

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS20032

The purpose of this bill is to create new tools for the Idaho State School and Hospital to more efficiently and appropriately admit and discharge individuals who need services. A mission of the Idaho State School and Hospital (ISSH) is to provide treatment and temporary placement for individuals with Developmental Disabilities who cannot be supported in the community. Ideally individuals in crisis are admitted to ISSH until they are stabilized then they return to community placements. Currently the openness of federal ICFM/R regulations and the ISSH statute allow individuals to remain at ISSH when they could be supported in the community. Utilization of the small number of beds at ISSH for this population creates a bottleneck for individuals in the community who need ISSH-level services but cannot access them. These Individuals are then placed in community settings that can't meet their needs. This places a tremendous strain on community providers, emergency responders, the court system, and the Department.

In the 2009 Legislative Session, HB 318 was passed. Section 7 of the bill directs the department to create a plan for transitioning current residents of the Idaho State School and Hospital into services in the community or other private institutional settings. The resulting plan calls for a transitioning of some individuals out of ISSH who can be supported in the community. Changes to the statute will allow implementation of parts of the plan and allow ISSH to become much more efficient at supporting individuals in crisis who cannot be served well in the community.

### FISCAL NOTE

The budget impact of these changes will be neutral as the Idaho State School and Hospital will continue to be utilized for clients who are in crisis on an ongoing basis.

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