Skaug gave our organization to discuss concerns we had with the previous Bill (HB 0087). As the professionals that will be working with elected officials to ensure the state statutes are met, we believe, the changes that have been made ensure the statutes are clear. Please contact me at your earliest convenience should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Boal- AICP, CFM
APA Idaho Legislative Committee, Chair

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