

RESOLUTION CHALLENGING OUR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP TO BRING HB 65 TO THE
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TO READ AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON HB 65 DURING THIS CURRENT LEGISLATIVE
SESSION

We the undersigned knowing that our legislative leadership does not want to deal with legislation for eliminating or finding a substitute test for the Common Core SBAC Test want you to understand that we have tried to get your attention through proper legislative channels and have failed. We present you with this resolution and challenge you to examine problems with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and give the people of Idaho an opportunity to have their say.

WHEREAS the leadership of Idaho's legislature has refused to bring HB 65 to a vote for reading in the Ways and Means Committee and

WHEREAS the Speaker of the House and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee have seen fit not to forward HB 65 to the House Education Committee to be voted on for a reading and

WHEREAS the legislative leadership has no clear vision for dealing with Common Core or the SBAC test except to move forward knowing that this is against the will of the people of Idaho and

WHEREAS the leadership knows that there are other tests that are being used by other states to fulfill the ESEA waiver other than the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC TEST).

WHEREAS many teachers surveyed have complained that testing has become a major distraction in their classrooms and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the taxpayers, students, teachers and parents that a proper quantity of testing should be administered and

WHEREAS over testing and a poorly designed test can be detrimental to the students learning process

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned to challenge our legislative leadership to step up to the plate and start the process for a frank discussion on the benefits and deterrments of the SBAC Test and allow for a reading of HB 65 and to hold public hearings so as to get public comment on this very important issue facing our parents, teachers and students. To not give the public this opportunity would be to go against the will of the people of Idaho who you have a sworn duty to serve

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the undersigned feel that by not bringing this bill to committee for a public hearing our legislative leaders are abrogating their responsibility to hear important legislation and not giving this issue an opportunity to be aired in a public venue knowing full well that there are more cost effective alternatives to the SBAC testing requirements.