

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill protects our 1st amendment rights to free speech on our institutions of higher learning. This legislative language:

- 1) Defines key campus terms.
- 2) Defines protected, lawful activities including all forms of peaceful assembly, protests, speeches, guest speakers, distribution of literature, etc.
- 3) Defines outdoor areas that are publicly accessible but public institutions can maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.
- 4) Defines free expressive activity and states that no public institution of higher education shall abridge the constitutional freedom of any member of the campus community to speak on campus.
- 5) Defines those public institutions of higher education are required to make public for students the policies regarding free expression.
- 6) Defines for reporting to the Governor and the legislature to include any claims or complaints. Nothing shall be interpreted as requiring the institution to include any information from a student's education record that would be prohibited in section 74-106(1), Idaho Code.
- 7) Defines for remedies with injunctive relief; compensatory damages; reasonable court costs; attorney fees.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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