

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation implements the "Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact," which allows audiologists and speech-language pathologists licensed in any compact state to provide audiology or speech-language pathology services in each member state under a privilege to practice, and telehealth services in each member state under a privilege to practice. To obtain a privilege to practice, an audiologist or speech-language pathologist must obtain a fingerprint-based criminal history record check, which is then considered in determining the applicant's qualifications to practice under the compact.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General Fund or federal funds. The Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact is expected to be revenue neutral for the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board dedicated fund based on the experience of similar agreements of other Idaho professional healthcare licensing boards, while saving individual licensees both time and fees.

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