

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18655

The purpose of this bill is to modify Title 39, Health and Safety, Chapter 59, Idaho Rural Health Care Access Program, to align the grant award schedule with Title 39, Health and Safety, Chapter 32, Idaho Community Health Center Grant Program.

These programs are the responsibility of the State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care staff with grant award decisions made by the Health Care Access Program Board (Idaho code section 39-5904). The Rural Health Care Access Program and the Community Health Center Grant Program currently operate under different grant award schedules; and therefore, the Board must convene on two separate dates to conduct similar reviews. Modifying the Rural Health Care Access Program statute to align the grant award schedule with Community Health Center statute eliminates one board meeting per year and decreases associated costs.

FISCAL NOTE

Modifying Title 39, Health and Safety, Chapter 59, Idaho Rural Health Care Access Program, to align the grant award schedule with Title 39, Health and Safety, Chapter 32, Idaho Community Health Center Grant Program, eliminates the need for two separate board meetings. Annual board meeting expenses total approximately \$1500 per fiscal year for each program. Aligning these complimentary programs on the same timeline will eliminate the cost of one board meeting for an annual general fund cost savings of approximately \$1500 per fiscal year.

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