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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31237 / S1357

This legislation protects the Constitutional right to equal protection under the law in Idaho's institutions for higher education. It creates a new Chapter 68, Title 33, Idaho Code to prevent Idaho's public colleges and universities from establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion bureaucracies. It bars the use of public funds to support diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, officers, and employees. It bans the use of political loyalty tests when selecting candidates for employment or college admission. Finally, it also prohibits mandatory diversity training for students, faculty, and employees at Idaho's public institutions for higher education.

FISCAL NOTE

Removal of directors and support staff for diversity, equity, and inclusion offices at the four universities is expected to return an estimated \$3,227,000 to the general fund for fiscal year 2025. Additional savings may be realized from discontinuing operating costs supporting these departments or removing additional positions that qualify under this legislation's definition of diversity officers.

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