

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would consolidate the regulatory oversight of dentistry within the Idaho State Board of Dentistry by transferring authority from the existing independent Board of Dentistry. Under this model, dentistry would remain a distinct licensed profession with its own scope of practice and licensure requirements, but would be regulated under a unified dental board structure, similar to successful approaches adopted in other states. This structural realignment promotes administrative efficiency, fosters interprofessional collaboration, and strengthens regulatory consistency across oral health professions in Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is projected to have a positive fiscal impact on dedicated funds by consolidating regulatory responsibilities for dentistry within the existing operational framework of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry. The current structure—an independent Board of Dentistry with a small licensee base—has proven financially unsustainable, with insufficient revenue to support standalone administrative and enforcement functions. The elimination of The Board would save the Division \$33,600 annually in operating expenditures.

By integrating dentistry oversight into the State Board of Dentistry, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses anticipates increased efficiency and cost savings through shared staffing, infrastructure, and disciplinary processes. Minor transitional costs associated with rule integration and system updates may occur, but these are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

No impact to the state's General Fund or on federal funds is anticipated.

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