

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS32725 / HR018

The purpose of this House Resolution is to amend Rule 6 of the Rules of the House of Representatives to increase efficiency, promote legislative discipline, and enhance transparency in the lawmaking process.

This resolution limits each member of the House of Representatives to introducing no more than twelve (12) bills, resolutions, or memorials as a sponsor during any regular legislative session. This limit does **not** apply to appropriation bills or to legislation sponsored by state agencies, ensuring that essential budgetary and administrative measures are not impeded. To improve transparency, the resolution requires each bill's statement of purpose to clearly identify the lead sponsor and all other sponsors. If a bill is not the original idea of the legislator, the statement of purpose must also disclose the lobbyist, agency, or political organization that proposed the legislation. Ideas that originate from constituents unaffiliated with such groups are exempt from this disclosure requirement. The resolution also prevents the reintroduction of any bill, or substantially similar legislation, that fails to pass either chamber until after the next regular legislative session. This helps reduce redundancy and encourages more thoughtful policy development. To further support the legislative process, the resolution provides that members who have not yet reached their bill limit will be given priority in bill drafting requests submitted to the Legislative Services Office (LSO), ensuring that legislators who stay within the established limits are able to access timely drafting assistance.

Exceptions to the bill limits may be granted by the Speaker of the House when deemed necessary. The Speaker may also delegate this authority to committee chairmen. Any such exemption must be clearly indicated in the bill's statement of purpose.

This resolution seeks to promote a more focused, transparent, and accountable legislative process that prioritizes quality over quantity and better serves the people of Idaho.

### FISCAL NOTE

In the 67th Legislature from 2023-2024, there were a total of 5,074 bills drafted. Just accounting for staff salary to handle that draft load, it cost at least \$381 to draft a bill. That cost climbs to \$805 if the bill gets a routing slip (RS). If the RS is introduced, the cost is \$1428 per introduced RS, and if the bill passes both houses and is signed into law, the total cost of that bill is \$2726. The average total cost is at least \$1,000,000 per year to draft and pass laws. A more disciplined legislature who focuses on the quality of bills rather than the quantity of bills might save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

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