

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26749

This legislation will protect authors, journalists and speakers in Idaho from being dragged into foreign courts over frivolous libel charges in jurisdictions that do not respect, value and protect freedom of speech and of the press as we do here in the United States. It will provide protection from the practice of "Libel Tourism," in which plaintiffs choose to file lawsuits in jurisdictions which do not provide the same protections of free speech as the U.S. Constitution.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the General or Local Government Fund as this pertains to laws that govern matters of Foreign Defamation judgements.

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