

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26051

This proposed legislation repeals Idaho Code 6-1608 and adds 49-673(8). This will restore the law by making failure to wear a seat belt inadmissible in a civil action. The passage of House Bill 457 in 2014, significantly altered the law so that the failure to wear a seat belt must be considered as evidence in a civil action. The subsequent use of this change has made it increasingly difficult to settle claims that otherwise could be settled without complexity or added expense.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund, or to any local government budgets associated with this proposed legislation. There may be a slight benefit to the general fund as this bill makes litigation less complicated, and will result in more expedient settlements, requiring less time from the courts.

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