

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The legislation expands the ability of Idaho citizens in rural and underserved areas to access health care from providers who are not physically present in a patient's geographical area. The legislation updates the Idaho Telehealth Access Care Act in Title 54, Chapter 57, Idaho Code by changing the term "telehealth" to "virtual care," and clarifies virtual care practice requirements. This legislation also provides a permanent solution to lessons learned through COVID-19 related to technology limitations and best practice interstate licensure exemptions for qualified provider's licensed and in good standing in another state to provide continuity of patient care.

FISCAL NOTE

The legislation has no fiscal impact to the State of Idaho general funds, federal funds, or dedicated funds.

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