

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24807

This is a trailer appropriation bill that provides \$5,400,000 to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Healthcare Policy Initiatives Program for FY 2017. This bill provides the funding needed to address the fiscal impact of H644.

The Statement of Purpose for H644 states that "This proposal establishes a two year cooperative grant program through the Department of Health and Welfare to the Community Health Center Network of Idaho. The purpose of the grant program is 1) to collect demographic and health data on the Idaho gap population (persons under 100% of the federal poverty guidelines), and 2) to provide outreach to and augmentation of primary health care services to the gap population provided through federally qualified health centers throughout the state. The data and augmented service will provide a bridge to recommendations expected to be made by a legislative interim committee, as proposed in HCR63, to be established to study and make recommendations regarding long term provision of health care to the gap population."

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund for a grant that will be used for data collection and to provide for a report. This bill also includes an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the Millennium Income Fund to provide at least one grant for outreach and health care for the medically underserved Idahoans. All funding is appropriated on a one-time basis.

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