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House Republican Caucus Responds to Idaho's New Legislative Boundaries

BOISE, Idaho – The Idaho Commission for Reapportionment has approved its 3rd version of Idaho's updated legislative districts, as required following the 2020 U.S. Census. According to the commission, each of Idaho's 35 legislative district will encompass roughly 52,000 Idahoans while limiting a districts population deviate by more than 10%.

“The Idaho House Republican Caucus is not entirely thrilled with the new reapportionment of Idaho's legislative map,” said Speaker of the House Scott Bedke. “In some cases, highly-qualified and established legislators may be forced to campaign against equally skilled former colleagues. It's an unfortunate situation and will result in the loss of considerable talent and dedication to service to the people of Idaho but we understand the Commission for Reapportionment was working under a tight window and appreciate their efforts to complete this task in a timely manner.”

During the 2020 general election, nearly seven out of 10 Idahoans backed an amendment to the State Constitution that locks Idaho to 35 legislative districts to preserve consistent leadership in both urban and rural areas despite our state's growing population and shifting political boundaries. Although the Idaho House Republican Caucus has deep concerns about the approved map, we understand the multiple constraints placed upon the committee.

The updated map, which was approved by the Commission for Reapportionment on Friday, will first be utilized during the upcoming primary election in May 17, 2022. As required by Federal and State law, the Committee for Reapportionment had to complete their duties by November 30, 2021.