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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The primary objective of this legislation is to safeguard the Second Amendment rights of Idaho's citizens. Presently, our preemption law prohibits local governments from establishing more stringent regulations regarding the carrying of firearms in public facilities. Additionally, our laws prohibit the carrying of firearms within courtrooms and courthouses.

However, the recent development of county courthouses being created within county offices has resulted in confusion regarding the permissible locations for firearm carrying. This legislation clarifies that in such instances, prohibiting individuals from carrying firearms within a courtroom will be allowed. Nevertheless, our citizens should be permitted to carry firearms when entering city or county buildings for other purposes.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no impact on state revenues or expenditures. While some local communities have expressed concerns regarding potential increased costs, the proposed language does not mandate any additional spending or requirements. Any additional costs would be at the discretion of local governments.

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