

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill amends Idaho Code § 74-203 to require that all open public meetings of governing bodies must provide an opportunity for public comment, either in person or remotely via telephone, video conferences, or internet-based methods. It sets specific rules for notice of access/comment options, handling disruptions to remote participation, prohibiting advance submission requirements, and ensuring reasonable/timed comment periods (per agenda item or general), while exempting special meetings under § 74-204(2). This bill declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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