

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Section 33-1002G, Idaho Code, authorizes school districts and public charter schools to establish career technical schools that qualify for funding appropriated for the specific purpose of supporting the added cost of career technical schools. Additionally, Section 33-317, Idaho Code, allows two or more school districts to join for educational purposes to form a “cooperative service agency” to purchase materials and/or provide services for use individually or in combination. These cooperative service agencies are also authorized to construct and maintain facilities funded through the member districts, including the use of levy funds, to provide educational services. Section 33-1002G, Idaho Code, does not authorize cooperative service agencies to receive career technical school added cost funding. In order for a program administered through a cooperative service agency to receive this additional funding, one of the member school districts must be the operator/provider of the career technical education program. The other districts then report this school district as the provider of the programs and their students as being sent to the programs rather than as a program that all participating districts have equal ownership and responsibility for the programs. The proposed amendment would allow cooperative service agencies to “own” the program when certain conditions are met, such as, having a separate facility that is not part of any of the member school districts and employing the teaching and administrative staff managing the program. The proposed amendment would eliminate an administrative construct that is an unnecessary burden for these high performing programs.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no fiscal impact to the state general fund due to the proposed amendments. Currently, career technical school added cost funding is based on an annual appropriation. That annual appropriation is then divided by the eligible career technical schools on a student enrollment basis pursuant to IDAPA 55.01.03. The proposed changes would require and increase or decrease to the appropriation and would help to clarify reporting processes for these programs.

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