

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1459

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REDUCING THE AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES; REQUIRING A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of Health and Social Services Ombudsman the following amounts to be expended according to the designated expense classes from the General Fund for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

FOR:

Personnel Costs	\$325,000
Operating Expenditures	125,000
Capital Outlay	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$470,000

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Office of Health and Social Services Ombudsman is authorized no more than three (3.00) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation made to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Indirect Support Services is hereby reduced by the following amounts for the designated expense classes from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

1	FOR:	
2	Personnel Costs	\$325,000
3	Operating Expenditures	125,000
4	Capital Outlay	<u>20,000</u>
5	TOTAL	\$470,000

6 SECTION 4. FTP AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
7 law to the contrary, the full-time equivalent position authorization pro-  
8 vided to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Division of Indirect  
9 Support Services is hereby reduced by three (3.00) for the period July 1,  
10 2024, through June 30, 2025.

11 SECTION 5. OFFICE OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN REPORT.  
12 The Office of the Health and Social Services Ombudsman shall deliver an in-  
13 terim report to the Legislature, including the chairmen of the House and Sen-  
14 ate Health and Welfare Committees, as well as the Joint Finance-Appropri-  
15 ations Committee, by December 1, 2024, on the initial work of the office and  
16 the current operation of child welfare in the state. The report shall in-  
17 clude related recommendations to the governor, the Legislature, the direc-  
18 tor of the Department of Health and Welfare or other relevant state depart-  
19 ments or agencies, the state public defender, and the courts. The format of  
20 the report shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office Budget and  
21 Policy Analysis Division.

22 SECTION 6. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
23 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
24 July 1, 2024.