Research shows that a parent’s experience of receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby is very impactful.

Often, the memory of fear or hope stays with the parent for a lifetime.

Our ultimate goal with this act is to help change the way Down syndrome is perceived in Idaho. Instead of parents feeling fear and isolation, we want to create a culture of support and hope when they receive a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.

This act is for ALL Down syndrome diagnoses given, pre and post-natal.

It will require hospitals, physicians, and other health professionals to provide written information about Down syndrome, resources, and support groups to ALL parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.

We want to ensure that parents receiving a Down syndrome diagnosis for their baby are provided timely, accurate, and complete information. We want all parents to start out feeling supported.

Our bill is not tied to abortion: it is about education and sharing information.

Our act is not telling any parent what they can or cannot do. It is educating and sharing information so Idahoans see the value of people with Down syndrome in our community.

Bill 1270 is working to change the perception of Down syndrome so individuals with Down syndrome are valued and wanted in our community.

This act is supported by all three of the Down syndrome organizations in Idaho as well as the Idaho Down Syndrome Council which has representatives from all three organizations.

H302

H302 is only reaching the parents who are seriously considering abortion for their unborn baby.

This only reaches a small percentage of parents given a Down syndrome diagnosis. Bill 1270 is for ALL parents receiving a diagnosis of Down syndrome for their baby.

If you have more questions about the difference between the two bills, please contact us at info@idahodsc.org 208-520-9900