

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26349

This legislation enables Native American tribes operating Indian Health Programs in Idaho to take advantage of the federal Dental Health Aide Program, which was created to help tribes have better access to dental care in communities where there is an underserved population. Federal law requires state legislatures to approve the program, so this bill creates an exception to the "unlawful practice of dentistry" section of the Idaho Dentistry Act. In order to practice in Idaho under this proposed law, Dental Health Aide Therapists would need to complete a course of study accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and other requirements as set forth by a Community Health Aide Program Commission or Tribal standards which are no less stringent.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not have any fiscal impact to the General Fund or to any county or other government fund.

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