

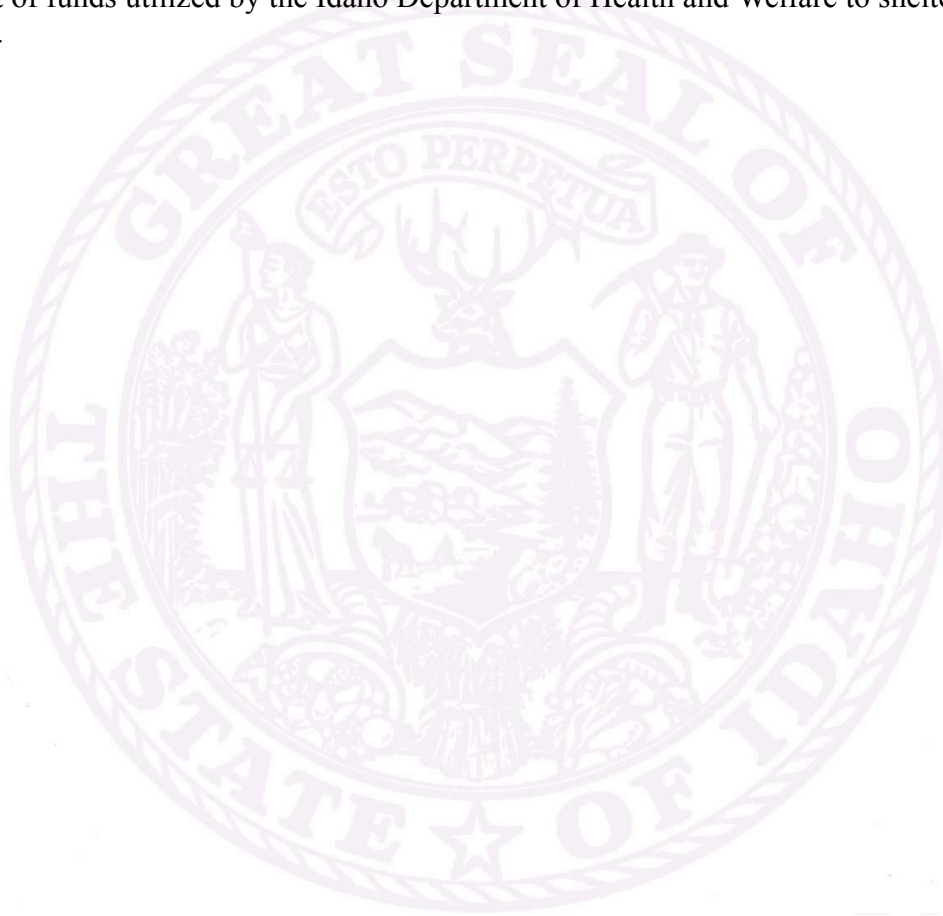
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22733

The purpose of this legislation is to revise the timing of shelter care hearings for a child declared in imminent danger. The purpose of the changes are designed to lessen the number of children being taken into shelter care by allowing the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Child Protective Unit ample time to perform a proper investigation and take children into custody only when the facts dictate it to be absolutely necessary.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no anticipated effect to general or dedicated funds. However, there may be a decrease in the amount of funds utilized by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to shelter children in foster care.



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