



**Associated Students of Boise State University
Joint (Senate & Assembly) Bill FY 2023-24 #11**

TITLE: Student ID Card Mental Health Resources Project

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: 03/14/24

INTRODUCED BY: ASBSU Mental Health Committee; Charlotte Rose, Senator At Large; Madison Klundt, SPS Senator; Hali Higgins, Graduate College Senator; Kaiya Schmidt, First Year Representative; Joe Amorebieta, College of Business and Economics Senator; Everest K C, Graduate College Senator; Nick Lloyd, Honors College Senator; Caden Skelton, In-State Representative; Ian Peña, Associate Vice President of Student Relations; Kalista Barkley Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs/Mental Health Committee Chair

I. Purpose

The purpose of this bill is to print student resource numbers on the back of student ID cards to provide a physical representation of resources available to students in crisis. The phone numbers that will be listed on the back of the card are: Counseling Services, Student Outreach and Assistance, Campus Security, Crisis and Suicide Hotline, and National Crisis Text Line. The current individual ID card cost is \$2.79, this project would be a \$0.75 increase resulting in a new total cost of \$3.54 per card. There will be 10,000 cards printed with the money allocated from the passage of this bill. These cards will go into effect next school year, and the money for these cards will be a one time monetary commitment from ASBSU.

[Student ID Card Pictures](#)

II. Rationale

The [purpose of ASBSU](#) is to “first facilitate educational, intellectual, social, and cultural engagement at the University, and second, to advocate for the interests of students at the University.”

WHEREAS

The mental health of students is of utmost importance for the overall wellbeing and academic success within our campus community;

WHEREAS

In 2022, Idaho had the [12th highest suicide](#) rate in the United States.

WHEREAS

According to data BroncoFit gathered from the American College Health Association/s (ACHA) National College Health Assessment (NCHA), out of the 743 responses, 30% reported being diagnosed with anxiety and 25% reported having been diagnosed with depression.

WHEREAS

In 2020 Boise State recorded an average of one student attempted suicide per [week](#).

WHEREAS

Access to emergency contacts in times of mental health crises can significantly impact the outcome of such situations, potentially preventing harm or suicide

WHEREAS

Student ID cards are a consistent and ubiquitous part of a student's daily life, making them an ideal platform for providing such essential contact information

WHEREAS

The initiative to print emergency campus contacts on the back of student ID cards has been identified as a cost-effective measure to enhance student safety and mental health support infrastructure

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ASBSU will allocate \$7,500 for the printing of new Student ID cards.

III. Provisions

- A. The amount of \$7,500 will be allocated from the Health and Safety Initiatives line item in Sponsored Projects.
- B. The provisions of this bill will go into effect immediately after the passing of this bill.

IV. Fiscal Impact

- A. This Bill will cost a total of \$7,500.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:

University President, Dr. Marlene Tromp; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jeremiah Shinn; Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; President of Professional Staff Association, Ben Burnham; President of Association of Classified Employees, Justin Doi; President of Faculty Senate, Peter Koetsier; The Arbiter; Albertsons Library Archives; Associate Dean of Students, Charlie Varland; Senior Business Manager for Student Life Finance, Amy Jauregui; Technical Records Specialist with Student Life Finance; Teri Rapp;.

APPROVAL:

By the ASBSU General Assembly on **(insert date)** by a vote of (in favor) ____ and (opposed) ____ and (abstaining) ____.

By the ASBSU Academic Senate on **(insert date)** by a vote of (in favor) ____ and (opposed) ____ and (abstaining) ____.

By the ASBSU President

Cheyon Sheen _____ Date _____

By the ASBSU Vice President

Jason Holman _____ Date _____