

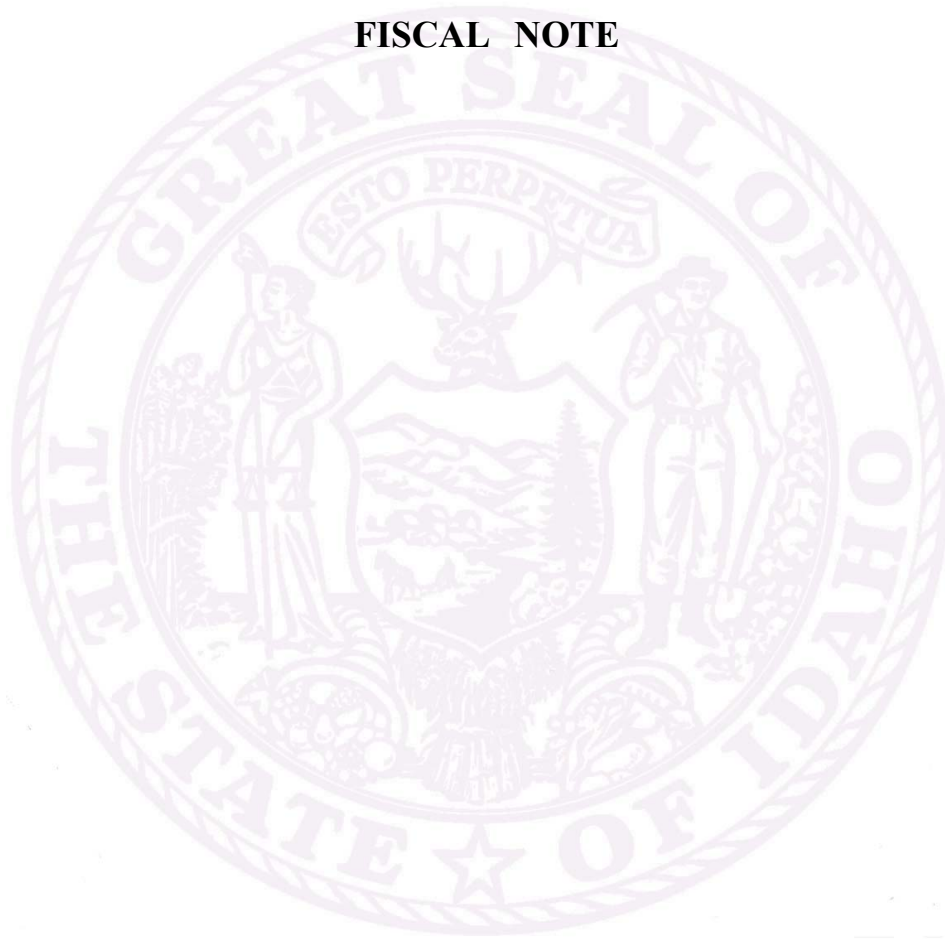
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho law currently requires that medical treatment to animals in publicly owned and licensed or accredited zoos must be provided by an Idaho licensed veterinarian. However, if the veterinarian resigns his position, is sick, on vacation, or otherwise unavailable, or because of the exotic nature of the animal is unqualified to render the required treatment, it may become necessary to temporarily bring in a qualified, licensed veterinarian from another jurisdiction to provide the needed services. This proposed legislation addresses this situation by authorizing an exemption from Idaho licensure for treatment of these zoo animals under specified terms, conditions and duration.

FISCAL NOTE

None.



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