

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26140

Insurers in Idaho typically do not cover medically necessary hearing aids for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, leading to education setbacks and potential language and brain development problems for affected children. This resolution calls for the Department of Insurance to assess the number of affected individuals and potential costs of providing medically necessary hearing aids, in consultation with leaders of the private insurance industry.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no cost to the general fund or any other government fund. It is anticipated that the Department of Insurance can conduct this consultation and analysis using current staff.

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