

# Idaho's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative:

## The Effect of HB528 on Sexual Assault Clearance Rates

### Study Overview

#### What is a Sexual Assault Kit (SAK)?

A sexual assault kit contains both physical and biological evidence that is sometimes collected by medical personnel following a sexual assault.

#### 2016 House Bill NO. 528

Required the testing of SAKs, except in circumstances where the victim requests the **kit not be tested, the case is not being actively investigated as a crime, or it has been deemed unfounded**, as well as new auditing and reporting metrics for any SAK not sent for testing

#### What, if any, effect did HB528 have on investigations of sexual violence crimes across the state?

#### SAK Study Characteristics

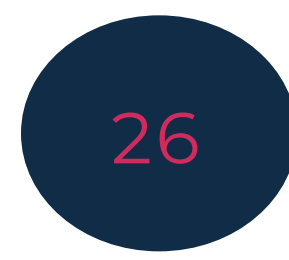
##### Total SAK Population

\*As of 11.30.2019



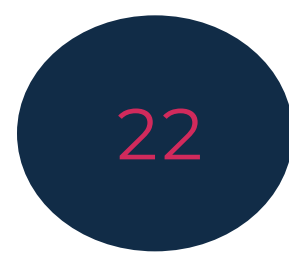
##### Pre-HB528 SAK Cases in Study

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016



##### Post-HB528 SAK Cases in Study

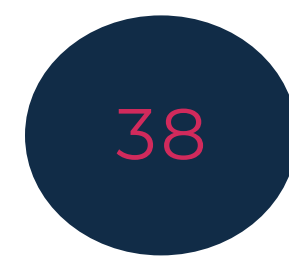
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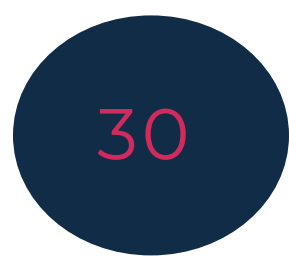
##### Total Cases in Study



##### All Cases in Sample Pre-HB528



##### All Cases in Sample Post-HB528



23 out of 100 policing agencies who submitted SAK's to the crime lab are represented in the sample.

Each of the 23 agencies contributed an average of 3 cases to the study, two of which were SAK cases.

Almost one third of participating agencies appeared in both the Pre-HB528 subsample & the Post-HB528 subsample.

#### Survey Sample Characteristics



Policing Professionals

General perspectives on sexual violence cases & investigations, as well as, information on the policing professional's demographics.