

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24927

With the deinstitutionalization of clients and the falling census at the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) the mission of the institution has changed from an Intermediate Care Facility to a stabilization facility that should have levels of secure and less secure placement according to client needs. This legislation will allow for a wing of a facility to have secured features protecting more vulnerable clients and the community. Idaho courts have expressed the need for a short term placement option for individuals with developmental disabilities who pose a threat to the community during the pendency of their criminal cases.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not result in a required fiscal impact. This legislation enables the Department to establish, operate, and maintain a secure treatment facility for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities who pose a threat to the safety of others.

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