

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation establishes the Online Child Safety Act. Our kids are afflicted with a destructive pornography epidemic, and there are no real accountability measures that prevent online publishers from making it accessible to them. In keeping with Article III section 24 of the Idaho Constitution, which states that "The foremost concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home," Idaho Code § 18-1515 already prohibits "disseminating material harmful to minors." Today's internet environment thwarts the enforceability of the existing language. This legislation empowers parents of harmed children with standing to sue perpetrating content providers for a civil remedy if they fail to take reasonable steps to ensure they are not providing such content to minors.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation does not require the expenditure of any state funds and does not create, repeal, or amend any state taxes or fees. Consequently, it would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund or any other state fund.

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