

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In 2025, seven of Idaho's eight universities and community colleges had roughly 250 foreign national student-athletes, most, if not all, of whom received some level of scholarship/financial assistance. Each has the opportunity to earn a valuable degree, but those degrees typically won't be put to work in Idaho or anywhere else in the United States. Foreign national student athletes by-and-large take the fruits of their free or discounted higher education back to their home countries to the benefit of their own country's workforce.

In order to increase the chances that Idaho's higher education institutions will produce more graduates who can become valuable and productive members of the workforce here in the State of Idaho as well as the United States, this bill proposes to limit the number of foreign nationals that can receive scholarships while participating in sports and instead increase the number of Idaho and U.S. student athletes who can receive those scholarships who then graduate and enter our workforce.

This bill will result in more Idaho and U.S. student athletes at Idaho colleges and universities who will graduate and thereafter can become new teachers, medical professionals, police officers, mining and forestry experts, and farmers and ranchers, to name a few, here in Idaho and the United States of America.

### FISCAL NOTE

This bill will not have an immediate fiscal impact on the state General Fund, however, it will produce more graduates who can pursue careers in the State of Idaho and thereby increase the tax base and ultimately provide a beneficial economic impact for the state and the country.

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