

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPARENT AND ETHICAL GOVERNMENT; AMENDING TITLE 74, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 8, TITLE 74, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING OF PAID TRAVEL BY STATE OFFICIALS AND A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 74, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chapter 8, Title 74, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 8

TRANSPARENCY IN TRAVEL BY STATE OFFICIALS

74-801. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to promote public confidence in government and to promote transparency by requiring candidates for statewide offices, statewide elected officials, and officers-elect of statewide offices to report travel paid for by others.

74-802. REPORTING OF PAID TRAVEL -- PENALTY. (1) All state officials shall report to the secretary of state all travel outside of Idaho reasonably related to a governmental purpose or to an issue of state, national, or international public policy paid for by another individual or entity. Travel paid through campaign funds that are reported pursuant to chapter 66, title 67, Idaho Code, or solely through personal funds of a state official shall not be subject to the requirements of this section. For the purposes of this section, "state official" means a candidate for statewide office who will appear on a general election ballot, a statewide elected official, and an officer-elect of any statewide office who has prevailed in a general election but has not yet received the oath of office.

(2) Within thirty (30) days of the return date of any travel subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a state official who is subject to the reporting requirements provided for in subsection (1) of this section shall file a report with the secretary of state that includes:

(a) The travel destination;

(b) The dates of travel;

(c) The purpose of the travel; and

(d) The name and address of the person or entity that paid for the travel, including whether the travel was a campaign contribution and, in the case of currently serving state officials, whether the travel was made in such state official's capacity as a state official.

(3) Any state official who fails to file the report required pursuant to subsection (2) of this section within thirty (30) days shall be subject

1 to a late fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each day until
2 the report is filed, which fee shall be deposited in the public school income
3 fund.

4 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
6 July 1, 2025.