

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25719

To add a provision to the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship to allow up to twenty percent (20%) of funds appropriated for the program to be awarded to adult students who have earned at least 24 credits and who are completing their first undergraduate degree or certificate at an eligible Idaho postsecondary institution. Providing a financial incentive for adults who have some college but no degree to finish a postsecondary program was a unanimous recommendation of the Governor's 2017 Higher Education Task Force.

FISCAL NOTE

While the Governor has recommended an additional \$5 million for the Opportunity Scholarship, passage of this legislation would merely allow the State Board of Education to award up to twenty percent (20%) of whatever funds were appropriated for the Opportunity Scholarship to adults returning to complete a degree or certificate.

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