

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28974 / H0396

This is the FY 2022 original appropriation bill for the seven Public Health Districts.

Public Health Districts are established in Chapter 4, Title 39, Idaho Code. They are not state agencies and are considered independent bodies corporate and politic, pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII of the Idaho Constitution. Employees of the health districts are not state employees. The mission of the seven Public Health Districts is to prevent disease, disability, and premature death; to promote healthy lifestyles; and to protect and promote the health and quality of our environment. Idaho's seven health districts provide health services throughout the state. Each district works under the direction of its own board of health, appointed by county commissioners within each region.

As a result of H316, effective March 1, 2022, the state will no longer be required to provide state funded support to the health districts. Counties will be responsible for maintaining the same amount of funding that was appropriated in FY 2021. This bill is a \$3,034,800 reduction from the General Fund when compared to the agency's request and Governor's recommendation.

### FISCAL NOTE

In accordance with H316, this bill appropriates \$6,846,800 onetime from the General Fund and \$779,100 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund. The total fiscal impact is \$7,625,900

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