

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation safeguards freedom of speech and public participation by swiftly dismissing meritless Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs), ensuring public engagement and expression on matters of societal or community interest not stifled by legal intimidation.

FISCAL NOTE

This fiscal impact would likely be minimal, primarily affecting court procedures and litigation processes. Costs could arise from initial implementation and education for the legal system, but potential savings may occur due to reduced frivolous lawsuits and more efficient court operations.

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