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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill aims to increase the availability of preceptors in Idaho's rural areas by offering continuing education (CE) credits to nurses, physicians, and physician assistants who serve as preceptors for graduate students in primary care fields. By recognizing preceptorship as a valuable contribution to professional development, the bill incentivizes experienced healthcare providers to mentor students, thus addressing Idaho's ongoing healthcare workforce shortage, particularly in medically underserved and health professional shortage areas. This measure strengthens clinical training opportunities and helps ensure that more healthcare professionals are equipped to serve rural communities.

FISCAL NOTE

The cost of administering the updated licensure renewal process, including tracking and verifying preceptor service hours for continuing education credit, will be covered through existing licensure fees collected by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine. No additional state appropriations are required. Any administrative adjustments needed for implementing this program, such as updating reporting mechanisms and certification procedures, are expected to be absorbed within current operational budgets. This bill promotes workforce development without imposing a financial burden on the state.

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