

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation, titled the "Idaho Prenatal Equal Protection Act," ensures that preborn children are protected under the same criminal and civil laws as born persons. The act defines a preborn child as a human being from the moment of fertilization and removes provisions in state law that fail to uphold equal protection for preborn persons. The legislation also includes provisions to protect pregnant mothers from being coerced into an abortion.

The act provides for exceptions where the unintentional death of a preborn child occurs as a result of life-saving procedures for the mother. It applies prospectively and does not impact actions committed prior to its effective date.

FISCAL NOTE

There should be no anticipated impact to the general fund. Any enforcement of the provisions of this act will be managed with the existing resources of state agencies and law enforcement.

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