

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho uses the federal vaccine purchase (Vaccines for Children) program to assure the lowest price for necessary childhood vaccines. The way the federal program is accessed by Idaho carriers is through the Immunization Assessment program—Carriers and third party administrators are assessed for their share of the patients receiving vaccine through the program. Due to the large volume purchases, ingredient cost of vaccines through the VFC purchase program are 20-35% lower than the cost outside of the program, money saved for Idaho families and insurance policyholders.

This program has an oversight Board staffed by the Department of Insurance, and the Board and its enabling legislation are due to expire in July 2015. This bill merely extends the sunset day until 2017.

FISCAL NOTE

\$8,000/yr administrative cost to run the administrative activities of the Board and assessment process. This is currently within the DOI budget.

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