STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29094 / H0426

This is a civil rights bill with a sovereign legal defense fund created in the state treasury to be continuously appropriated to the Senate and the House of Representatives for necessary legal expenses of the Legislature defending the sovereign power of the state of Idaho against any incursion by the federal government. This bill amends Idaho Code Chapter 59, Title 67 by the addition of a new section which will prohibit certain acts of discrimination based on immunization status or the possession of an immunity passport. The bill makes it unlawful for state and local governments to withhold or deny any person local or state government services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, education, health care access, or employment opportunities. It also makes it unlawful for any employer to refuse employment or discriminate in any way based on immunity passport or vaccination status.

Public accommodations may not exclude or refuse to serve a person based on vaccination status.

A health care facility is allowed to make reasonable accommodation measures for an unvaccinated employee for health and safety reasons, but not to deny employment.

The bill exempts schools and day-cares pursuant to existing Idaho statutes. Licensed nursing homes are exempt only if compliance would violate regulations from Medicare and Medicaid services.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may impact the general fund in an unspecified amount to be appropriated by the state legislature for necessary legal expenses defending against incursions by the federal government on the sovereignty of Idaho. This bill will not have fiscal impact on local governments.

Contact:
  Representative Bruce D. Skaug
  (208) 332-1000