

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31481 / H0721

This legislation amends §18-608, §18-8705, §18-8706, §18-8707 and repeals section §18-623 and chapter 88 title 18 in its entirety. The proposed legislation repeals the various abortion bans that have been passed by the Idaho Legislature since 2019 assigning criminal liability to medical professionals and others, including the 2020 abortion trigger ban, the 2021 6-week abortion ban, the 2022 bounty law and the 2023 abortion travel restrictions. It protects health professionals from facing prison time or monetary penalties for providing responsible reproductive healthcare, protects access to safe abortion prior to fetal viability, and allows women facing health crises or otherwise carrying a non-viable fetus to obtain medically necessary or recommended abortions. No public funds would be allocated for any form of abortion care in the state of Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation would have a positive impact on the general fund as it would eliminate litigation costs around this subject.

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