

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS23792

Family caregivers are an essential part of Idaho's healthcare system, providing uncompensated support and care for family members or loved ones of all ages who need assistance caring for themselves. Family caregivers are valuable members of Idaho communities and are the backbone for our state's long-term care system. This resolution calls for the Idaho Caregiver Alliance, a state-wide consortium led by the Idaho Commission on Aging and the Boise State University Center for the Study of Aging, to convene a broad group of stakeholders to identify policies, resources and programs available for family caregivers and encourage additional innovative and creative means of support for this essential resource. This action recognizes the importance of family caregivers and the unique opportunity to integrate this component of our healthcare system into the State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP).

### FISCAL NOTE

Resources required for task force coordination will be provided by AARP Idaho.

Any necessary legislator travel expense would be paid from the existing legislative appropriation to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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