

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS26006

The purpose of this bill is to set guidelines regarding cases brought under what is commonly referred to as the whistle-blower act. In the 1970s, Idaho had sovereign immunity, which prevented persons from suing the government. The state and political subdivisions agreed to waive sovereign immunity, but the legislature passed the Idaho Tort Claims Act in order to regulate claims against government. This bill clarifies that whistle-blower claims fall within the rules set by the tort claims act.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact to the state general fund except for potential savings under the limitations of the size of verdicts set by the tort claims act. There could be similar savings to local governments.

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