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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31216 / S1354

Idaho law currently allows for electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) for adults through informed consent to treatment and for children with a court order. ECT has been demonstrated to be effective in treating severe depression and other psychological disorders that are resistant to pharmaceutical treatment and other interventions. This legislation sets a minimum age of twelve (12) years old for ECT and provides parents with the ability to provide informed consent to treatment.

FISCAL NOTE

Medicaid does not cover ECT for children, so there is no impact to the General Fund.

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