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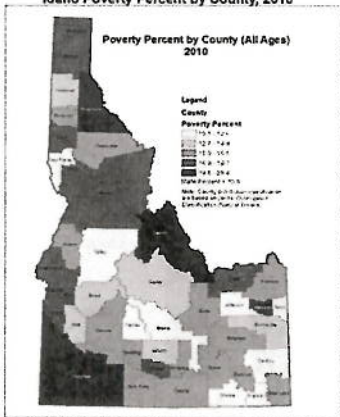
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Current Program Trends

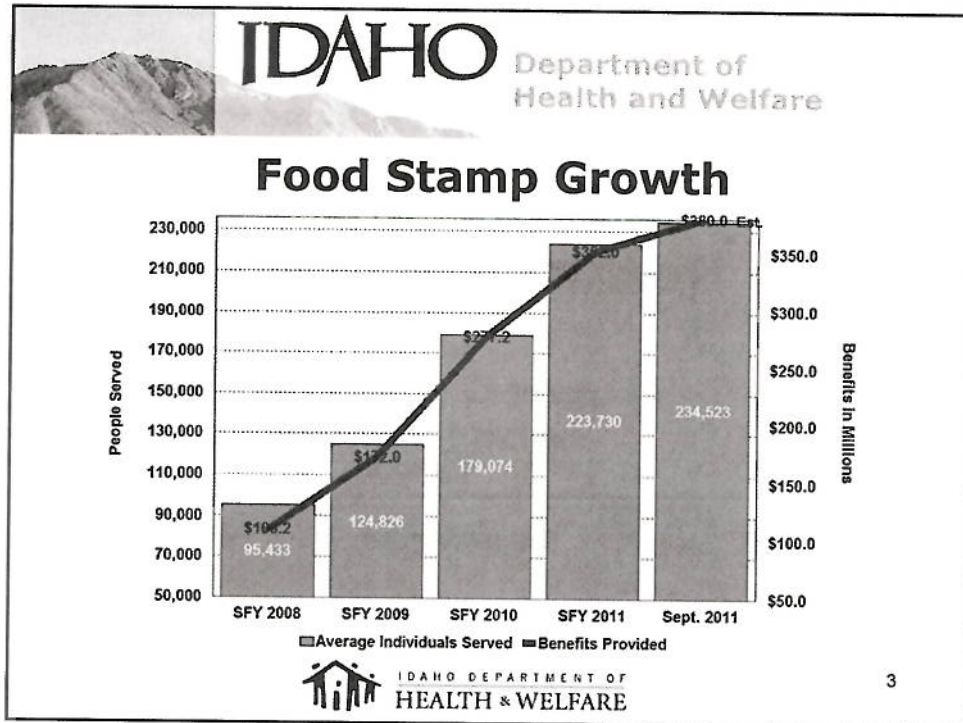
Idaho Poverty Percent by County, 2010



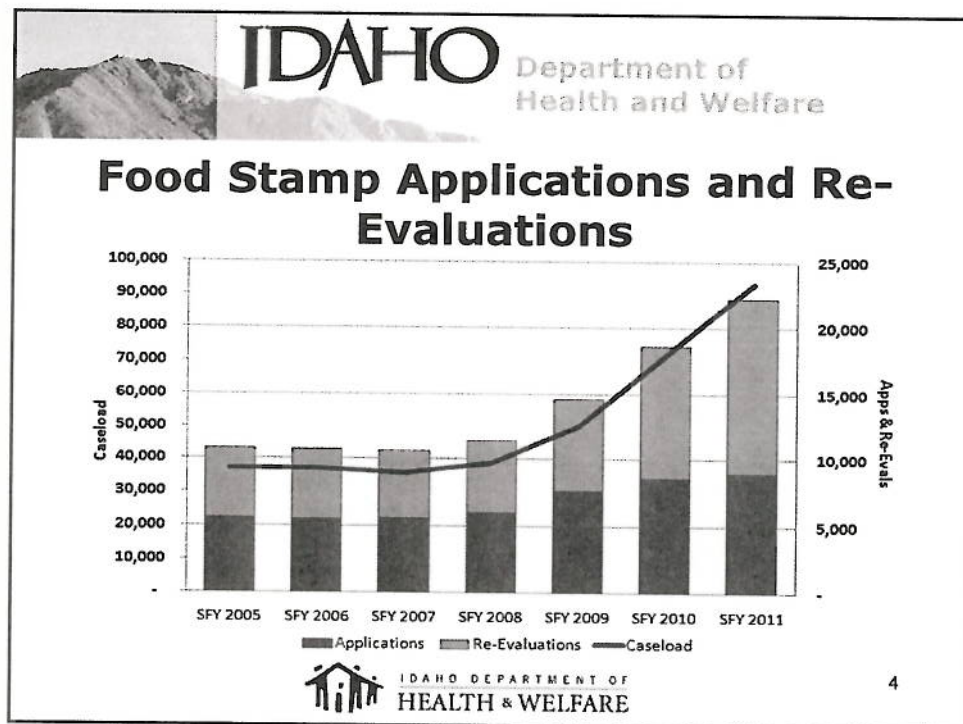
- Poverty is the primary driver for many public assistance programs.
- In 2006, Idaho had a lower poverty rate than the national rate. Idaho was 12.8%, while nationally, 13.3% lived below poverty.
- In 2010, Idaho poverty estimates exceeded national averages. An estimated 15.8% of Idaho citizens lived below poverty; 15.3% nationally were below poverty.
- The growth rate for some assistance programs is slowing, but workload remains high.



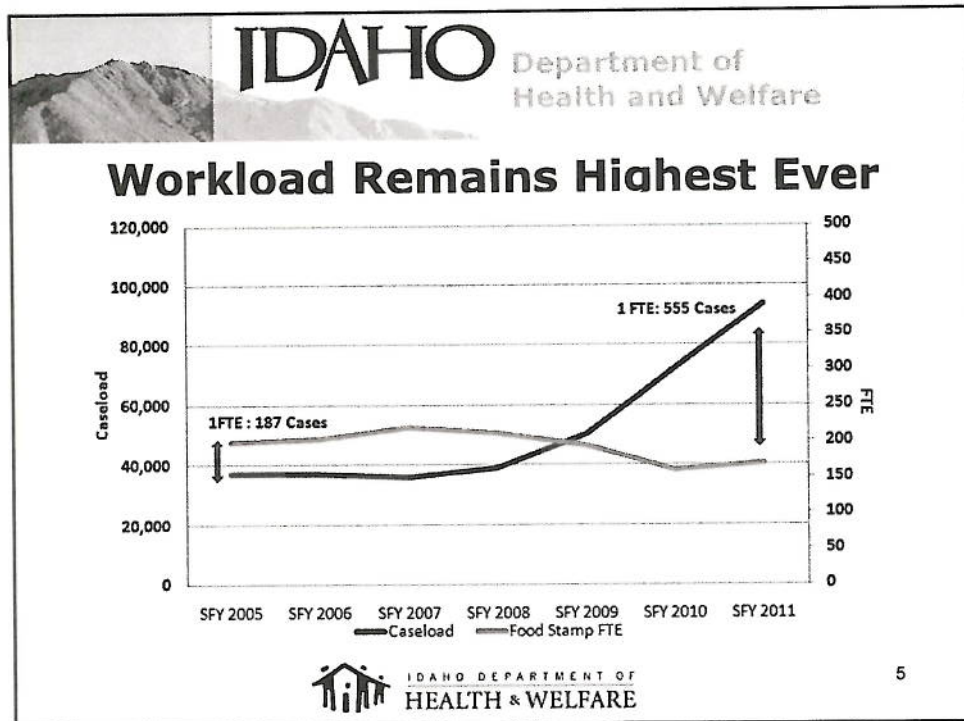
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Idaho's FS Program Performance

- Idaho's annual administrative costs for each Food Stamp household was \$218 in FFY 2010.
- By comparison, Utah was \$468, Oregon was \$372, and Montana \$385.
- Estimated costs per 100,000 FS households:
 - Idaho \$21.8 million
 - Utah \$46.8 million
 - Oregon \$37.2 million
 - Montana \$38.5 million


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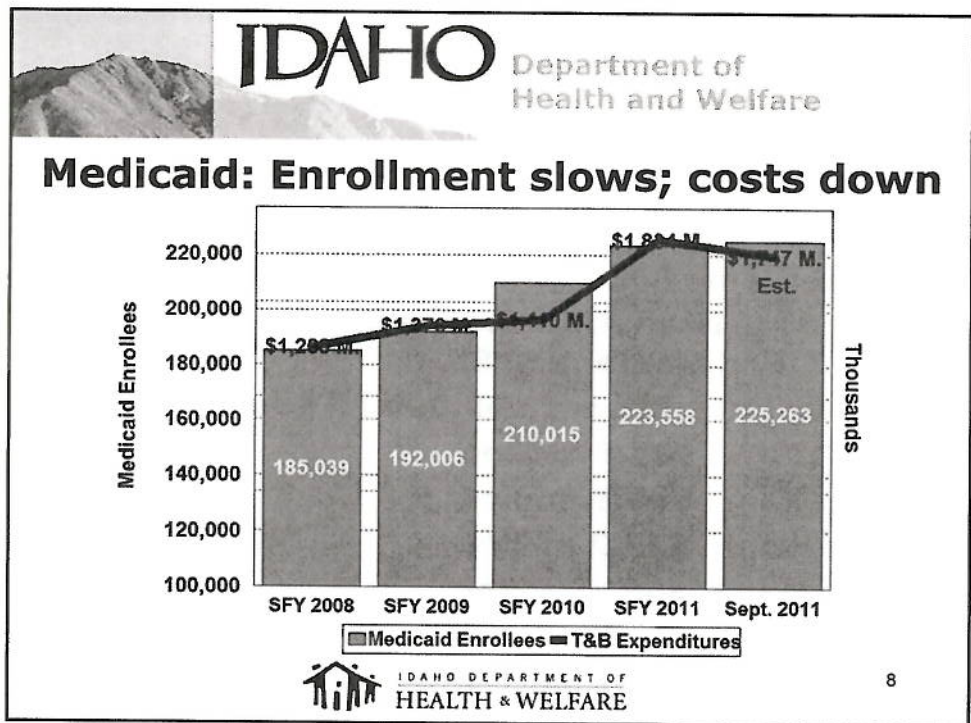


Single Day FS Issuance vs. Multi-Day

- DHW crafted proposal following grocer request for multi-day issuance.
- Transition to multi-day payments has an initial one-time cost of \$440,000.
- Proposal: DHW contributes \$120,000 + Grocers \$100,000 + Feds \$220,000 = \$440,000
- Ongoing annual costs of \$220,000.



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Medicaid Does Not Plan a Supplemental Budget Request

- **HB 260 reductions of \$35 million state funds and \$90 million total funds are on target.**
- **Rate of caseload growth is slowing.**
- **Legislative discussions are focused on managed care opportunities and other ideas to make Medicaid sustainable.**




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Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (Formerly: Idaho State School and Hospital)

- **SWITC (formerly ISSH) was once surrounded by farmland; it is now in Nampa city limits. Land value has greatly increased.**
- **Residents of SWITC continue to discharge into community settings, reducing need for buildings and surrounding acreage.**
- **SWITC land and buildings are rented to Dept. of Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, JOB Corps and city of Nampa**
- **SWITC is a state asset—its future must be carefully planned.**



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DHW Contracts for Master Plan

- Land analysis is expected to be completed in March 2012.
- Master Plan contract requires multiple options for state consideration.
- Along with this, DHW also will seek legislative approval for road rerouting to ensure good safety access to campus by fire and first responders.



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