

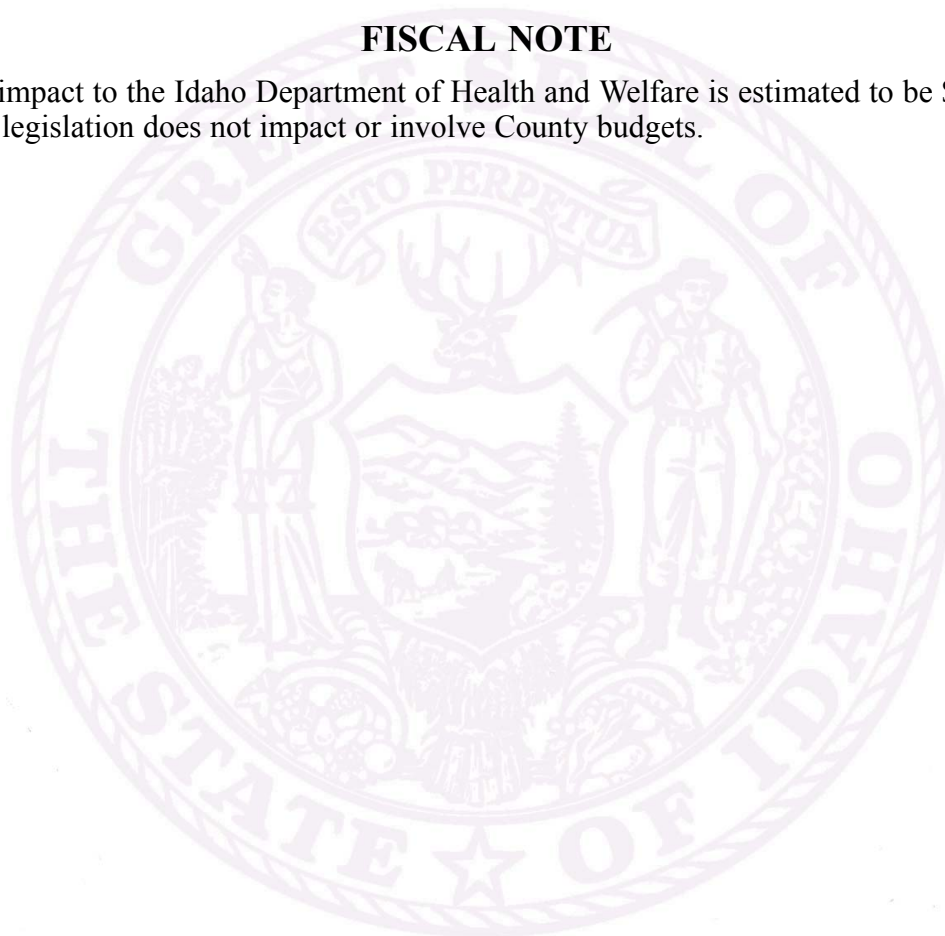
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23880

The purpose of this legislation is to create a reimbursement methodology for services provided to an adolescent by a private, freestanding mental health facility. This will allow private, freestanding mental health facilities to provide authorized services to more adolescents with mental health issues. Currently, many of these adolescents are treated in less than optimal settings, i.e. traditional medical/surgical hospitals without mental health services, at a higher reimbursement rate. By revising the reimbursement for private, freestanding mental health facilities, a greater number of these authorized adolescents can be treated in an environment that is more conducive and safer for these individuals, thus promoting quality mental health services.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is estimated to be \$303,385 per year. This legislation does not impact or involve County budgets.



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