

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21506

It is the purpose of this legislation to require the use of ultrasound prior to an abortion. It is a useful and accurate tool for dating a pregnancy. Its other purpose is to provide an additional resource listing to places where pregnant mothers can obtain ultrasounds free of charge. When enacted, this legislation will merely codify the standard use of ultrasound prior to abortions in medical practice to ensure that pregnant mothers are provided with important accurate medical information. Currently, under Idaho Code § 18-609(1)(a), expectant mothers are already given information of services available to assist them during pregnancy. Once enacted, this legislation would simply add places where ultrasounds can be obtained free of charge to these listings of available services. This legislation also provides for severability.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be a one-time expense to the General Fund of \$2,600.00 to print revised Informed Consent Brochures.

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