

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**RS20327**

This legislation establishes in Idaho statute the Office of Behavioral Health Transformation as one of the preliminary actions recommended by the Governor's Behavioral Health Transformation Work Group in their final report, A Plan for the Transformation of Idaho's Behavioral Health System, dated October 28, 2010. Additionally, this legislation codifies the actions of the Governor's Executive Order No. 2011-01, dated January 27, 2011, that, by executive order, creates the Behavioral Health Interagency Cooperative. The legislation also repeals the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, that was due to sunset on July 1, 2011, and assigns similar duties to the newly created Cooperative. Also, the legislation replaces the "Office of Drug Policy," that is an additional transformation recommendation, with the Office of Behavioral Health Transformation and creates the administrator position of that office. All of these actions are included in the recommendations of the Governor's Behavioral Health Transformation Work Group that was established by Executive Orders 2009-04 and 2010-01 and was tasked to create a plan for a "coordinated, efficient state behavioral health infrastructure with clear responsibilities, leadership authority and action" for the State of Idaho.

### FISCAL NOTE

The Governor's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2012 includes a \$40,700 request from dedicated funds for expanding the mission of the Office of Drug Policy to include mental health. The Office of Drug Policy is being replaced by the Office of Behavioral Transformation .

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