

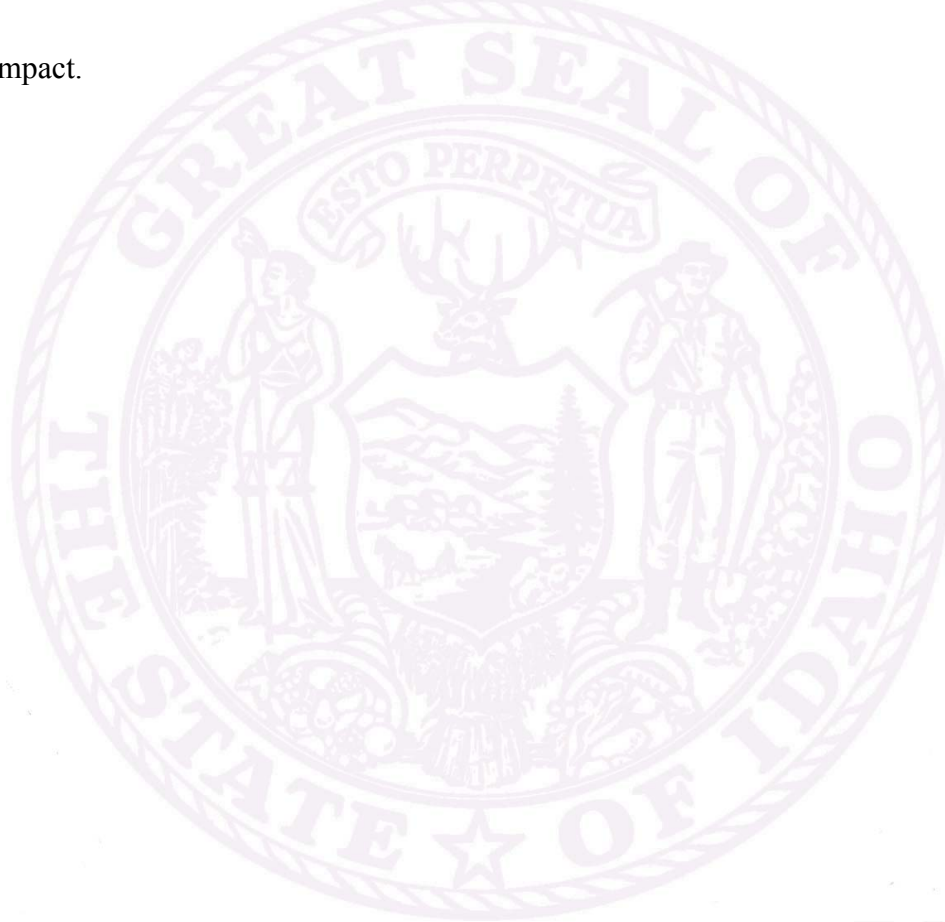
## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS21748C1

Idaho's health care providers are required to treat patients who come to them in need, even when patients are unruly or violent. Often, patients under the influence of drugs or with mental illness or stress-induced anger assault the very professionals who are tasked with helping them. Current Idaho law protects social workers, EMS personnel, police officers and certain others who are regularly in harm's way, by making assault on these professionals a felony. This bill extends that current protection to health care providers.

## FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.



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