



KOOTENAI COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FIRST TIME OFFENSE MARIJUANA POSSESSION
PENALTY REDUCTION (House Bill 55)

Whereas a person convicted of possession of marijuana in an amount over three ounces is guilty of a felony and subject to a penalty of prison for five (5) years and a fine of up to \$10,000.00; and

Whereas the penalties for marijuana possession of less than three (3) ounces of marijuana are excessive and burdensome to the Idaho Judicial System; and

Whereas House Bill 140 would amend Idaho Code Section 37-2732 to allow for persons possessing less than three (3) ounces of marijuana to be convicted of a misdemeanor and subject to a penalty of up to one (1) year in jail and a \$1,000.00 fine; and

Whereas House Bill 140 would amend Idaho Code Section 37-2732 to allow for persons possessing less than .5 an ounce of marijuana for the first time to be found guilty of an infraction upon payment of a \$250.00 fine or eight (8) hours of community service and attendance in a court approved drug education class; and

Whereas Democrat Representative John Gannon and Republican Representative Bryan Zollinger worked together in a bipartisan manner to address the reality of marijuana possession and the needs of Idaho's criminal justice system; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Kootenai County Democratic Central Committee:

Supports the passage of House Bill 140 to amend Idaho Code Section 37-2732 to allow for misdemeanor and infraction charges and penalties for marijuana possession of less than three (3) ounces in the State of Idaho.