

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24305

Currently, data across the State is collected to determine an average class size for each district. The average class size is then used to determine if a school district receives their full use-it or lose-it exemption. If their class size exceeds the statewide average, the district begins to lose their exemption at 1% per year.

Because class sizes vary dramatically depending on the student population of the school district, this averaging raises questions of equity of comparison of like and unlike size school districts. This legislation would allow for comparisons of school districts based on their student enrollment. This legislation would use the student enrollment breakdowns already found in Section 33-1002, Idaho Code that are currently used for funding.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or to school districts in Idaho.

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