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HB-170

“An Act relating to the misuse of an official position.”

There's an old saying “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”.

Like our existing ethics laws, House Bill 170 is all about prevention.

It is intended to prevent any public official who might be tempted to personally use their position or influence to punish or put pressure on a person or business not to do so.

This addition to the existing ethics statutes expressly prohibits such punitive action by a public official and makes it punishable under existing ethic act provisions.

Providing this protection will increase public confidence knowing it is unlawful for public officials to use their authority for personal reasons.