STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19299

This bill known as the "Idaho Health Freedom Act" codifies as state policy that every person in the state of Idaho is and shall continue to be free from government compulsion in the selection of health insurance options, and that such liberty is protected by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Idaho. The bill removes the authority of any state official or employee from enforcing any penalty which violates the policy. It also tasks the office of the Attorney General with seeking injunctive or other appropriate relief , or defending the state of Idaho and its officials and employees against laws, enacted by any government, which violate the policy.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact depends upon the necessity and extent of any action required by the office of the attorney general. Enforcement may require up to one additional attorney and staff at a cost of approximately $100,000. The office may, however, be able to cover it with existing resources at lesser or no additional cost.

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