STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24183C1

This legislation clarifies Idaho statutes regarding the acceptance of gifts by government officials and public servants. It would be illegal for any government official or public servant to accept a gift from anyone doing business or wanting to do business with the government. It would also prohibit state legislators from accepting gifts above a set dollar amount, even if the gifts are not directly connected with a legislator's vote or action. Current state law allows legislators to accept gifts so long as the gift is not connected with an official action. This is an impossible standard to prove and it diminishes public confidence in the Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to General Fund.



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