

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Unlike many other Idaho professional licensing boards, the Board of Nursing does not currently have statutory authority to impose disciplinary fines, except in the rare case of unlicensed practice. The legislation will amend Section 54-1404, Idaho Code to add fining authority, in an amount consistent with several other licensing boards. This amendment will grant the Board the option and ability to impose a fine against a nurse who has violated Board statutes or rules, but where revocation or suspension of the license might not be warranted and would be too harsh a sanction.

FISCAL NOTE

Since the Board of Nursing is a dedicated fund agency, there will be no impact on the General Fund. Whether and how the Board's dedicated fund account will be impacted is difficult to determine since it is speculation as to how often the Board will utilize this new fining authority. Estimates are that the Board's dedicated fund account will be positively impacted between \$5,000-\$10,000 per year.

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