

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26857

The purpose of this legislation is to formalize in Idaho Code § 66-329 a finding of dangerous and mentally ill person by the court for the involuntary care and treatment of mentally ill persons by the Department of Health and Welfare. Dangerous and mentally ill person is defined in Idaho Code § 66-1305. This would help to avoid inappropriate placement of dangerous patients in populations and facilities not equipped or prepared for the unique challenges these patients present.

### FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund, any other state fund, or local governments. In accordance with Joint Rule 18, the reason no fiscal impact is projected is because the amendment makes it optional for the courts only when there is a reason to believe that the individual presents a danger to self or others, and there is no anticipated costs to the Idaho Department of Correction and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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