

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31946 / S1035

This legislation builds on the reforms for congregate care approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2024. It retains the two-week review for children placed in short-term rentals.

The legislation then establishes a 90-day review for children in a licensed facility, including a qualified residential treatment program and licensed children's facilities. Both reviews assess the child's safety, treatment needs, facility services, treatment plan, overall progress, discharge plan, and progress towards discharge. Review must also include whether placement in a less restrictive residence can happen safely. If the review finds the placement meets the needs of the child, the director approves it. If the review reveals the placement is inappropriate, the director must find a new and appropriate placement for the child within 14 days.

These changes do not apply to children in foster homes, the homes of their parents or legal guardians, or a correctional facility.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact on the General Fund, other than the potential cost savings to the Department.

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