



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 20, 2023, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Idaho State Senate bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1051

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 8:15 a.m. on March 17, 2023.

Licensed outfitters and guides, many of which are small family operations, are a strong asset to Idaho's economy by providing people with the opportunity of experiencing a vast array of outdoor recreational opportunities. As you know, investing in outdoor recreation is one of the key components of my Idaho First plan. Senate Bill 1051 rightly protects Idahoans' freedom to contract and necessarily limits outfitters and guides' liability for those dangers inherent in outdoor adventures.

I believe the intention of Senate Bill 1051 is to allow any client, through written consent, to prospectively waive common law negligence claims against licensed outfitters and guides. Additionally, through discussion with the bill sponsor, the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, it's my understanding that Senate Bill 1051 is not intended to release licensed outfitters and guides of their duties set forth in Sections 6-1203 and 6-1204, Idaho Code, and the necessary safety rules and industry standards set forth by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", is written over a horizontal line.

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho