

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS33605 / H0819

In 2024 the Idaho Legislature passed, H710- The Children's and Library Protection Act. This proposed amendment responds to the Ninth Circuit's opinion, as well as a recent decision from the U.S. Supreme Court addressing Texas's age-verification law for pornographic websites. The proposed amendment recognizes that the State of Idaho has more latitude to select the content of educational materials in public schools and libraries than in private schools. In public schools and public libraries, the State of Idaho is exercising its own First Amendment rights through its selection of curriculum and library materials. Those choices constitute "government speech."

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General fund.

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