

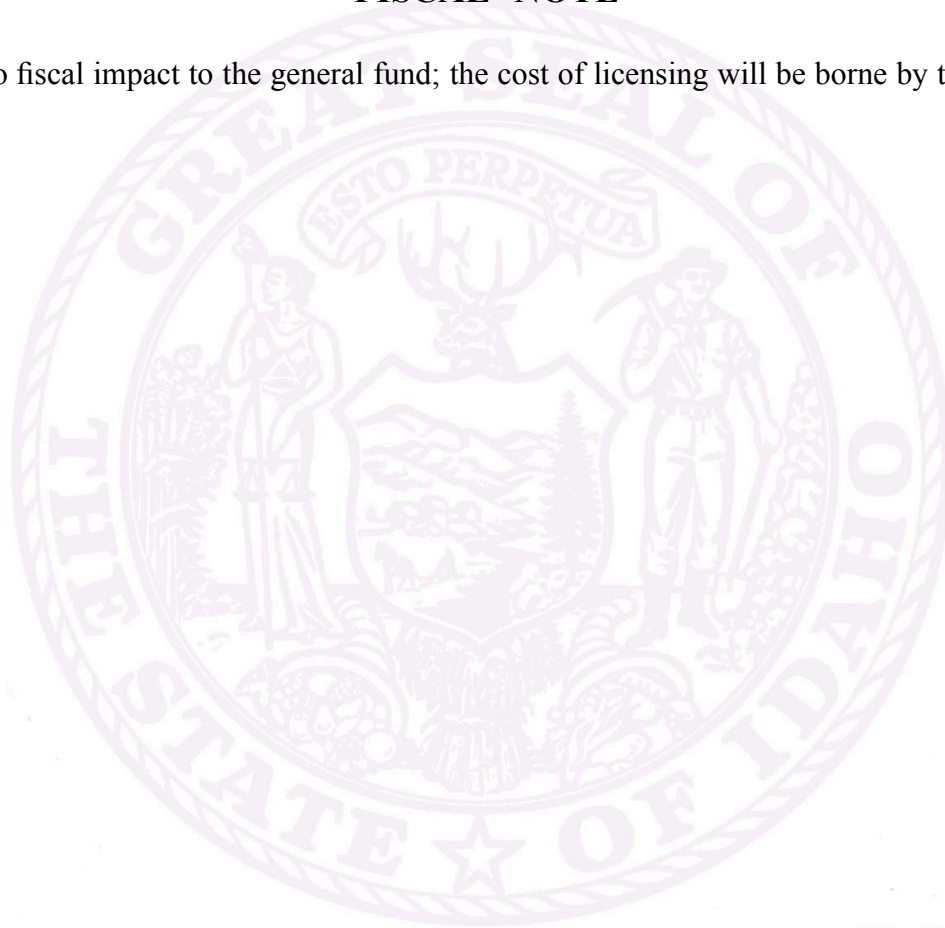
## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS20188

The purpose of this legislation is to add a new Chapter 40 to Idaho Code Title 54 to provide a process for licensing massage therapists. Massage therapy has become an accepted part of conventional medicine to assist patients working to improve their health or recovering from an injury or a medical procedure. Currently, anyone may advertise themselves as a massage therapist regardless of their level of training or lack thereof. Requiring a license of professional and trained massage therapists will insure that citizens seeking this form of therapy will receive appropriate care.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund; the cost of licensing will be borne by those seeking licenses.



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