## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS32425 / H0289

This legislation clarifies the scope of practice, responsibilities, and liability protections for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in Idaho. CRNAs provide the full spectrum of anesthesia services to patients with a wide range of health conditions. CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is provided and are often the sole anesthesia provider in many rural counties in Idaho. Since 2002, Idaho has recognized the independent practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), becoming the third state in the nation to remove the physician supervision requirement. This legislation reaffirms their autonomous role in anesthesia care while ensuring appropriate liability protections for physicians.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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