

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would transfer regulatory authority for the practice of podiatric medicine from the independent Board of Podiatry to the Idaho State Board of Medicine. Under this framework, podiatrists would be licensed and regulated within the Board of Medicine's existing statutory processes.

The proposal includes a provision to add a licensed podiatrist to the Board of Medicine, thus preserving profession-specific expertise within the broader medical regulatory structure. This change brings Idaho into alignment with a growing number of states that regulate podiatry as a recognized subspecialty of medicine rather than as a separately governed profession. The consolidation is intended to promote regulatory consistency and improve administrative efficiency within the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is expected to produce a net positive impact on dedicated funds by dissolving the independent Board of Podiatry and transferring regulatory oversight to the Idaho State Board of Medicine. The current Board of Podiatry operates under a financially unsustainable model, with a small licensee base generating insufficient revenue to support its functions. The elimination of The Board would save the Division \$33,600 annually in operating expenditures

Consolidating oversight within the Board of Medicine will enable more efficient use of staffing and resources, reducing overall operating costs through economies of scale. Minor transitional expenses, such as database updates and rule integration may occur, but these costs will be absorbed within the existing budget of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

No fiscal impact is anticipated on the state General Fund or on federal funds.

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