LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-eighth Legislature First Regular Session - 2025

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1206

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AND THE DIVISION OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; DIRECTING THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FEDERAL FUNDING RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. In addition to any other appropriation provided by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Early Learning and Development the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
A. EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund			$9,800	$9,800
B. IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund			18,227,000	18,227,000
C. SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund	$59,300	$260,900	1,000	321,200
TOTAL	$59,300	$260,900	$18,237,800	$18,558,000

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation made to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Services for the Developmentally Disabled and the Division of Early Learning and Development is hereby reduced by the following amounts for the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
I. SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:				
A. EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund	$244,600	$91,600	$3,202,900	$3,539,100
II. EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT:				
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FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund			$9,800	$9,800
B. SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund	$59,300	$11,700	1,000	72,000
DIVISION TOTAL	$59,300	$11,700	$10,800	$81,800
GRAND TOTAL	$303,900	$103,300	$3,213,700	$3,620,900

SECTION 3. FTP AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the full-time equivalent position authorization provided to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Extended Employment Services program is hereby reduced by three (3.00) for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 4. IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act, $14,000,000 from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund shall be expended for the Idaho Child Care Program to achieve the following objectives: executing contracts, programs and grants to expand the availability of licensed and non-licensed home-based child care, community child care, and after-school child care programs. The director of the Department of Health and Welfare is prohibited from allocating funds for buildings or

related infrastructure and is directed to find programs needing short-term investment to help expand long-term availability of child care without creating a need for ongoing public subsidy.

SECTION 5. FEDERAL FUNDING RESTRICTIONS. Pursuant to Section 67-3511(2), Idaho Code, legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature. Appropriations made pursuant to this act contingent on anticipated federal funding, grants, or programs shall not be supplanted by state funds in the event of any reduction or elimination of such federal support without legislative approval. The agency receiving the appropriation shall take all necessary actions to ensure that the state is not obligated to replace lost federal funds. Pursuant to Section 67-1917, Idaho Code, the agency will submit an inventory of federal funds utilized by the agency. State funds appropriated to satisfy match requirements for federal funds shall be reverted to the maximum extent possible if federal funds requiring match are reduced or eliminated. The agency shall promptly notify the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office of any significant changes related to federal funding, grants, or programs. This does not apply to standard federal funding adjustments that take place within an agency's cost allocation plan or indirect expenditure plan for indirect costs and agency support staff, FMAP adjustments, or entitlement programs.

SECTION 6. CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS. Appropriations made pursuant to this act are subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions specified in this act.

SECTION 7. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025.