

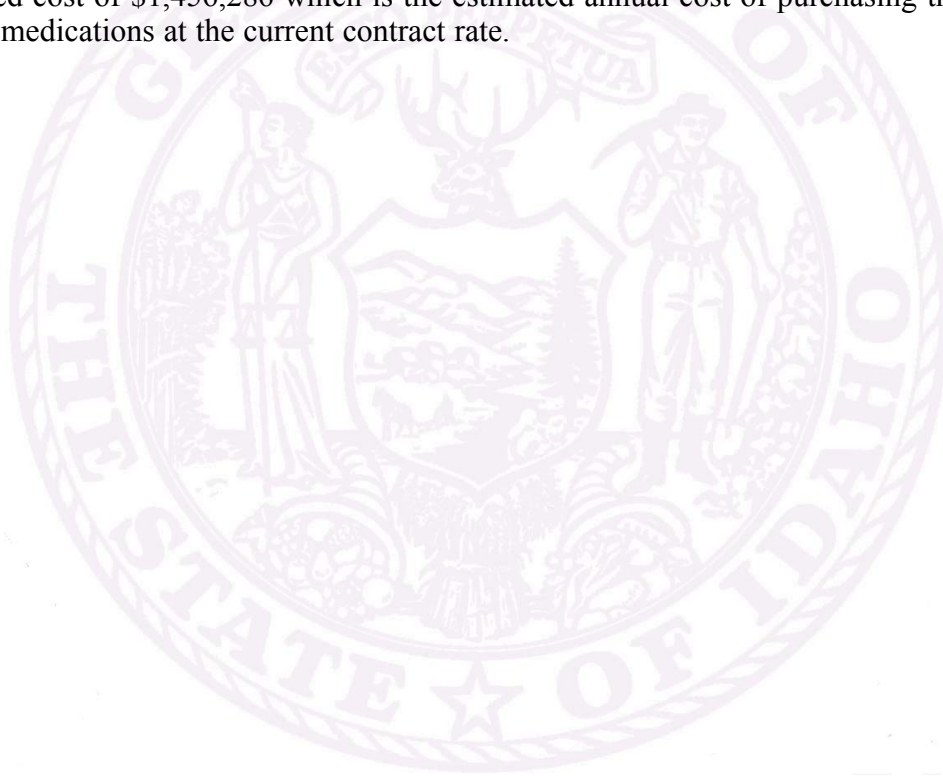
## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS24006**

The Department of Health and Welfare is proposing changes to the Legend Drug Act to designate the Department's Regional Behavioral Health Centers and State Charitable Institutions as "qualifying charitable clinic(s) or center(s)" under the Legend Drug Act. This change would then allow the Regional Behavioral Health Centers to accept donated medications including unused Patient Assistance Program Medications. These donated medications may then be dispensed to indigent clients with a valid prescription order.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no fiscal impact to state general funds or any other funds due to this proposed legislation. However, without this proposed legislation the Department may need to limit the availability of medications provided to indigent clients through the Regional Behavioral Health Centers. In order to cover medication costs for these clients, the Department may need to seek additional funds at an estimated cost of \$1,456,286 which is the estimated annual cost of purchasing the equivalent amount of medications at the current contract rate.



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