

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS22556

This is a fiscal year 2014 supplemental appropriation for the Department of Health and Welfare, divisions of Indirect Support Services and Public Health.

The bill increases the ongoing appropriation for Indirect Support Services by \$45,500 in dedicated funds to meet the intent of H125 of the 2013 legislative session that allows the courts to order background checks for guardians and conservators. The department estimates an additional 700 background checks will be needed and will transfer \$36.50 for the processing of each background check to the Idaho State Police, with the total amount to be transferred at an estimated \$25,500. This bill also provides \$600 to pay for ongoing IT support and various supplies. Background checks are paid for by the applicant.

The bill increases the ongoing appropriation for the Division of Public Health for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program by \$2,000,000 in the dedicated receipt fund for operating expenditures. This appropriation will help individuals that need assistance with their HIV/AIDS medications. These moneys are a result of the program applying for and receiving rebates for the difference between the medication's market price and a government negotiated price.

The bill increases the ongoing appropriation for the Division of Public Health by \$55,000 for the StateComm dispatch center within the Emergency Medical Services Program. This net increase of \$55,000 includes a dedicated fund increase of \$191,000 and a federal fund reduction of \$136,000 as a result of the Federal Sequestration. The increased dedicated funds are a result of a new memorandum of understanding with the Idaho Department of Transportation. The center, similar to most dispatch centers, faces high turnover and the goal is to meet the required minimum of two specialists on shift at all times. There are currently nine specialists and three supervisors. The proposed funding would allow for a third person during peak times and minimize call-back and overtime accrual.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill increases the ongoing Department of Health and Welfare appropriation by \$2,100,500. This includes an increase of \$2,055,000 for the Division of Public Health and \$45,500 for the Indirect Support Services Division. All changes to the department's appropriation within this bill are in dedicated and federal funds.

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