STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The legislation modifies the Idaho Patient Act by clarifying that the pursuit of overdrawn checks for the amount of the overdrawn check is not an extraordinary collection action, providing a faster timeline for adverse credit reporting in exchange for giving up the ability to pursue other extraordinary collection action, adjusting the timing and content of certain necessary patient communications as well as the burden of proof, before engaging in an extraordinary collection action against a patient. The legislation also provides intent language to further clarify that the limits on costs, fees, and attorney's fees began with any extraordinary collection action commenced on or after January 1, 2021, regardless of when the goods or services were delivered to the patient.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will not have an impact on the general fund because it only deals with changes to the existing Idaho Patient Act and does not call for any new appropriation.

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