

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation will prevent claim sharks from exploiting Idaho military veterans who are attempting to file a claim for their veteran benefits. In recent history, veterans have been preyed upon by individuals claiming to be "consultants" or "service providers" using high-pressure tactics, dishonest promises, and unfair contracts to impose hidden or excessive fees in order to assist veterans in obtaining benefits owed them by the government. This bill will protect our Idaho veterans and outlaw these fraudulent practices.

FISCAL NOTE

This has no direct impact on direct general funds because the local veteran service officer personnel who currently handle veterans' claims are already covered by current budgeting, both state and local. No further budget requirement exists.

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