

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26164

The purpose of this legislation is to amend Chapter 27, Section 41 of Title 33 Idaho Code. The change will update the current requirement that public libraries filter access to minors of obscene and pornographic material through their internet. Current law did not anticipate the use of personal laptop computers, tablets and smart phones gaining access through the publicly provided wireless access to the libraries internet. The bill adds the language "publicly accessible wireless internet access or" and like terminology to several references of "publicly accessible computers". This bill simply confirms that Idaho's public libraries shall assure that their wireless (WiFi) is filtered as is currently required of the use of their currently available computers with internet access. The Library board of trustees would also need to update their policy to include this amendment.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no impact on the General Fund. Research of the technology indicates that the addition of wireless should have minimal financial impact, as a vast majority of firewalls and routers, used by schools and libraries already have the technology to assure minors are unable to gain access to the prohibited material.

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