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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 781

## BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY INDIGENT SERVICES AND FINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 57-811, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE TAX RELIEF FUND; AMENDING SECTION 63-3620F, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN ONLINE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE; AMEND-ING SECTION 63-3638, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE; REPEALING SECTION 31-863, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE LEVY FOR CHARITIES FUND; AMENDING SECTION 31-3401, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO NONMEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR INDIGENT PERSONS; REPEALING SECTION 31-3501, IDAHO CODE, RELAT-ING TO A DECLARATION OF POLICY; REPEALING SECTION 31-3502, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 31-3503, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-MOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; REPEALING SECTIONS 31-3503A, 31-3503B, 31-3503C, 31-3503D, 31-3503E, 31-3503F, 31-3504, 31-3505, 31-3505A, 31-3505B, 31-3505C, 31-3505D, 31-3505E, 31-3505F, AND 31-3505G, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO COUNTY HOSPITALS FOR THE INDIGENT SICK; AMENDING SEC-TION 31-3505H, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; REPEALING SEC-TIONS 31-3506, 31-3507, 31-3508, 31-3508A, 31-3509, AND 31-3510, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO COUNTY HOSPITALS FOR THE INDIGENT SICK; AMENDING SEC-TION 31-3510A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REIMBURSE-MENT AND TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; REPEALING SECTION 31-3511, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTION 31-3512, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 31-3513, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 31-3514, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 31-3515, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 31-3515A, IDAHO CODE, TO REDESIGNATE THE SECTION; AMENDING SECTION 31-3516, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-DESIGNATE THE SECTION; REPEALING SECTIONS 31-3517, 31-3518, 31-3519, 31-3520, AND 31-3521, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM; REPEALING SECTIONS 31-3550, 31-3551, 31-3552, 31-3553, 31-3554, 31-3555, 31-3556, AND 31-3557, IDAHO CODE, RELAT-ING TO THE ADVISORY PANEL FOR PRELITIGATION CONSIDERATION OF INDIGENT RESOURCE ELIGIBILITY CLAIMS; AMENDING SECTION 63-802, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING TAXING DISTRICT BUDGET LIMITATIONS; PRO-VIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 19, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 19-847, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIGENT PUBLIC DEFENSE; AMENDING SECTION 19-858, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGAL AS-SISTANCE; AMENDING SECTION 19-863A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE FUND; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 57, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 57-827, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE FUND; AMENDING SECTION 31-3607,

1 IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 39-424A, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO REMOVE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 67-7903, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO REMOVE A PROVISION REGARDING THE COUNTY INDIGENT PROGRAM; AND
4 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

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

 SECTION 1. That Section 57-811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 57-811. TAX RELIEF FUND. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the tax relief fund to which shall be credited all moneys remitted from sections 63-3620F and 63-3638, Idaho Code, from federal grants, donations, or any other source. Moneys in the fund are intended to fund future tax relief statutes enacted by the legislature and may be expended pursuant to appropriation. All interest earned on the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be returned to the fund.
- (2) On July 15, 2021, the state controller shall transfer one hundred eighty million dollars (\$180,000,000) from the tax relief fund to the 2021 Idaho tax rebate fund.
- (3) For fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state controller shall transfer one hundred ten million dollars (\$110,000,000) from the tax relief fund to the general fund.
- (4) In addition to any other transfers authorized under this section, for fiscal year 2024, the state controller shall transfer up to twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) from the tax relief fund to the general fund.
- SECTION 2. That Section 63-3620F, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3620F. DISTRIBUTION OF TAX COLLECTED BY MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS AND OUT-OF-STATE RETAILERS. (1) State sales and use taxes collected by retailers without a physical presence in Idaho, as described in section 63-3611(3)(h), Idaho Code, and state sales and use taxes collected on transactions facilitated for third-party sellers by marketplace facilitators, as described in section 63-3605E, Idaho Code, shall be distributed as provided in this section.
- (2) From June 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024, all state sales and use taxes described in subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
  - (a) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims under this section. All refunds authorized for payment by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account and those moneys are continuously appropriated; and
  - (b) All remaining funds received pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the tax relief fund established in section 57-811, Idaho Code.
- (3) On and after July 1, 2024, all state sales and use taxes described in subsection (1) of this section shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:

 (a) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims under this section. All refunds authorized for payment by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account, and those moneys are continuously appropriated; and

- (b) The remaining funds shall be distributed through the distribution formula set forth for other sales and use tax revenue in section 63-3638, Idaho Code, except that the remainder after distribution shall not be paid to the general fund pursuant to section 63-3638(15), Idaho Code, but shall instead be paid to the tax relief fund established in section 57-811, Idaho Code.
- (4) Marketplace facilitators must obtain a separate seller's permit and collect and remit under that separate permit for state sales and use taxes collected on transactions facilitated for third-party sellers.
- SECTION 3. That Section 63-3638, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 63-3638. SALES TAX -- DISTRIBUTION. All moneys collected under this chapter, except as may otherwise be required in sections 63-3203, 63-3620F, and 63-3709, Idaho Code, and except as provided in subsection (16) of this section, shall be distributed by the state tax commission as follows:
- (1) An amount of money shall be distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims. All refunds authorized under this chapter by the state tax commission shall be paid through the state refund account, and those moneys are continuously appropriated.
- (2) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the permanent building fund, provided by section 57-1108, Idaho Code.
- (3) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$4,800,000) per year is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the water pollution control fund established by section 39-3628, Idaho Code.
- (4) An amount equal to the sum required to be certified by the chairman of the Idaho housing and finance association to the state tax commission pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code, in each year is continuously appropriated and shall be paid to any capital reserve fund established by the Idaho housing and finance association pursuant to section 67-6211, Idaho Code. Such amounts, if any, as may be appropriated hereunder to the capital reserve fund of the Idaho housing and finance association shall be repaid for distribution under the provisions of this section, subject to the provisions of section 67-6215, Idaho Code, by the Idaho housing and finance association, as soon as possible, from any moneys available therefor and in excess of the amounts the association determines will keep it self-supporting.
- (5) An amount equal to the sum required by the provisions of sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code, after allowance for the amount appropriated by section 63-718(3), Idaho Code, is continuously appropriated and shall be paid as provided by sections 63-709 and 63-717, Idaho Code.
- (6) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 53, title 33, Idaho Code.
- (7) An amount required by the provisions of chapter 87, title 67, Idaho Code.

- (8) For fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000), of which two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) shall be distributed to each of the forty-four (44) counties in equal amounts and one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) shall be distributed to the forty-four (44) counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. For fiscal year 2012 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount distributed pursuant to this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the state tax commission in accordance with the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, but in no fiscal year shall the total amount allocated for counties under this subsection be less than four million one hundred thousand dollars (\$4,100,000). Any increase resulting from the adjustment required in this section shall be distributed to each county in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state. Each county shall establish a special election fund to which shall be deposited all revenues received from the distribution pursuant to this subsection. All such revenues shall be used exclusively to defray the costs associated with conducting elections as required of county clerks by the provisions of section 34-1401, Idaho Code.
- (9) One dollar (\$1.00) on each application for certificate of title or initial application for registration of a motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or other vehicle processed by the county assessor or the Idaho transportation department, excepting those applications in which any sales or use taxes due have been previously collected by a retailer, shall be a fee for the services of the assessor of the county or the Idaho transportation department in collecting such taxes and shall be paid into the current expense fund of the county or state highway account established in section 40-702, Idaho Code.
- (10) Eleven and five-tenths percent (11.5%) is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the revenue-sharing account, which is hereby created in the state treasury, and the moneys in the revenue-sharing account will be paid in installments each calendar quarter by the state tax commission on and after July 1, 2020, as follows:
  - (a) Forty-five and two-tenths percent (45.2%) shall be paid to the various cities as follows:
    - (i) The revenue-sharing amount calculated by the state tax commission for the various cities for each quarter of fiscal year 2020 shall be the base amount for current quarterly revenue distribution amounts. The state tax commission shall calculate the per capita distribution for each city resulting from the previous fiscal year's distributions.
    - (ii) If there is no change in the amount of the revenue-sharing account from the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then the various cities shall receive the same amount received for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.
    - (iii) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is greater than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then:

- 1. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were below the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the various cities shall first receive a proportional increase up to the base amount for each city and up to a one percent (1%) increase over such base amount. Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with below-average per capita distributions within the state.
- 2. If the distributions made to the cities during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year were at or above the base amount established in fiscal year 2020, then the cities shall receive the same distribution they received during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year plus a proportional increase up to one percent (1%). Any remaining moneys shall be distributed to the cities with a below-average per capita distribution in the proportion that the population of that city bears to the population of all cities with a below-average per capita distribution within the state.
- (iv) If the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the current quarter is less than the balance of the revenue-sharing account for the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, then the cities shall first receive a proportional reduction down to the base amount established in fiscal year 2020. If further reductions are necessary, the cities shall receive reductions based on the proportion that each city's population bears to the population of all cities within the state.
- (b) Forty-seven and one-tenth percent (47.1%) shall be paid to the various counties as follows:
  - (i) In fiscal year 2023, two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund created in section 57-827, Idaho Code. In fiscal year 2024, five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund. In fiscal year 2025, eight million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$8,250,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund. For fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) shall be transferred each quarter to the state public defense fund.
  - (ii) Fifty-nine and eight-tenths percent (59.8%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
    - 1. One million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,320,000) annually shall be distributed one forty-fourth (1/44) to each of the various counties; and
    - 2. The balance of such amount shall be paid to the various counties, and each county shall be entitled to an amount in

the proportion that the population of that county bears to the population of the state; and

- (iii) Forty and two-tenths percent (40.2%) of the amount to be distributed under this paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be distributed as follows:
  - 1. Each county that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as that subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
  - 2. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(b)(ii $\underline{i}$ ) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
  - 3. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (b) (ii<u>i</u>) in any quarter exceeds the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each county shall be entitled to a proportionately increased payment, but such increase shall not exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999.
  - 4. If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10) (b) (ii $\underline{i}$ ) in any quarter exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the total payment made in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, any amount over and above such one hundred five percent (105%) shall be paid to the various counties in the proportion that the population of the county bears to the population of the state; and
- (c) Seven and seven-tenths percent (7.7%) of the amount appropriated in this subsection shall be paid to the several counties for distribution to special purpose taxing districts as follows:
  - (i) Each such district that received a payment under the provisions of section 63-3638(e), Idaho Code, as such subsection existed immediately prior to July 1, 2000, during the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, shall be entitled to a like amount during succeeding calendar quarters.
  - (ii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter does not equal the amount paid in the fourth quarter of calendar year 1999, each special purpose taxing district's payment shall be reduced proportionately.
  - (iii) If the dollar amount of money available under this subsection (10)(c) in any quarter exceeds the amount distributed under paragraph (c)(i) of this subsection, each special purpose taxing district shall be entitled to a share of the excess based on the proportion each such district's current property tax budget bears to the sum of the current property tax budgets of all such districts in the state. The state tax commission shall calculate district current property tax budgets to include any unrecovered forgone amounts as determined under section 63-802(1)(e), Idaho Code. When a special purpose taxing district is situated in more

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than one (1) county, the state tax commission shall determine the portion attributable to the special purpose taxing district from each county in which it is situated.

- (iv) If special purpose taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to a base amount equal to the sum of the base amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district prior to the consolidation.
- (v) If a special purpose taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received.
- (vi) Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (vii) For purposes of this paragraph (c) of this subsection, a special purpose taxing district is any taxing district that is not a city, a county, or a school district.
- (11) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 2, chapter 356, laws of 2001, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts beginning in October 2001 for replacement of property tax on farm machinery and equipment exempted pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code. For nonschool districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of this amount certified quarterly to each county. For school districts, the state tax commission shall distribute one-fourth (1/4) of the amount certified quarterly to each school district. For nonschool districts, the county auditor shall distribute to each district within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of moneys from the state tax commission. Moneys received by each taxing district for replacement shall be utilized in the same manner and in the same proportions as revenues from property taxation. The moneys remitted to the county treasurer for replacement of property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, may be considered by the counties and other taxing districts and budgeted at the same time, in the same manner and in the same year as revenues from taxation on personal property which these moneys replace. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts received in the last calendar quarter by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district is dissolved or disincorporated, the state tax commission shall continuously distribute to the board of county commissioners an amount equal to the last quarter's distribution prior to dissolution or disincorporation. The board of county commissioners shall determine any redistribution of moneys so received. If a taxing district annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts formed after January 1, 2001, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection. School districts shall receive an amount determined by multiplying the sum of the year 2000 school district levy minus .004 times the market value on December 31, 2000, in the district of the property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, provided that the

result of these calculations shall not be less than zero (0). The result of these school district calculations shall be further increased by six percent (6%). For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602EE, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues.

- (12) Amounts necessary to pay refunds as provided in section 63-3641, Idaho Code, to a developer of a retail complex shall be remitted to the demonstration pilot project fund created in section 63-3641, Idaho Code.
- (13) Amounts calculated in accordance with section 63-602KK(4), Idaho Code, for annual distribution to counties and other taxing districts for replacement of property tax on personal property tax exemptions pursuant to section 63-602KK(2), Idaho Code, which amounts are continuously appropriated unless the legislature enacts a different appropriation for a particular fiscal year. For purposes of the limitation provided by section 63-802, Idaho Code, moneys received pursuant to this section as property tax replacement for property exempt from taxation pursuant to section 63-602KK, Idaho Code, shall be treated as property tax revenues. If taxing districts are consolidated, the resulting district is entitled to an amount equal to the sum of the amounts that were received in the last calendar year by each district pursuant to this subsection prior to the consolidation. If a taxing district or revenue allocation area annexes territory, the distribution of moneys received pursuant to this subsection shall be unaffected. Taxing districts and revenue allocation areas formed after January 1, 2022, are not entitled to a payment under the provisions of this subsection.
- (14) Amounts collected from purchasers and paid to the state of Idaho by retailers that are not engaged in business in this state and which retailer would not have been required to collect the sales tax, less amounts otherwise distributed in subsections (1) and (10) of this section, shall be distributed to the tax relief fund created in section 57-811, Idaho Code. The state tax commission will determine the amounts to be distributed under this subsection. For fiscal year 2023, thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000) shall be transferred to the state public defense fund created in section 57-827, Idaho Code. For fiscal year 2024, twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) shall be transferred to the state public defense fund. For fiscal year 2025, fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) shall be transferred to the state public defense fund.
- (15) Any moneys remaining over and above those necessary to meet and reserve for payments under other subsections of this section shall be distributed to the general fund.
  - (16) (a) Four and five-tenths percent (4.5%), but not less than eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000), is continuously appropriated and shall be distributed to the transportation expansion and congestion mitigation fund established in section 40-720, Idaho Code.
  - (b) Any portion of the four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection that exceeds eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000) is continuously appropriated and shall be apportioned to local units of government for local highway projects in the same percentages provided for in section 40-709(1) through (3), Idaho Code.

1 Local units of government may pool funds allocated to them pursuant to 2 this paragraph for local highway projects.

- (c) The distribution provided for in this subsection must immediately follow the distribution provided for in subsection (10) of this section.
- SECTION 4. That Section 31-863, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
  - SECTION 5. That Section 31-3401, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 31-3401. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The boards of county commissioners in their respective counties shall, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, evaluate the need and provide to indigent person(s) nonmedical assistance in a temporary situation only when no alternatives exist. Nothing in this chapter shall imply county assistance is to be provided on a continuing basis. Boards of county commissioners, by resolution, shall promulgate policies and procedures, may negotiate payment to providers, and may contract for nonmedical services, pursuant to this chapter. For the purpose of funding Boards of county commissioners may fund nonmedical services for indigent persons, boards of county commissioners are authorized to levy an ad valorem tax from the county current expense fund pursuant to section 31-3503 63-805, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 6. That Section 31-3501, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 7. That Section 31-3502, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
  - SECTION 8. That Section 31-3503, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - 31-35031. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The county commissioners in their respective counties shall, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law,  $\div$
    - (1) Pay for necessary medical services for the medically indigent residents of their counties as provided in this chapter and as approved by the county commissioners at the reimbursement rate up to the total sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) in the aggregate per resident in any consecutive twelve (12) month period or contract for the provision of necessary medical services pursuant to sections 31-3520 and 31-3521, Idaho Code.
    - (2) Have the right to contract with providers, transfer patients, negotiate provider agreements, conduct utilization management or any portion thereof, pay for authorized expenses directly, or indirectly through the use of alternative programs, that would assist in managing costs of providing health care for indigent persons, and all other powers incident to the county's duties created by this chapter.

(3) Cooperate with the department, the board and contractors retained by the department or the board to provide services including, but not limited to, medicaid eligibility review and utilization management on behalf of the counties and the board.

 (4) Hhave the jurisdiction and power to provide county hospitals and public general hospitals for the county and others who are sick, injured, maimed, aged and infirm and to erect, enlarge, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, and to officer, maintain and improve hospitals, hospital grounds, nurses' homes, shelter care facilities and residential or assisted living facilities as defined in section 39-3301, Idaho Code, superintendent's quarters, medical clinics, as that term is defined in section 39-1319, Idaho Code, medical clinic grounds or any other necessary buildings, and to equip the same, and to replace equipment, and for this purpose said commissioners may levy an additional tax of not to exceed six hundredths percent (.06%) of the market value for assessment purposes on all taxable property within the county. The term "public general hospitals" as used in this subsection shall be construed to include nursing homes.

SECTION 9. That Section 31-3503A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. That Section 31-3503B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. That Section 31-3503C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. That Section 31-3503D, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. That Section  $\underline{31-3503E}$ , Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. That Section 31-3503F, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. That Section 31-3504, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

32 SECTION 16. That Section 31-3505, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 33 repealed.

SECTION 17. That Section 31-3505A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

36 SECTION 18. That Section 31-3505B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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SECTION 20. That Section 31-3505D, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

- SECTION 21. That Section 31-3505E, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 3 SECTION 22. That Section 31-3505F, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 5 SECTION 23. That Section 31-3505G, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

- SECTION 24. That Section 31-3505H, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 31-3505H2. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, no person eligible for medicaid pursuant to section 56-254 or 56-267, Idaho Code, shall be eligible for financial assistance pursuant to this chapter as it existed on March 1, 2022.
  - (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, no person eligible for health insurance shall be eligible for financial assistance pursuant to this chapter as it existed on March 1, 2022.
  - (3) Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, no person in a commitment proceeding pursuant to chapter 3, title 66, Idaho Code, who is eligible for medicaid or eligible for health insurance shall be eligible for financial assistance pursuant to this chapter <u>as it existed on March 1, 2022</u>.
  - (4) A board of county commissioners, the board of the catastrophic health care cost program, or the department of health and welfare receiving an application for assistance for services provided through March 31, 2022, shall process such application pursuant to this chapter as it existed on March 1, 2022.
  - (5) It is the intent of the legislature that moneys saved by counties pursuant to this section may be used for additional county aid to public health districts as required by section 39-424A, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 25. That Section 31-3506, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 26. That Section 31-3507, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 33 SECTION 27. That Section 31-3508, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 35 SECTION 28. That Section 31-3508A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 29. That Section 31-3509, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 30. That Section 31-3510, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

 SECTION 31. That Section 31-3510A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 31-3510A03. REIMBURSEMENT. (1) Receipt of An applicant that received services through March 31, 2022, and was approved for financial assistance pursuant to this chapter shall obligate an applicant to reimburse the obligated county and the board state for such reasonable portion of the financial assistance paid on behalf of the applicant as the county commissioners may determine that the applicant is able to pay from resources over a reasonable period of time. Cash amounts received shall be prorated between the county and the board state in proportion to the amount each has paid. Moneys disbursed to the state shall be deposited into the state general fund.
- (2) A final determination shall not relieve the applicant's duty to make additional reimbursement from resources if the county commissioners subsequently find within a reasonable period of time that there has been a substantial change in circumstances such that the applicant is able to pay additional amounts up to the total claim paid on behalf of the applicant.
- (3) A final determination shall not prohibit the county commissioners from reviewing a petition from an applicant to reduce an order of reimbursement based on a substantial change in circumstances.
- (4) The automatic lien created pursuant to the chapter may be filed and recorded in any county of this state wherein the applicant has resources and may be liquidated or unliquidated in amount. Nothing herein shall prohibit an applicant from executing a consensual lien in addition to the automatic lien created by filing an application pursuant to this chapter. In the event that resources can be located in another state, the clerk may file the lien with the district court and provide notice to the recipient. The recipient shall have twenty (20) days to object, following which the district court shall enter judgment against the recipient. The judgment entered may thereafter be filed as provided for the filing of a foreign judgment in that jurisdiction.
- (5) The county shall have the same right of recovery as provided to the state of Idaho pursuant to sections 56-218 and 56-218A, Idaho Code.
- (6) The county commissioners may require the employment of such of the medically indigent as are capable and able to work and whose attending physician certifies they are capable of working.
- (7) That portion of the moneys received by a county as reimbursement that are not assigned to the catastrophic health care cost program state shall be credited to the respective county medically indigent current expense fund.
- (8) If, after a hearing, the final determination of the county commissioners is to require a reimbursement amount or rate the applicant believes excessive, the applicant may seek judicial review of the final determination of the county commissioners in the manner provided in section 31-1506, Idaho Code. The automatic lien attached to an application for services received through March 31, 2022, pursuant to this chapter as it existed on March 1, 2022, shall remain solely for the collection of reimbursement pursuant to this section.

SECTION 32. That Section 31-3511, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 33. That Section 31-3512, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-351204. JOINT COUNTY HOSPITALS. Recognizing the need of hospitals for the public welfare and the burden for one (1) county to finance the cost of such construction, operation and maintenance thereof within its own boundaries under certain circumstances, the county commissioners in their respective counties shall have the power to jointly and severally enter into contracts or agreements with one (1) or more adjoining counties to construct, operate and maintain joint county hospitals, either within or without the boundaries of such counties, upon a finding of each such county commissioners that there is a public necessity requiring the financing of such hospital facilities jointly with one (1) or more adjoining counties. The county commissioners shall have the same powers to operate, finance and bond for such joint county hospitals as they would have for a county hospital.

SECTION 34. That Section 31-3513, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-35<del>13</del>05. ELECTION FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS. The county commissioners may, when they deem the welfare of their counties require it, or when petitioned thereto by a number of resident taxpayers of their respective counties equal to five percent (5%) of the number of persons voting for the secretary of state of the state of Idaho, at the election next preceding the date of such petition, submit to the qualified electors of said county at any election held as provided in section 34-106, Idaho Code, the proposition whether negotiable coupon bonds of the county to the amount stated in such proposition shall be issued and sold for the purpose of providing such hospital, hospital grounds, nurses' homes, nursing homes, residential or assisted living facilities, shelter care facilities, medical clinics, superintendent's quarters, or any other necessary buildings, and equipment, and may on their own initiative submit to the qualified electors of the county at any general election the proposition whether negotiable coupon bonds of the county to the amount stated in such proposition shall be issued and sold for the purpose of providing for the extension and enlargement of existing hospital, hospital grounds, nurses' homes, nursing homes, residential or assisted living facilities, shelter care facilities, medical clinics or grounds, superintendent's quarters, or any other necessary buildings, and equipment, and when authorized thereto by two-thirds (2/3) vote at such election, shall issue and sell such coupon bonds and use the proceeds therefrom for the purposes authorized by such election. Said proposition may be submitted to the qualified electors at an election held subject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code, if the county commissioners shall by resolution so determine. No person shall be qualified to vote at any election held under the provisions of this section unless he shall possess all the qualifications required of electors under the general laws of this state.

The county commissioners shall be governed in calling and holding such election and in the issuance and sale of such bonds, and in the providing for the payment of the principal and interest thereon by the provisions of chapter 19, title 31, Idaho Code, and by the provisions of chapter 2, title

57, Idaho Code; provided, however, that when such bonds have been issued and sold and a period of two (2) years or more has elapsed from the date of sale of said bonds and for any reason the proceeds from the sale of said bonds or other moneys appropriated for the purpose for which said bonds were issued, have not been used for the purpose for which they were appropriated or said bond issue made, the county commissioners may, with the written consent of all of the bondholders first having been obtained, submit to the qualified electors, as herein defined, the question of spending such moneys for a definite purpose. The purpose for which it is decided to spend such moneys shall be clearly and plainly stated on the ballot. If a majority of the qualified electors shall vote in favor of spending such moneys for the purpose stated, the county commissioners shall proceed in the same manner as if such different purpose had been the original purpose for such bond issue or appropriation. Provided, further that if less than a majority of the qualified electors shall vote in favor of spending such moneys for such different purpose, or if no such election should be had, when all of the bonds shall have been retired, such excess moneys shall be placed in the general fund.

SECTION 35. That Section 31-3514, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

 $31-35\underline{1406}$ . INTERNAL MANAGEMENT -- ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS. Such facilities as referred to in section  $31-3503\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ , Idaho Code, may suitably provide for and accept other patients and must charge and accept payments from such other patients as are able to make payments for services rendered and care given. The county commissioners may make suitable rules and regulations for the management and operation of such property by a suitable board of control, or otherwise, or for carrying out such hospital uses and purposes under a lease of the same.

The boards or officers or lessees of such hospital property shall render accounts and reports to the county commissioners as may be required by the county commissioners; and shall render accounts and deliver over any and all moneys received by them for the county to the county treasurer to be credited to the operation expense of hospitals and indigent sick and otherwise dependent poor of the county in such manner as provided by law for the handling of funds of this kind.

Said board of control may permit persons from out of the county where such hospital is located to be admitted for hospitalization to such hospital. As to such cases special rates for the use and service of such hospital may be provided which rates shall apply equally to all such patients who do not pay taxes within the county where such hospital is located. The purpose of providing such special rates shall be to compel persons living out of the county where such hospital is located, and who receive hospitalization in such hospital, to bear a just burden of the cost of construction and maintenance of such hospital.

SECTION 36. That Section 31-3515, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

 $31-35\overline{1507}$ . LEASE OR SALE. Such counties acting through their county commissioners shall have the right to lease such hospitals upon such terms

and for such a length of time as they may decide, or to sell the same; provided, however, that no such lease or sale, except those leases entered into between such counties and the Idaho health facilities authority as provided in section 31-836, Idaho Code, shall be final or valid unless and until it has been approved by a majority of the qualified electors of said county voting on such question at an election held subject to the provisions of section 34-106, Idaho Code; except if a hospital district has been created under the provisions of chapter 13, title 39, Idaho Code, county commissioners shall have the right to lease, as provided in section 31-836, Idaho Code, such hospitals within a created hospital district to the hospital district without submitting the question of lease or sale to the qualified electors of the county or the respective hospital district.

SECTION 37. That Section 31-3515A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

 $31-35\overline{15408}$ . CONVEYANCE, LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL TO NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (1) As an alternative to the procedure set forth in section  $31-35\overline{1507}$ , Idaho Code, counties acting through their respective county commissioners may convey or lease county hospitals, and the equipment therein, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The entity to which the hospital is to be transferred shall be a non-profit corporation;
- (b) No lease term shall exceed ninety-nine (99) years. This subsection supersedes that part of section 31-836, Idaho Code, which is inconsistent herewith;
- (c) The governing body of the nonprofit corporation must be composed initially of the incumbent members of the board of hospital trustees, as individuals. The articles of incorporation must provide for a membership of the corporation which is:
  - (i) Broadly representative of the public and includes residents of each incorporated city in the county and of the unincorporated area of the county; or
  - (ii) A single nonprofit corporate member having articles of incorporation which provide for a membership of that corporation which is broadly representative of the public and includes residents of each incorporated city in the county and of the unincorporated area of the county.

The articles must further provide for the selection of the governing body by the membership of the corporation, or exclusively by a parent corporation which is the corporate member, with voting power, and not by the governing body itself, except to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term. The articles must further provide that no member of the governing body shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.

- (d) The nonprofit corporation must provide care for indigent patients, and receive any person falling sick or maimed within the county.
- (e) The transfer agreement must provide for the transfer of patients, staff and employees, and for the continuing administration of any trusts or bequests or maintenance of records pertaining to the existing public hospital.

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- (f) The transfer or lease agreement shall provide for a transfer or lease price which shall be either of the following:
  - (i) The acceptance of all assets and assumption of all liabilities; or
  - (ii) Such other price as the commissioners and the nonprofit corporation may agree.
- (2) If any hospital which has been conveyed pursuant to this section ceases to be used as a nonprofit hospital, unless the premises so conveyed are sold and the proceeds used to erect or enlarge another nonprofit hospital for the county, the hospital so conveyed reverts to the ownership of the county. If any hospital which has been leased pursuant to this section ceases to be used as a nonprofit hospital, the lease shall terminate.
- (3) The provisions of section 31-808, Idaho Code, with respect to the sale and disposition of real and personal property owned by the county, shall not apply to transactions covered by section  $31-35\frac{15}{07}$ , Idaho Code, and this section.
- SECTION 38. That Section 31-3516, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 31-351609. SEPARABILITY. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.
- SECTION 39. That Section 31-3517, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 40. That Section 31-3518, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 41. That Section 31-3519, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 42. That Section 31-3520, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 43. That Section 31-3521, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 34 SECTION 44. That Section 31-3550, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 35 repealed.
- SECTION 45. That Section 31-3551, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
- 38 SECTION 46. That Section 31-3552, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 39 repealed.
- SECTION 47. That Section 31-3553, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 48. That Section 31-3554, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 49. That Section 31-3555, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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SECTION 50. That Section 31-3556, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 51. That Section 31-3557, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 52. That Section 63-802, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

63-802. LIMITATION ON BUDGET REQUESTS -- LIMITATION ON TAX CHARGES -- EXCEPTIONS. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no taxing district shall certify a budget request for an amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget that exceeds the maximum sum permitted under this section:

- (a) (i) The highest dollar amount of property taxes certified for its annual budget for any one (1) of the three (3) tax years preceding the current tax year, which amount may be increased by a growth factor of not to exceed three percent (3%) plus the amount of revenue calculated as described in this subsection. The taxing district shall determine what portion of the three percent (3%) increase permitted under this subparagraph that it requires and then calculate a preliminary levy rate based on the percent chosen. In calculating the preliminary levy rate, the most current taxable market value shall be used, except that for taxable market values of centrally assessed operating property, the prior year's valuation may be used instead of the current year's taxable market values. The preliminary levy rate shall be multiplied by the value shown on the new construction roll compiled pursuant to section 63-301A, Idaho Code, and by ninety percent (90%) of the value of annexation during the previous calendar year, as certified by the state tax commission for taxable market values of operating property of public utilities and by the county assessor; except for a fire protection district annexing property prior to July 1, 2021, pursuant to section 31-1429, Idaho Code, the new levy rate shall be multiplied by one hundred percent (100%) of the value of any such property annexed prior to July 1, 2021.
- (ii) The total budget increase calculated under this paragraph must not exceed eight percent (8%), except that any distribution of funds to a taxing district as a result of the termination of a revenue allocation area of an urban renewal district pursuant to section 50-2909(4), Idaho Code, shall not be subject to such limitation.
- (iii) Following the first year in which a fire protection district has annexed city property pursuant to section 31-1429, Idaho Code, the city shall subtract an amount equal to the moneys spent on fire

protection services during the last full year the city provided fire protection services to its residents from its budget limitation under this section.

- (b) If the taxing district has not imposed a levy for three (3) or more years, the highest dollar amount of property taxes certified for its annual budget for the purpose of paragraph (a) (i) of this subsection shall be the dollar amount of property taxes certified for its annual budget during the last year in which a levy was made.
- (c) The dollar amount of the actual budget request may be substituted for the amount in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the taxing district is newly created, except as may be provided in paragraph (i) of this subsection.
- (d) This section does not apply to school district levies imposed in section 33-802, Idaho Code.
  - (e) (i) In the case of a nonschool district for which less than the maximum allowable increase in the dollar amount of property taxes is certified for annual budget purposes in any one (1) year, such a district may, in any following year, recover the forgone increase by certifying, in addition to any increase otherwise allowed, any or all of the increase originally forgone. Provided however, that prior to budgeting any forgone increase, the district must provide notice of its intent to do so, hold a public hearing, which may be in conjunction with its annual budget hearing, and certify by resolution the amount of forgone increase to be budgeted and the specific purpose for which the forgone increase is being budgeted. Upon adoption of the resolution, the clerk of the district shall file a copy of the resolution with the county clerk and the state tax commission. Said additional amount shall be included in future calculations for increases as allowed, except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.
  - (ii) If the forgone increase is budgeted for the purpose of maintenance and operations, the rate of recovering the reserved forgone moneys may increase the taxing district's budget by no more than one percent (1%) per year. Provided, however, this cap shall not apply to a taxing district that budgets its reserved forgone moneys for the purpose of maintenance and operations as long as it does not budget, or reserve as forgone, any portion of the three percent (3%) increase otherwise allowed and does not budget any new construction or annexation increases.
  - (iii) If the forgone increase is budgeted for a capital project or projects, the rate of recovering the reserved forgone moneys may not exceed three percent (3%) of the taxing district's budget for the year in which the forgone increase is budgeted. Forgone moneys budgeted for a capital project must be deducted from the taxing district's forgone balance in the year in which it is budgeted. Upon completion of such a capital project, the taxing district shall certify such completion to the state tax commission and county clerk. If, upon certification, the state tax commission finds that the taxing district included forgone moneys for a capital project in calculating the increase permitted under paragraph

- (a) of this subsection, the state tax commission shall direct the taxing district to reduce its property tax budget for any year in which the forgone moneys were used to calculate a budget increase, in an amount equal to the forgone moneys budgeted plus any increases attributed to the forgone moneys improperly included in the taxing district's property tax budget. For the purpose of this paragraph, a capital project includes:
  - 1. The construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement of public facilities, including the acquisition of land and other site improvements;
  - 2. The construction, expansion, or reconstruction of public works improvements, including roads, bridges, water systems, sewer systems, and broadband systems; and
  - 3. The purchase of equipment with a useful life of ten (10) years or more.
- (f) If a taxing district elects to budget less than the maximum allowable increase in the dollar amount of property taxes, the taxing district may reserve the right to recover all or any portion of that year's forgone increase in a subsequent year by adoption of a resolution specifying the dollar amount of property taxes being reserved. Otherwise, that year's forgone increase may not be recovered under paragraph (e) of this subsection. The district must provide notice of its intent to do so and hold a public hearing, which may be in conjunction with its annual budget hearing if applicable. The resolution to reserve the right to recover the forgone increase for that year shall be adopted at the annual budget hearing of the taxing district if the district has a budget hearing requirement.
- (g) In the case of cities, if the immediately preceding year's levy subject to the limitation provided by this section is less than 0.004, the city may increase its budget by an amount not to exceed the difference between 0.004 and actual prior year's levy multiplied by the prior year's market value for assessment purposes. The additional amount must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the voters voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held on the date in May or November provided by law and may be included in the annual budget of the city for purposes of this section.
- (h) A taxing district may submit to the electors within the district the question of whether the budget from property tax revenues may be increased beyond the amount authorized in this section, but not beyond the levy authorized by statute. The additional amount must be approved by sixty-six and two-thirds percent  $(66\ 2/3\%)$  or more of the voters voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held on the May or November dates provided by section 34-106, Idaho Code. If approved by the required minimum sixty-six and two-thirds percent  $(66\ 2/3\%)$  of the voters voting at the election, the new budget amount shall be the base budget for the purposes of this section.
- (i) When a nonschool district consolidates with another nonschool district or dissolves and a new district performing similar governmental functions as the dissolved district forms with the same boundaries within three (3) years, the maximum amount of a budget of the district

from property tax revenues shall not be greater than the sum of the amounts that would have been authorized by this section for the district itself or for the districts that were consolidated or dissolved and incorporated into a new district.

- (j) This section does not apply to cooperative service agency levies imposed in sections 33-317 and 33-317A, Idaho Code.
- (k) The amount of money received in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding June 30 of the current tax year as a result of distributions of the tax provided in section 63-3502B(2), Idaho Code.
- (2) In the case of fire districts, during the year immediately following the election of a public utility or public utilities to consent to be provided fire protection pursuant to section 31-1425, Idaho Code, the maximum amount of property tax revenues permitted in subsection (1) of this section may be increased by an amount equal to the current year's taxable value of the consenting public utility or public utilities multiplied by that portion of the prior year's levy subject to the limitation provided by subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) No board of county commissioners shall set a levy, nor shall the state tax commission approve a levy for annual budget purposes, which exceeds the limitation imposed in subsection (1) of this section unless authority to exceed such limitation has been approved by a majority of the taxing district's electors voting on the question at an election called for that purpose and held pursuant to section 34-106, Idaho Code, provided however, that such voter approval shall be for a period of not to exceed two (2) years.
- (4) The amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget does not include revenues from nonproperty tax sources and does not include revenue from levies for the payment of judicially confirmed obligations pursuant to sections 63-1315 and 63-1316, Idaho Code, and revenue from levies that are voter-approved for bonds, override levies or supplemental levies, plant facilities reserve fund levies, school emergency fund levies or for levies applicable to newly annexed property or for levies applicable to new construction as evidenced by the value of property subject to the occupancy tax pursuant to section 63-317, Idaho Code, for the preceding tax year. The amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget does not include any property taxes that were collected and refunded on property that is exempt from taxation, pursuant to section 63-1305C, Idaho Code.
- (5) The amount of property tax revenues to finance an annual budget shall include moneys received as recovery of property tax for a revoked provisional property tax exemption under section 63-1305C, Idaho Code.
- (6) For tax year 2022, before calculating the amount required in subsection (1)(a)(i) of this section, the board of county commissioners of each county shall reduce the approved property tax levy portion of its budget for the immediate prior three (3) years in an amount equal to the amount budgeted from property tax dollars for indigent defense services. The reduced budget amount shall be the base budget for the purposes of this section.
- (7) For tax year 2022 and each year thereafter, before calculating the amount required in subsection (1) (a) (i) of this section, each city council shall reduce the dollar amount of property tax levied for the previous three (3) tax years by fifty percent (50%) of the amount by which the moneys received by the city for the twelve (12) month period ending June 30 of the cur-

rent year exceed the moneys received by the city for the previous year pursuant to the provisions of section 63-3638(10), Idaho Code. Beginning in tax year 2022, the reduced budget amount shall be the base budget for the purposes of this section. The state tax commission shall certify the total amounts for 2019, 2020, and 2021 and the proportional reductions to each taxing district by the second Monday in August.

SECTION 53. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The Legislature finds that an important objective of this act is to provide property tax relief to Idahoans by repealing certain county levies and replacing the amount that counties would have levied for two years with state funds. Additionally, this act establishes a dedicated funding source for the provision of public defense in this state and, on and after October 1, 2022, relieves counties of the statutory responsibility to fund and operate indigent public defense and, on and after October 1, 2024, relieves counties of the responsibility of providing indigent public defense services. Consequently, this act creates a window of opportunity to determine a new model by which the State of Idaho will fulfill its constitutional obligation to provide adequate indigent public defense after October 1, 2024. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that before the adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Idaho Legislature a state indigent public defense system be enacted using the dedicated fund created in this act. It is the intent of the Legislature that all administrative rules promulgated by the public defense commission shall expire on and after October 1, 2024, after the transition to a state indigent public defense system.

SECTION 54. That Chapter 8, Title 19, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 19-847, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 19-847. PUBLIC DEFENSE AND COUNTIES. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, including this chapter and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, on and after October 1, 2022:
- (1) All counties are released from any further financial obligation to provide indigent public defense; and
- (2) The state assumes the full financial obligation to provide indigent public defense pursuant to the sixth amendment of the United States constitution and section 13, article I of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

SECTION 55. That Section 19-858, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 19-858. REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY -- WHEN AUTHORIZED. (1) The prosecuting attorney of each county attorney general may, on behalf of the county state, recover payment or reimbursement, as the case may be, from each person who has received legal assistance or another benefit under this act chapter:
  - (a) To which he was not entitled;
  - (b) With respect to which he was not an indigent person when he received it; or

- (c) With respect to which he has failed to make the certification required under section 19-854, Idaho Code, and for which he refuses to pay or reimburse. Suit must be brought within five (5) years after the date on which the aid was received.
- (2) The prosecuting attorney of each county attorney general may, on behalf of the county state, recover payment or reimbursement, as the case may be, from each person other than a person covered under subsection (1) of this section who has received legal assistance under this act chapter and who, on the date on which suit is brought, is financially able to pay or reimburse the county for it without manifest hardship according to the standards of ability to pay applicable under sections 19-851, 19-852 and 19-854, Idaho Code, but refuses to do so. Suit must be brought within three (3) years after the date on which the benefit was received.
- (3) Amounts recovered under this section shall be paid into the <del>county</del> general state public defense fund created pursuant to section 57-827, Idaho Code.

SECTION 56. That Section 19-863A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 19-863A. CAPITAL CRIMES DEFENSE FUND AUTHORIZED. (1) The establishment of a capital crimes defense fund by the counties of the state for purposes of funding the costs of criminal defense in cases where the penalty of death is a legal possibility is hereby authorized. The fund shall be organized and operated in accordance with a joint powers agreement, as authorized by chapter 23, title 67, Idaho Code, executed by the participating counties. Membership in the fund shall be voluntary, as determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners of the respective counties of the state.
- (2) The fund may be comprised of contributions from participating counties and any court fees or other funds designated or appropriated for deposit in the fund by the legislature.
- (3) The fund shall be operated and administered by a board of representatives to be selected as provided in the joint powers agreement. If moneys are appropriated to the fund by the legislature, the governor shall appoint a representative of the executive branch of state government to serve as a voting member of the governing board, and if court fees are designated for deposit in the fund, the Idaho supreme court shall appoint a representative of the judicial branch of state government to serve as a voting member of the board.
- (4) The governing board of the fund shall have full authority to employ personnel and contract for personal and professional services as necessary and may take all other steps necessary or proper to determine the manner in which the fund shall be utilized to assist participating counties in meeting defense costs associated with representation of indigent defendants charged with crimes for which the penalty of death is a legal possibility.
- (5) The services of the state appellate public defender as provided in chapter 59, title 19, Idaho Code, shall be available only to those counties participating in the fund. Beginning October 1, 2022, the state appellate public defender assumes all responsibility for providing representation for indigent defendants in the cases described in section 19-5905, Idaho Code;

provided, however, that all counties participating in the capital crimes defense fund on January 1, 2022, shall be required to continue participation until October 1, 2024. At an appropriate time after October 1, 2024, participating counties are authorized to dissolve the fund.

SECTION 57. That Chapter 8, Title 57, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and designated as Section 57-827, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 57-827. STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE FUND. (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the state public defense fund to be managed by the state treasurer. Moneys in the fund shall consist of:
  - (a) Moneys transferred to the fund pursuant to section 63-3638(10) and (14), Idaho Code;
  - (b) Legislative appropriations to the fund;

- (c) On and after October 1, 2024, any fees or reimbursement ordered pursuant to section 19-854 (7) and 19-858, Idaho Code, or distributed pursuant to section 31-3201I (16), Idaho Code;
- (d) Any bequests or donations to the fund; and
- (e) Interest earned on idle moneys in the fund.
- (2) For fiscal years 2023 and 2024, moneys in the fund shall be distributed quarterly to the various counties for indigent defense services. Moneys in the fund shall be distributed to the forty-four (44) counties in proportion that each county's expenditures for indigent defense services during fiscal year 2021 bears to the expenditures for indigent defense services of all counties in the state.
- (3) On or before July 1, 2022, the public defense commission shall certify to the state tax commission each county's proportionate share of indigent defense expenses for county fiscal year 2021.
- (4) Beginning July 1, 2024, moneys in the fund shall be used as determined by legislative appropriation to fulfill the state's obligation to provide indigent public defense pursuant to the sixth amendment of the United States constitution and section 13, article I of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

SECTION 58. That Section 31-3607, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-3607. DUTIES OF BOARD. (a) Fiscal Affairs. — The county hospital board shall be charged with the care, custody, upkeep, management and operation of all property belonging to the county and devoted to the purposes provided in sections 31-3501 and 31-3503, Idaho Code, and shall be responsible for all moneys received by it, including all revenues from the operation of such property, all moneys received by tax levies for operation of such property, and all moneys received from whatever source, by contribution or otherwise, for such purposes: Provided, that if any contribution of money or property be offered to the hospital board of the county for use for a specific purpose the hospital board may, if it deems it for the best interest of the hospital or other facility or property under its management, accept such contribution and use such contribution for such purpose.

(b) Funds -- Custody and Disbursement. -- The hospital board shall safely keep or cause to be kept all moneys coming into the care, custody or possession of the board in strict compliance with the public depository law of this state, and shall pay out such money for valid bills and obligations of the hospital, and shall keep or cause to be kept proper records in its minutes of all its proceedings and all business transactions and proper accounts of all moneys received by it, expended and on hand. The minutes of the board shall be open to inspection by any taxpayer or elector of the county during all regular office hours.

- (c) Reports. -- The county hospital board shall report to the board of county commissioners within thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the annual hospital audit after the close of the fiscal year and shall annually publish in one (1) issue of a newspaper having general circulation in the county a financial statement reflecting the financial operations of the hospital, together with such other information as the board of county commissioners may deem necessary for the information of the people of the county. The county hospital board shall also prepare in its regular course of business unaudited monthly financial reports reflecting the financial operations of the hospital. The county hospital board shall provide a copy of those monthly reports to the member of the board of commissioners serving as an ex officio member of the county hospital board.
- (d) Limitations. -- The county hospital board subject to the budgetary limitations herein contained may acquire or build other property for the purposes provided in sections 31-3501 and 31-3503, Idaho Code, or improve, remodel, enlarge, reduce, or dispose of property being used for such purposes. The county hospital board shall not have power to create any indebtedness in excess of the amount of its annual budget as approved by the board of county commissioners: Provided, that if the county hospital board be formed after the time fixed by law for adoption of the budget, it may then formulate and submit to the board of county commissioners a budget for the rest of the current year, which budget, however, shall not provide for expenditure or creation of indebtedness in an amount greater than the estimated income for that year, together with any receipts from taxes specially levied for hospital purposes in such year.

SECTION 59. That Section 39-424A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 39-424A. ADDITIONAL COUNTY AID TO DISTRICTS -- PROCEDURES. (1) Beginning on January 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, the various boards of county commissioners shall be responsible for providing additional annual aid to the public health districts. The amount of such additional county aid shall not be less than the amount appropriated to the various public health districts by the legislature for state fiscal year 2021.
- (2) The manner of apportioning the additional aid from the various counties shall be calculated pursuant to section 39-424, Idaho Code, unless an alternative manner of apportioning the additional aid is agreed to by the budget committees of the various public health districts.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-863, Idaho Code, a  $\underline{A}$  county may use any fund balance accruing pursuant to chapter 35, title 31, Idaho Code, to fund the annual aid provided for in this section.

SECTION 60. That Section 67-7903, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-7903. VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE -- EXCEPTIONS -- REPORT-ING. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section or where exempted by federal law, each agency or political subdivision of this state shall verify the lawful presence in the United States of each natural person eighteen (18) years of age or older who applies for state or local public benefits or for federal public benefits for the applicant.
- (2) This section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity or national origin.
- (3) Verification of lawful presence in the United States shall not be required:
  - (a) For any purpose for which lawful presence in the United States is not required by law, ordinance or rule;
  - (b) For obtaining health care items and services that are necessary for the treatment of an emergency medical condition of the person involved and are not related to an organ transplant procedure;
  - (c) For short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief;
  - (d) For public health assistance for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases and testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases whether or not such symptoms are caused by a communicable disease;
  - (e) For programs, services or assistance, such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention and short-term shelter specified by federal law or regulation that:
    - (i) Deliver in-kind services at the community level, including services through public or private nonprofit agencies;
    - (ii) Do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and
    - (iii) Are necessary for the protection of life or public safety;
  - (f) For prenatal care;

- (g) For postnatal care not to exceed twelve (12) months; or
- (h) For food assistance for a dependent child under eighteen (18) years of age.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (3), for the county indigent program, the limitations contained in section 31-3502(18)B., Idaho Code, shall apply.

- (4) An agency or a political subdivision shall verify the lawful presence in the United States of each applicant eighteen (18) years of age or older for federal public benefits or state or local public benefits by:
  - (a) Employing electronic means to verify an applicant is legally present in the United States; or
  - (b) Requiring the applicant to provide:
    - (i) An Idaho driver's license or an Idaho identification card issued pursuant to section 49-2444, Idaho Code;
    - (ii) A valid driver's license or similar document issued for the purpose of identification by another state or territory of the United States, if such license or document contains a photograph

of the individual or such other personal identifying information relating to the individual that the director of the department of health and welfare or, with regard to unemployment compensation benefits, the director of the department of labor finds, by rule, sufficient for purposes of this section;

- (iii) A United States military card or a military dependent's identification card;
- (iv) A United States coast quard merchant mariner card;
- (v) A native American tribal document;

- (vi) A copy of an executive office of immigration review, immigration judge or board of immigration appeals decision, granting asylee status;
- (vii) A copy of an executive office of immigration review, immigration judge or board of immigration appeals decision, indicating that the individual may lawfully remain in the United States; (viii) Any United States citizenship and immigration service issued document showing refugee or asylee status or that the individual may lawfully remain in the United States;
- (ix) Any department of state or customs and border protection issued document showing the individual has been permitted entry into the United States on the basis of refugee or asylee status, or on any other basis that permits the individual to lawfully enter and remain in the United States; or
- (x) A valid United States passport; and
- (c) Requiring the applicant to provide a valid social security number that has been assigned to the applicant; and
- (d) Requiring the applicant to attest, under penalty of perjury and on a form designated or established by the agency or the political subdivision, that:
  - (i) The applicant is a United States citizen or legal permanent resident; or
  - (ii) The applicant is otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law.
- (5) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (4)(b) of this section, the agency or political subdivision may establish by appropriate legal procedure such rules or regulations to ensure that certain individuals lawfully present in the United States receive authorized benefits including, but not limited to, homeless state citizens.
- (6) For an applicant who has attested pursuant to subsection (4) (d) of this section stating that the applicant is an alien lawfully present in the United States, verification of lawful presence for federal public benefits or state or local public benefits shall be made through the federal systematic alien verification of entitlement program, which may be referred to as the "SAVE" program, operated by the United States department of homeland security or a successor program designated by the United States department of homeland security. Until such verification of lawful presence is made, the attestation may be presumed to be proof of lawful presence for purposes of this section.
  - (a) Errors and significant delays by the SAVE program shall be reported to the United States department of homeland security to ensure that the

application of the SAVE program is not wrongfully denying benefits to legal residents of this state.

- (b) Agencies or political subdivisions may adopt variations of the requirements of subsection (4)(d) of this section to improve efficiency or reduce delay in the verification process or to provide for adjudication of unique individual circumstances in which the verification procedures in this section would impose unusual hardship on a legal resident of this state; except that the variations shall be no less stringent than the requirements of subsection (4)(d) of this section.
- (c) A person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation in an attestation executed pursuant to subsection (4)(d) or (6)(b) of this section or who knowingly provides a social security number that has not been assigned to him pursuant to subsection (4)(c) of this section shall be:
  - (i) Guilty of a misdemeanor for the first and second offense; and(ii) Guilty of a felony for each subsequent offense.
- (7) An agency or political subdivision may accept as prima facie evidence of an applicant's lawful presence in the United States the information required in subsection (4) of this section, as may be modified by subsection (5) of this section, when issuing a professional license or a commercial license.

SECTION 61. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 6 through 38 and Section 52 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval; and Sections 1 through 5, 53, 54, and 56 through 60 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2022. Sections 39 through 51 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023. Section 55 shall be in full force and effect on and after October 1, 2024.