

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS32246 / S1077

This bill creates a new grant program to help support the state's approximately 18 crisis pregnancy centers spread across Idaho. With abortion no longer generally available in Idaho, it is imperative that we provide as much support and practical aid to women facing difficult pregnancies as possible. This grant program would enable pregnancy centers to expand their community outreach quickly through things like media campaigns, or staff hiring to meet a growing demand. The initiatives undertaken by each applicant would be up to the pregnancy center itself, based upon its assessment of community needs. The legislation envisions a program which poses a minimal burden on pregnancy centers, thereby enabling them to continue their primary focus of serving Idaho's mothers and their families. The state of Idaho is prohibited from interfering with the internal policies and missions of pregnancy centers as a condition of the grants, as most pregnancy centers in Idaho are faith based. In addition, the legislation makes it clear that physicians performing abortions in the very rare cases of pregnancy resulting for rape and incest are bound by Idaho's existing Informed Consent Law, which requires information about the baby's development and alternatives available such as adoption. Women considering abortion in these difficult circumstances must be given a copy of the state's Informed Consent Booklet at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed.

FISCAL NOTE

Printing of the informed consent material: \$15,000 ongoing from the general fund Photo Licensing for informed consent material: \$10,000 every 5 years from the general fund This legislation requires an ongoing grant appropriation of \$1,000,000 from general fund Year one fiscal impact: \$1,025,000

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