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## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES IN IDAHO RECEIVE FEDERAL SUPPORT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved its fiscal year 2008 bill today. Included is \$3 million to support the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, to be held in Idaho. The \$3 million represents the federal taxpayer contribution to the \$23 million budget for the Games and will be used for: housing, meals, security, communications, education, facility rentals, and transportation.

Idaho Senator Larry Craig, a member of the Subcommittee and Honorary Chairman of the Games, said, **“There is so much that Special Olympics offers beyond promoting physical and mental fitness, pride, and dignity for the athletes. From inspiring civility to training volunteers to supporting families of athletes, the benefits we see from Special Olympics is just the tip of the iceberg. Idaho is proud to host these games, and we are striving to ensure that the ‘little things’ are taken care of so that the athletes, coaches, families, and friends can focus on the Games and all they stand for.”**

Additional Idaho projects in the bill include:

### **Healthcare Infrastructure**

- North Idaho Rural Health Consortium (\$250,000)
- Cooperative Telehealth Network at Portneuf Medical Center (\$250,000)
- St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center Children’s Hospital facilities and equipment (\$200,000)
- Gritman Medical Center information technology upgrades (\$250,000)
- Franklin County Medical Center facilities and equipment (\$250,000)
- St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center facilities and equipment (\$250,000)

### **Education**

- University of Idaho Gateway to Math program (\$200,000)
- Children’s Home Society of Idaho, the Bridge Project for foster children (\$250,000)
- Lewis-Clark State College American Indian Students in Leadership of Education (\$250,000)
- Idaho Women Work! program at Eastern Idaho Technical College (\$150,000)
- Albertson College of Idaho library technology upgrades (\$350,000)
- Northwest Nazarene University new nursing facility equipment (\$350,000)

For more information on any of these projects, please contact Craig’s office. The bill now goes to the full Appropriations Committee and then the full Senate for approval.