

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS20031

The purpose of this bill is to amend Idaho Code Sections 56-235 to change the name of the Idaho State School and Hospital to the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center.

The state's institution serving the developmentally disabled has been neither a school nor a hospital for over 25 years. It is misleading to the public and results in receipt of communication directed to hospitals and/or schools. In one of the more significant incidents a community member became very irate that we could not admit a patient to our emergency room even after an explanation that we were not a hospital. The name provides a misleading perception to the public about the intent of the services provided.

To change the name the following sections of Idaho Code must be altered: 56-235, 36-401, 56-203, 56-1004, 57-1104, 66-115, 66-116 66-118, 66-166, 66-402, 66-501, 66-503, and 56-234.

### FISCAL NOTE

The total estimated fiscal impact will be \$4,000. \$2,500 one-time funds will be used to replace old and deteriorating signage. Another one-time cost of \$1,500 will be used for replacement of business cards. The fiscal impact to state General Fund will be \$1,200 and \$2,800 from federal matching funds.

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