

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Elder abuse in nursing homes is a growing concern that threatens the safety and well-being of Idaho's senior residents. To combat this issue and enhance transparency, this legislation empowers nursing home residents and their families by allowing the installation of monitoring devices in residents' rooms.

Under this law, residents or their designated representatives have the right to authorize and install electronic monitoring devices in their living spaces. By providing this option, families can ensure their loved ones receive proper care while also deterring potential neglect or abuse.

This legislation prioritizes both resident safety and privacy, establishing clear guidelines to protect all parties involved. It serves as a proactive measure to increase accountability, improve care standards, and provide peace of mind to families who entrust nursing facilities with their loved ones.

This statute is a common-sense solution that strengthens protections for elderly Idahoans while respecting their rights and dignity.

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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