

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation ensures taxpayer dollars do not support the abortion industry by prohibiting the expenditure of taxpayer dollars to abortion providers. It prohibits public contracting or participating in any commercial transaction with an abortion provider. The legislation also prohibits the use of any public asset or employee to procure, counsel in favor, refer to, or perform an abortion. These prohibitions apply to all units of government in Idaho including state, county, municipal, public health districts, and public school districts. Intentional non-compliance is subject to prosecution under the state's misuse of public funds statute. Medicaid is not implicated in this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no cost to any level of government in Idaho associated with this legislation. While specific savings are difficult to quantify, as a result of lack of data regarding providers of abortion services, it is anticipated there will be financial savings. In addition, the state will retain the authority to determine the distribution of Federal Title X funds, which may also ultimately result in a savings to units of government.

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