

# Candidate says Endangered Species Act should be nullified to save Idaho jobs

## Klingenberg vows innovative leadership

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State representative candidate David Klingenberg said he believes Idaho needs to start fighting more battles related to one thing - the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"The federal government beats districts into submission," he said. "The state has to stand up and say, 'No, we're not doing that anymore.' "

Some federal regulations can be harmful to Idaho's economy and potential job growth, he said.

For example, Klingenberg said he would support the nullification of the Endangered Species Act in the state of Idaho.

Efforts to add the giant Palouse earthworm to the list of endangered species potentially endangers Idaho jobs - such as agriculture and logging - and could "bankrupt Latah County," he said.

Klingenberg likened the situation to the delta smelt controversy that occurred in 2009 after the California Fish and Game Commission qualified two species of the minnow for

protection under the state's endangered species act. The listings affected the water supply for some areas of Southern California, he said.

Klingenberg said he does not oppose people making voluntary efforts to protect the earthworm.

"It's not like I want to wipe the species out," he said. "But when entire communities are being destroyed, there is a whole range of federal overreach costing jobs and economic opportunities ... what (would people) prefer to see? The Palouse giant earthworm or 50 percent unemployment?"

Klingenberg faces one other Republican challenger - Isaac "Ike" Young - for the May 25 primary election.

Shirley Ringo, a Democrat and the position's incumbent, also is running for the seat in the Nov. 2 election.

Klingenberg said another issue he would support would be the creation of an Idaho law that would allowed the concealed carry of firearms without a permit.

Education reform also is needed in the state, he said.

"We are spending a lot on education, but we're not getting much as a return as far as student performance," he said. "It's not just our teachers, it's parent apathy that we have to address."

Klingenberg said it is important to consider the issues facing Idaho in new ways.

"There are no attempts to be innovative in Boise to overcome the problems that we have," he said.

On the Web:

- For information on Klingenberg, go to [www.davidforhouse.com](http://www.davidforhouse.com).

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Candidate Bio

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- PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican