

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 91

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 23, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE,  
2 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-2359, IDAHO CODE, TO PROHIBIT THE  
3 STATE GOVERNMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM PAYING MEMBERSHIP FEES OR DUES,  
4 TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO DEFINE A TERM, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND  
5 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Chapter 23, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
10 ignated as Section 67-2359, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 67-2359. STATE GOVERNMENT -- USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES  
12 AND DUES PROHIBITED. (1) The state executive, legislative, and judicial  
13 branches and any subdivision, public officer, or public employee of the  
14 state executive, legislative, or judicial branch shall be prohibited from  
15 using public funds to pay membership fees or dues to any organization unless  
16 required to do so by law or unless required to maintain professional licen-  
17 sure for the purposes of fulfilling and maintaining state employment.

18 (2) As used in this section, "organization" includes but is not limited  
19 to any council, conference, club, association, institute, society, commis-  
20 sion, board, alliance, coalition, chamber, federation, or forum.

21 (3) Any public officer or public employee who knowingly violates the  
22 provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be in violation of section  
23 18-5701(10), Idaho Code, for misuse of public moneys and shall be subject to  
24 punishment pursuant to section 18-5702, Idaho Code.

25 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
26 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
27 July 1, 2023.