

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS31933 / HJR001

The interests and role of the people of Idaho in the care, custody, and control of their children are both implicit in the concept of ordered liberty and deeply rooted in our nation's history and tradition. They are also among the unalienable rights retained by the people under the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The interests of the people include the high duty and right to nurture and direct their children's education. By statutes already in place, the legislature has long recognized and exercised its duty to protect the peoples' fundamental rights to nurture and direct their children's destiny, upbringing, and education. After decades of success in enacting statutory protections for the people of Idaho, this resolution will elevate the long-standing statutory provisions and protections to the Idaho Constitution by amending Section 9 of Article IX. At a time of strength in Idaho's education environment, this constitutional amendment strikes the outdated compulsory public school attendance provision and places language in the constitution that will ensure to future generations of Idahoans their ability to educate their children outside of the public schools of the state without undo government regulations and burdens.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is an estimates cost of up to \$300,000 for the Secretary of State to publish proposed constitutional amendments and arguments in a voter's pamphlet as required by law. The costs will occur anyway if any other amendments or ballot initiatives qualify for the November 2026 general election ballot. The pamphlet with initiatives and constitutional amendments will be published and mailed to every household in the state by late September of 2026.

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