LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 480

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION; PROVIDING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS REGARDING RACE OR GENDER; REQUIRING A REPORT ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ASSESSMENT ALTERNATIVES; PROVIDING FEDERAL FUNDING RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REDUCING THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE FOR THE DIVISION OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; PROVIDING A TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

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 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
I. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT & PREVENTION:				
FROM:				
Liquor Control Fund	$533,900			$533,900
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund	0		$673,900	673,900
TOTAL	$533,900		$673,900	$1,207,800

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
II. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:				
ADULT MENTAL HEALTH:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund		$261,400		$261,400
III. PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION:				
A. STATE HOSPITAL SOUTH:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund			$5,300	$5,300
B. STATE HOSPITAL WEST:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Dedicated) Fund	$1,226,200	$1,506,900		$2,733,100
DIVISION TOTAL	$1,226,200	$1,506,900	$5,300	$2,738,400
GRAND TOTAL	$1,760,100	$1,768,300	$679,200	$4,207,600

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation made to the Department of Health and Welfare 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 TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
I. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT & PREVENTION:			
FROM:			
Liquor Control Fund		$533,900	$533,900
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund	$673,900	0	673,900
TOTAL	$673,900	$533,900	$1,207,800

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
II. PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION:			
A. STATE HOSPITAL SOUTH:			
FROM:			
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund		$5,300	$5,300
B. STATE HOSPITAL WEST:			
FROM:			
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund	$2,733,100		$2,733,100
DIVISION TOTAL	$2,733,100	$5,300	$2,738,400
GRAND TOTAL	$3,407,000	$539,200	$3,946,200

SECTION 3. FTP AUTHORIZATION. Notwithstanding any other authorization provided by law to the contrary, the full-time equivalent position authorization provided to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Mental Health Services Division is hereby reduced by nine (9.00) for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the divisions of Mental Health Services and Psychiatric Hospitalization may transfer personnel costs and trustee and benefit payments pursuant to Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

SECTION 5. PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS REGARDING RACE OR GENDER. The Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Behavioral Health shall ensure no appropriated funds are used for training or programming that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion; critical race theory; or transgender ideology; or for other programs that distribute or restrict funding based on composable criteria of race or gender.

SECTION 6. CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ASSESSMENT ALTERNATIVES REPORT. The Department of Health and Welfare shall provide a report exploring alternatives to the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment, as well as opportunities for parents, providers, and patients to opt out of certain questions. No assessment alternative considered in the report shall include assessing sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. The report shall be submitted to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and the

Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than January 15, 2026.

SECTION 7. 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 8. CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS. Appropriations made pursuant to this act are subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions specified in this act.

SECTION 9. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 1, Chapter 313, Laws of 2024, and any other appropriation provided by law, there is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
I. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:				
ADULT MENTAL HEALTH:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund		$5,987,200	$756,600	$6,743,800
II. PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION:				
A. COMMUNITY HOSPITALIZATION:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund			$2,663,500	$2,663,500

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
B. STATE HOSPITAL SOUTH:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund	$1,000,000			$1,000,000
Cooperative Welfare (Dedicated) Fund	3,859,700			3,859,700
TOTAL	$4,859,700			$4,859,700
C. STATE HOSPITAL WEST:				
FROM:				
Cooperative Welfare (Dedicated) Fund	$700,000	$1,506,900		$2,206,900
DIVISION TOTAL	$5,559,700	$1,506,900	$2,663,500	$9,730,100
GRAND TOTAL	$5,559,700	$7,494,100	$3,420,100	$16,473,900

SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation made to the Department of Health and Welfare in Section 1, Chapter 313, Laws of 2024, is hereby reduced by the following amounts, according to the designated programs for personnel costs from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund for the division of Psychiatric Hospitalization for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

State Hospital South	$4,859,700
State Hospital West	2,206,900
TOTAL	$7,066,600

SECTION 11. TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the division of Mental Health Services may transfer personnel costs and trustee and benefit payments pursuant to Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

SECTION 12. TRANSFER LIMITATION EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the division of Psychiatric Hospitalization may transfer personnel costs and trustee and benefit payments pursuant to Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

SECTION 13. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 9 through 12 of this act shall be in full force

and effect on and after passage and approval, and Sections 1 through 8 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025.