

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27258 / H0314

The purpose of this legislation is to revise certain archaic terms throughout Idaho Code. This bill would remove "hearing-impaired", "hearing-impairment" from circulation and replace them with neutral, modern, and correct terminology: "deaf or hard of hearing" or "hearing loss". Deaf and hard of hearing is an appropriate euphemism for hearing-impaired. Terminology is important, as it could reflect society's attitude toward the group.

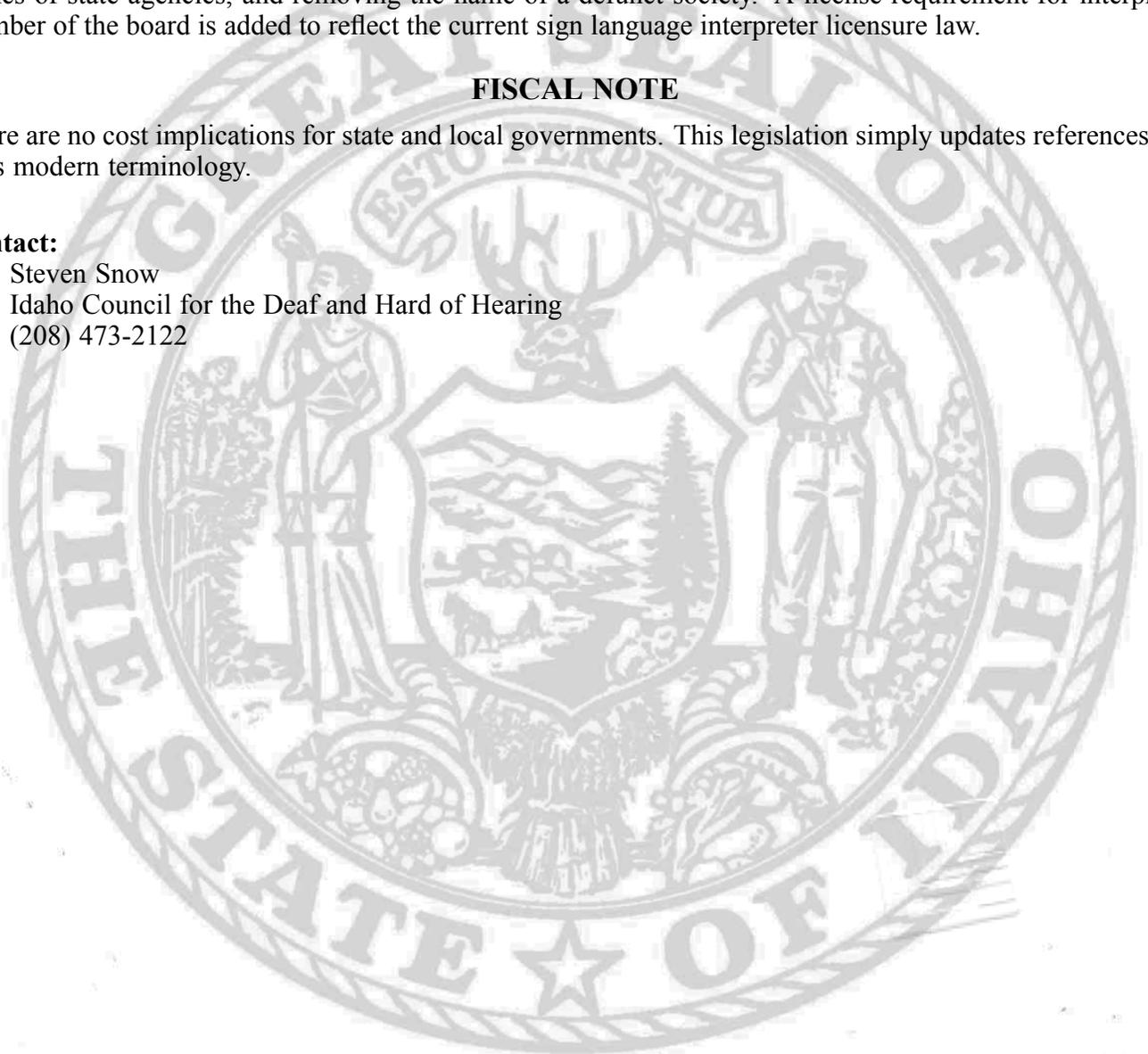
Additionally, this legislation cleans up archaic terms found in title 67, chapter 73 Idaho code: Idaho State Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Act. Various outdated references are updated, revising the outdated names of state agencies, and removing the name of a defunct society. A license requirement for interpreter member of the board is added to reflect the current sign language interpreter licensure law.

FISCAL NOTE

There are no cost implications for state and local governments. This legislation simply updates references and adds modern terminology.

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