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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho's lobbying laws, also known as the sunshine laws, were originally enacted in 1974 by a citizen initiative to increase transparency regarding money spent by lobbyists and on political campaigns. This legislation updates these laws by separating lobbying reporting from campaign finance reporting and increases the frequency of reporting by registered lobbyists during and outside legislative sessions. In addition, this legislation updates the definition of lobbying to indicate clearly that both direct and indirect efforts to influence policymaking are considered lobbying. The legislation reorganizes the lobbying laws by moving the lobbying provisions within Title 67, Chapter 66, State Government and State Affairs, to Title 74, Chapter 7, Transparent and Ethical Government.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no fiscal impact. The lobbyist reporting systems within the Secretary of State's office can already manage the increase in reporting.

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