

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29525 / S1327

The purpose of this legislation is to update and solve several challenges with the civil commitment statute in Idaho. The Idaho Behavioral Health Council (IBHC) prioritized improvements to the civil commitment laws in Idaho. The IBHC organized an implementation team of stakeholders that developed the changes in this legislation. Those changes include: 1) Assignment of financial responsibility for pre-commitment holds and post-commitment cost as necessary based on passage of H 316 in the 2021 legislative session; 2) Assignment of responsibilities for organizing designated examinations and transportation; 3) Clarifying definitions of criteria for commitment; and, 4) Expanding requirements for qualifications of designated examiners.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has several areas of fiscal impact that move costs from county responsibility to state responsibility. These costs were identified in H 316 in the 2021 legislative session. As stated in H 316, the implementation of the statute will occur on March 1, 2022. Therefore, counties will no longer cover the costs for the following: Senior Designated Examinations, Court required expert witness fees, pre-commitment psychiatric hospitalizations, pre-commitment usual and customary medical, post-commitment transportation. after the end of February 2022. This legislation will require both a supplemental and ongoing appropriation from the General Fund.

	SFY2022 fiscal impact	Annualized fiscal impact
Senior Designated Examinations	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000
Court required expert witness fees	\$ 58,333	\$ 175,000
Pre-commitment psychiatric hospitalization	\$ 773,333	\$ 2,320,000
Pre-commitment usual and customary medical	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,00
Post-commitment transportation	\$ 166,667	\$ 500,000
Total	\$ 1,298,333	\$ 3,895,000

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