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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) is organized within and reports to the Idaho State Board of Education. IDVR works on behalf of Idahoans with disabilities to improve the quality of the vocational rehabilitation services provided on a fee for service model. Statutory authority 33-2301 et seq. Idaho Code. In addition, IDVR provides administrative support to the independent Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, pursuant to Section 67-7303(2).

<u>Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)</u> is a state-federal program whose goal is to assist people with disabilities prepare for, secure, and retain or regain employment.

- The VR Program is authorized 142.50 FTP
- Average expenditures 19.7 M (83%), General Fund 17%, Dedicated Funds 9%, Federal Funds 74%
- VR works in concert with the State Rehabilitation Council which is composed of at least 15 members appointed by the Idaho State Board of Education.
- The VR program is one of the oldest federal/state programs in the United States.

<u>Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH)</u> ensures that individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing impaired have a centralized location to obtain resources and information about services available.

- CDHH governed by a nine-member board that includes two persons who are deaf, two who are hard of hearing, a parent of a deaf child, a parent of a hard-of-hearing child, an audiologist, a medical doctor, and a sign language interpreter.
- The CDHH Program is authorized 3.9 FTP
- Average Expenditures 321K (99%), General Fund 99%

Total Appropriations and Expenditures

