

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation would amend Section 74-106, Idaho Code to exempt certain records of a personal nature from public disclosure under the Public Records Act. The amendment would add language to the general exclusions found in Section 74-106 (4).

A district court case recently came out in Ada County that indicated personal information, such as residential address, phone numbers, and email addresses, could not be redacted unless there was a specific statute authorizing such exemption. Personal information is contained in many other public records than just the records found in Section 74-106. For example, a utility bill.

In addition to the concern with releasing personal information, there are also public safety concerns if this information is required to be released. For example, if the requestor has ill intentions and the agency is required to provide home addresses, or the personal information of juveniles who participate in a city's recreation programs who are required to fill out a form with the juvenile's home address, and the city is required to release this information.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general funds of the state of Idaho or units of local governments. The passage of the amendment neither requires any projected increase or decrease in existing or future general fund appropriations for the state of Idaho or units of local governments, nor does it require additional staffing or resources, because it does not change how the agencies respond to public records request.

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