

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18213**

Under current law, nurses holding valid licenses in other jurisdictions that are seeking licensure in Idaho are required to meet mandated rigid academic and examination obligations. While this is ordinarily appropriate, in cases where nurses have been practicing safely for many years without any discipline in another jurisdiction, these rigid requirements may be an unnecessary artificial barrier to licensure in Idaho. The proposed legislation, coupled with a corresponding rule change and policy implementation, will permit the Board of Nursing to exercise sound discretion to waive strict adherence to these requirements where there is an adequate showing that the applying nurse is competent, public safety will not be compromised, and the nurse has satisfied equivalency requirements set by the Board. It is anticipated that this discretion will be exercised sparingly.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This proposed legislation will not result in any fiscal impact to the state General Fund.

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