

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26826

Throughout Idaho code, various requirements for publication of official notices required by law exist. This bill streamlines the publication process for all official notices by:

- Establishing online publication by a newspaper via a centralized, online platform as the primary notification method for official notices; the timing of this first notice (e.g. one week in advance of a meeting) will still follow existing timelines found in Idaho code.
- Setting the print publication schedule in physical newspapers to one time for all official notices required by law.
- Providing a fee of up to \$20/notice for publication of the official notice online.

### FISCAL NOTE

Under current law, the printing schedule for official notices may require multiple physical publications. The proposed changes will drop the requirement to one physical printing for all required official notices. As a result, entities and individuals who were previously required to print official notices multiple times will see a decrease in total, physical printing costs.

This bill will implement a fee of up to \$20/notice for online publication.

However, the overall costs are expected to decrease, and it's anticipated that the General Fund will see a reduction in operations expenses related to publishing official notices.

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