

Attachment 1



Introduction to HB 355 **BHS Name Change Proposal**

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Bottom Line Up Front



HB 355 amends many sections to replace “the Bureau of Homeland Security” with “the Idaho Office of Emergency Management”

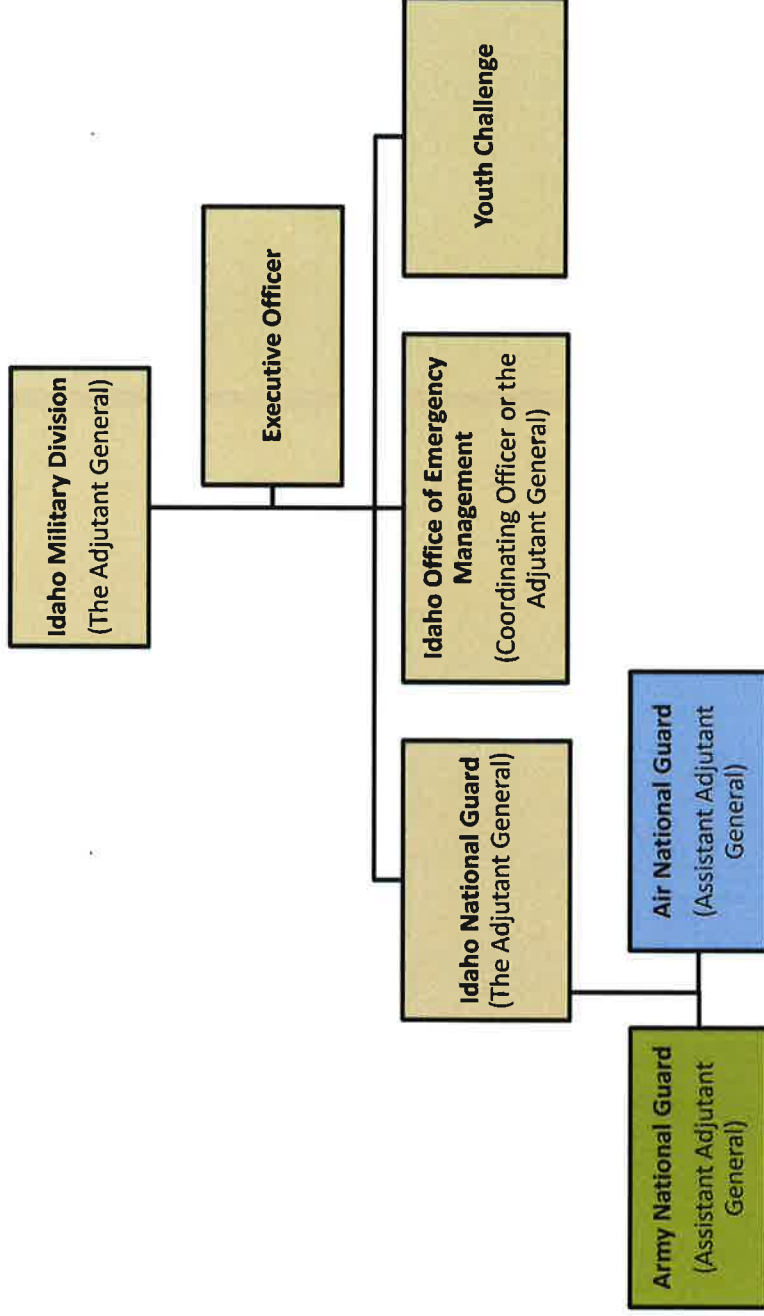
The purpose of HB 355 is to:

1. Correct general misconceptions about what the agency is in the minds of the public
2. Aligns the agency name with its core functions
3. Provides a clear distinction between the Federal Department of Homeland Security and the Idaho agency charged with emergency planning

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IMD Organizational Snapshot



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IOEM's 65-Year History



- 1951 – Civil Defense Council
- 1955 – Department of Disaster Relief and Civil Defense
- 1975 – Bureau of Disaster Services
- 2004 – Bureau of Hazardous Materials and Bureau of Disaster Services join to form the Bureau of Homeland Security
 - SB 1266
 - Incorporated and combined BHM and BDS
 - Included reference to “acts of terrorism” and “homeland security”
 - Carried by Senator Davis

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IOEM Functions



- Coordinates disaster response
- Maintains the Idaho Emergency Operations Center
- Assesses natural and man-made threats and hazards
- Equips and trains Idaho's first responders
- Maintains Idaho's emergency operations plan
- Acts as the administrative agent for emergency management and homeland security grants
- Is the designated homeland security advisor



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Justification for Name Change



- Corrects General Misperceptions
- Aligns agency name with its functions
- Provides distinction between federal DHS and Idaho's state organization



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