STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Advanced Opportunities (AO) program provides funds to all Idaho students (public, private, and homeschool) to help pay for CTE fees, dual-credit courses, AP tests, and other academic endeavors to help students "go on" to post-secondary training or education. The longstanding practice has been for homeschool students to use their funds through partnerships with local school districts. However, recent interpretations counter the intent of the Legislature. This law clarifies that homeschool students can also use AO funds to obtain dual credit through community colleges. This bill also provides alignment between public school and private school AO programs for college entrance exams, advising for students who have taken 15 credits through AO, how the state handles a student's failure on courses or exams, and paying fees for community college dual enrollment.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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