STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24182

This legislation repeals the State Health Insurance Exchange statutes (Chapter 61, Title 41, Idaho Code). Idaho will no longer establish, operate, nor maintain a state health insurance exchange.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact on the General Fund.

Explanation: Idahoans' sales tax payments to the general fund from paying premiums on health insurance provided through the exchange are projected for FY 2016 to be \$1,978,321. The reduction in Catastrophic Health Care fund for 2015 and 2016 was \$28.9 million, largely due to increased enrollment in the State Health Insurance Exchange. The budget for 2017 was adjusted downward to \$19 million accordingly. Because the alternative to not having a State Health Insurance Exchange (once repealed) is that the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) would establish a federally run exchange; Idaho would still have Idahoans enrolling and paying taxes to the state on their health insurance premiums. There would remain a similar reduction in CAT fund, because the ACA mandates individuals get health insurance coverage (or pay an increasingly prohibitive penalty). Thus, the tax payments to the General Fund and the CAT fund would likely be similar whether Idaho adopts a federal or state exchange.



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