

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26860

The purpose of this legislation is to amend Chapter 27, Section 41 of Title 33 Idaho Code. The change will update the current requirement that public libraries filter access to minors of obscene and pornographic material through their internet. Current law did not anticipate the use of personal laptop computers, tablets and smart phones gaining access through the publicly provided wireless access to the library's internet. The bill adds the language "publicly accessible wireless internet access or" and like terminology to several references of "publicly accessible computers". This bill simply confirms that Idaho's public libraries shall assure that their wireless (Wi-Fi) is filtered. Public Libraries are currently required to filter obscene and pornographic material from minors. These amendments clarify that Wi-Fi access of these materials must also be filtered from minors. Each library board of trustees would also need to update their policies to include this amendment.

### FISCAL NOTE

The Commission on Libraries does not require reports on the compliance with Chapter 27, Section 41 of Title 33 Idaho Code. Therefore, we estimate that as many as 25-35 small rural libraries may need to install filters for their Wi-Fi. Technical experts have indicated that a modem/firewall for filtration of obscene and pornographic materials would cost no more than \$2,500, and many systems could filter through cloud services for much less. Further research of the technology indicates that the addition of wireless should have minimal financial impact, as most firewalls and routers already have the technology to assure minors are unable to gain access to the prohibited material.

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