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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Rasmussen, Shin, Prentice, Winsley, Costa, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Stevens, Jacobsen and Honeyford

Brief Description: Characterizing legal actions against past or present legislators arising from the exercise of legislative power as "frivolous" for purposes of reimbursement of expenses.

SB 5324 - DIGEST

Provides that, in any action against any past or present state legislator arising from an act or omission made in the exercise of legislative power, the court having jurisdiction shall find that the action, counterclaim, cross-claim, third party claim, or defense was frivolous and advanced without reasonable cause, and require the nonprevailing party to pay the prevailing party the reasonable expenses, including fees of attorneys, incurred in opposing such action, counterclaim, cross-claim, third party claim, or defense.