TITLE 56
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE

CHAPTER 25
IDAHO RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

56-2501. IDAHO RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND. (1) There is hereby created and established in the state treasury the Idaho rural health transformation fund. The fund shall consist of moneys received by the state of Idaho from the federal rural health transformation program grant. Moneys in the fund shall be used solely for federally approved rural health transformation program purposes, subject to appropriation by the legislature upon recommendation from the rural health transformation committee as established in section 56-2502, Idaho Code.

(2) The Idaho rural health transformation fund shall be subject to annual public reporting of all receipts and expenditures.

[56-2501, added 2026, ch. 313, sec. 1, p. 1258.]

56-2502. RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE. (1) There is hereby created the rural health transformation committee, hereafter referred to as the committee. The committee shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed as follows: four (4) members of the senate shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the committee; four (4) members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one (1) of whom shall be cochair of the committee; and one (1) nonvoting member shall be selected by the governor. The term of a legislative member of the committee shall coincide with the term of election to the legislature. A vacancy during the term of a member of the committee shall be filled by the appointing authority of that member, and members may be reappointed to a subsequent term.

(2) The committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To establish rules for governance and operation of committee proceedings;

(b) To establish any additional requirements for funding subawards, which shall include application scoring rubrics, for the first award year and by September 30 for the four (4) remaining award years;

(c) To establish an expedited award review process with the department of health and welfare for funding subawards. The award review process shall align with federally approved timelines as outlined in Idaho's rural health transformation plan;

(d) To receive no less than quarterly updates on progress toward funded projects, expenditures, and outcomes from the department of health and welfare;

(e) To evaluate the potential and actual success of programs funded with moneys from the Idaho rural health transformation fund;

(f) To retain oversight of moneys in the Idaho rural health transformation fund;

(g) To require a sustainability plan for any initiative funded by Idaho rural health transformation moneys; and

(h) To make any recommendations to the legislature on the use of funds, as long as recommendations are within the parameters of the federally approved Idaho plan.

(3) The committee shall remain active until all moneys in the Idaho rural transformation fund have been appropriated and expended.

(4) The committee shall have access to all data regarding rural health transformation program awards received or created by the department of health and welfare, including but not limited to scoring data, rubrics, and reporting information. Such data shall be readily accessible through a secure portal, website, shared drive, or other method providing instantaneous or real-time access.

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