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]]]] LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO ]]]]  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 155, As Amended

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING; AMENDING CHAPTER 47, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-4727, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE NURSING WORKFORCE ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS AND COMPENSATION, TO ESTABLISH AND SET FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE IDAHO NURSING WORKFORCE CENTER AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING SUBJECT TO STATE APPROPRIATION AND MONEYS FROM OTHER SOURCES; AND PROVIDING A SUNSET DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 47, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a **NEW SECTION**, to be known and designated as Section 67-4727, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

67-4727. NURSING WORKFORCE ADVISORY COUNCIL -- MEMBERS -- OFFICERS -- COMPENSATION -- IDAHO NURSING WORKFORCE CENTER. (1) The state of Idaho recognizes the need to understand and address the critical issue of Idaho's nursing shortage and the opportunity to collaborate and take full advantage of research, educational and incentive programs to address the current and future nursing shortage. The nursing workforce advisory council is hereby created within the department of commerce and labor to advise the department, the state board of education, state colleges and universities, and other state, local, federal and private sector agencies and organizations on nursing workforce issues and to assist with the development and implementation of a state strategic plan for addressing the nursing shortage.

(2) Except as otherwise provided, the council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall include:

(a) Two (2) senators and two (2) members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the legislative council;

(b) One (1) representative each from the nursing programs at Boise State University, the College of Southern Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College and Eastern Idaho Technical College;

(c) One (1) representative each from a rural hospital and an urban hospital, as determined based upon location within or outside of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) as defined by the United States bureau of the census;

(d) One (1) representative each from the department of commerce and labor, the Idaho board of nursing, the office of the state board of education, and the office of the governor; and

(e) One (1) representative from the Idaho alliance of leaders in nursing.

(3) The governor shall designate a chairman from the council's membership and the council shall designate such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The council shall be staffed and supported by the department of commerce and labor.

1 (4) Members of the council who are not state employees shall not be com-  
2 pensated, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred for attendance  
3 at council meetings.

4 (5) The Idaho nursing workforce center is hereby established within the  
5 department of commerce and labor to assist the nursing workforce advisory  
6 council in planning for a qualified workforce necessary to meet the current  
7 and future nursing and health care needs of the state. The Idaho nursing  
8 workforce center shall:

9 (a) Conduct research activities, including the collection of valid and  
10 reliable data about Idaho's current nursing workforce and the forecasting  
11 of future needs, or contract for such research activities to be conducted  
12 by an Idaho college or university; and

13 (b) Provide expertise in workforce planning and project evaluation.

14 (6) The Idaho nursing workforce center shall report to the nursing  
15 workforce advisory council and shall be funded pursuant to state appropriation  
16 in addition to any funding from grants, federal moneys, donations or funds  
17 from any other sources.

18 SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be null, void  
19 and of no force and effect on and after July 1, 2009.

## Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to establish the Nursing Workforce Advisory Council and the Nursing Workforce Center within the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Nursing Workforce Advisory Council will act as advisors to stakeholders on nursing workforce issues. The workforce Center will investigate nursing workforce issues. This legislation is one of the recommendations of Governor Risch's Task Force on Nursing.

### FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is \$300,000 to the general fund.

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