SB 1067 -- CIVIL ACTIONS BASED ON PUBLIC EXPRESSION

This bill establishes the "Uniform Public Expression Protection Act".

The bill relates to causes of action filed against individuals who exercise certain constitutional rights. The bill specifies that, when a person, defined in the bill as an individual, estate, trust, partnership, business or nonprofit entity, governmental unit, or other legal entity, has a cause of action filed against the person based upon the person's communication in a governmental proceeding or on an issue under consideration in a governmental proceeding, or when the person exercises the person's right of freedom of speech or of the press, the right to assemble, or the right of association, that person can file a special motion to dismiss the cause of action.

This bill establishes procedures for such special motions to dismiss. The bill specifies under which circumstances a court may award costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and reasonable litigation expenses. The provisions of the bill apply to civil actions filed on or after August 28, 2026.