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Rep. David M. Cannon, Co-Chair
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Joint Legislative Oversight Committee

Dear Co-Chairs,

A recent bankruptcy filing of the Idaho Health Data Exchange has raised concerns among legislators.

In 2006, the Legislature directed the Department of Health and Welfare to create a commission in charge of monitoring the effectiveness of the Idaho's health data exchange and making recommendations for improvement. The Idaho Health Data Exchange was created in 2009 by the commission and funded primarily through federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, which had goals to increase coordination of care, ensure privacy, and improve health outcomes. Through 2021, HITECH allowed the federal government to fund 90 percent of the cost of states to administer health information exchanges. The Idaho Health Data Exchange filed bankruptcy in August 2022, reporting that it owes \$4 million to creditors.

Given the public funding involved and the state's interest in the health and privacy of Idahoans, we would like the Office of Performance Evaluations to investigate the following:

1. What led to the bankruptcy of Idaho's health data exchange?
2. What responsibility did the state have in setting up the exchange and overseeing implementation, including contract management?
3. Could the state have improved its oversight of the exchange? If so, what barriers existed to oversight?

4. How did Idaho's experience compare to other states?
5. How can the state move forward?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rep. Mike Moyle
Speaker of the House



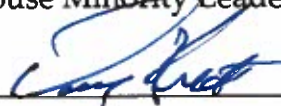
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