

# Bill 1270 - Down Syndrome Diagnosis Information Act

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**You can help us change the way Down syndrome is perceived in Idaho.**

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**Bill 1270 - The Down Syndrome Diagnosis Information Act will:**

- 1.** Require hospitals, physicians, and other health professionals to provide written information about Down syndrome, resources, and support groups to parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.
- 2.** Ensure that parents receiving a Down syndrome diagnosis for their baby are provided timely, accurate, and complete information.
- 3.** Change many Idahoans' experiences of fear and isolation to support and hope when hearing their baby has Down syndrome.

**People with Down syndrome are valuable additions to Idaho.**



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The three regional Down syndrome organizations of Idaho have come together to form the Idaho Down Syndrome Council. Our mission is to provide a connection between the different Down syndrome organizations of Idaho to better share resources, ideas, and support. Through our council, we collaborate on projects and tasks that impact Down syndrome and the special needs community on a state level.

Research shows that a parent's experience of receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby is very impactful. Often, the memory of fear or hope stays with the parent for a lifetime. Our ultimate goal with Bill 1270 is to help change the way Down syndrome is perceived in Idaho. Instead of parents feeling fear and isolation, we want to create a culture of support and hope when they receive a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.

Many in Idaho have experienced fear and isolation at the time of diagnosis and we want to change this for future parents. In 2021 we conducted a survey of about 70 families and found that 68% percent of the families who responded had a negative diagnosis experience. We want to assist medical providers in Idaho to provide a positive diagnosis experience for parents by giving providers accurate and timely information about Down syndrome.

Bill 1270 is one way to help educate parents and health care professionals so babies with Down syndrome are not feared or disregarded but instead seen as valuable contributing citizens of Idaho.



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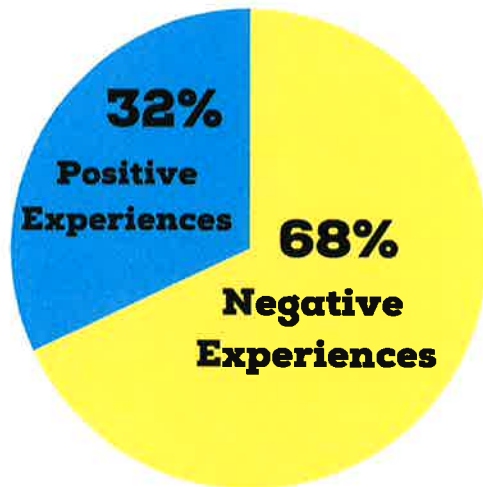


# Down Syndrome Diagnosis Survey Results

**You can help us change the way Down syndrome is perceived in Idaho.**

Research shows that when a parent receives a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby, it is very impactful. The memory of either fear or hope stays with the parent for a lifetime.

Idahoans' Experiences with  
Pre or Postnatal Diagnosis of  
Down Syndrome  
(68 families surveyed)



"We were informed [of our baby's diagnosis] over the phone by a genetic counselor. They never offered any information about the DS support groups or society. They only offered ways and resources for termination... I felt like I was doing something wrong and hurting society for wanting to keep my baby."

"The main thing I remember him (doctor) telling me was that the diagnosis of Down syndrome did not, in any way, change who my child was! He felt it was important for me to know that my son was going to be a person who would succeed at whatever would be most important to him."

**Please support Bill 1270 - The Down Syndrome Diagnosis Information Act**



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# The Difference Between Bill 1270 and H302

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## H302

- H302 is only reaching the parents who are seriously considering abortion for their unborn baby.
- This only reaches a small percentage of parents given a Down syndrome diagnosis. Bill 1270 is for ALL parents receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.

## **Bill 1270 is the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Information Act**

- Our ultimate goal with Bill 1270 is to help change the way Down syndrome is perceived in Idaho. Instead of parents feeling fear and isolation, we want to create a culture of support and hope when they receive a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.
- This act is for ALL Down syndrome diagnoses given, pre and post-natal.
- We want to ensure that parents receiving a Down syndrome diagnosis for their baby are provided timely, accurate, and complete information. We want all parents to start out feeling supported.
- Bill 1270 is not telling any parent what they can or cannot do. It is educating and sharing information so Idahoans see the value of people with Down syndrome in our community.
- Bill 1270 is supported by all three of the Down syndrome organizations of Idaho.



If you have more questions  
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two bills, please contact us at  
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# Organizations in support of Bill 1270

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