

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO TRANSPARENT AND ETHICAL GOVERNMENT; AMENDING TITLE 74, IDAHO
2 CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 7, TITLE 74, IDAHO CODE, TO
3 PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING OF PAID LEG-
4 ISLATIVE TRAVEL AND A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING
5 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Title 74, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
9 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
10 ter 7, Title 74, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 7

12 TRANSPARENCY IN LEGISLATIVE TRAVEL

13 74-701. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to
14 promote public confidence in government and to promote transparency by re-
15 quiring elected legislators and candidates for legislative office to report
16 travel paid for by others.

17 74-702. REPORTING OF PAID TRAVEL -- PENALTY. (1) All legislative can-
18 didates who will appear on a general election ballot, members of the Idaho
19 legislature, and members-elect of the Idaho legislature who have prevailed
20 in their legislative race after the general election shall report to the sec-
21 retary of state all travel outside of Idaho reasonably related to a legisla-
22 tive or governmental purpose or to an issue of state, national, or interna-
23 tional public policy paid for by another individual or entity. Travel paid
24 through campaign funds that are reported pursuant to chapter 66, title 67,
25 Idaho Code, or solely through personal funds of a candidate, member, or mem-
26 ber-elect shall not be subject to the requirements of this section.

27 (2) Within thirty (30) days of any travel subject to the provisions of
28 subsection (1) of this section, a candidate, member, or member-elect who is
29 subject to the reporting requirements provided for in subsection (1) of this
30 section shall file a report with the secretary of state that shall include:

31 (a) The travel destination;

32 (b) The dates of travel;

33 (c) The purpose of the travel;

34 (d) The cost of the travel; and

35 (e) The name and address of the person or entity that paid for the
36 travel, including whether the travel was a campaign contribution and,
37 in the case of members of the legislature, whether the travel was made in
38 such member's official capacity as a legislator.

39 (3) Any candidate, member, or member-elect who fails to file the report
40 required pursuant to subsection (2) of this section within thirty (30) days

1 shall be subject to a late fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
2 each day until the report is filed, which fee shall be deposited in the public
3 school income fund.

4 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
6 July 1, 2025.