

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation will direct our institutions of higher learning in their responsibility to uphold its student, faculty and staff's Constitutional and first amendment right to freedom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom to peacefully assemble, and more. Supreme Court language is used to clearly define terms so that free speech in and outside the classroom is understood and protected. Since a significant amount of taxpayer dollars is appropriated to public institutions of higher education each year, and as such, the legislature must ensure that all public institutions of higher education receiving state funds recognize freedom of speech as a fundamental right for all.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the general fund nor to any local government because this is a restructuring of campus policies and a restoration of the idea of institutions of higher education being a welcoming environment to a diversity of ideas in support of the 1st amendment.

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