

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26277

This legislation is the work of the interim Campaign Finance Legislative workgroup. Its purpose is to increase transparency in campaign finance for statewide, legislative, and local elections. This is accomplished by centralizing and streamlining the filing process for candidates and political committees and improving public access to campaign finance information. This legislation expands the applicability of the sunshine laws to all types of elections, including special, recall and local elections. It also establishes a single, searchable online database for all reporting in the State of Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact with this legislation, per se. The Secretary of State's office has included in its budget appropriation request funding for and upgrade to its software solutions for campaign finance, lobbyist registration and overall election management. The request is for \$1.29 million dollars. This funding for these upgrades is being sought regardless of the outcome of this legislation. The Secretary of State's office indicates that it can handle the changes proposed in this legislation with no additional fiscal impact.

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