

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24291

This is a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Administration for FY 2016. It includes three parts:

1. One-time moneys from the General Fund in the amount of \$229,300 to pay for legal fees related to the Idaho Education Network lawsuit. This is the amount the department estimates will be necessary to complete the appeal of Syringa Networks, LLC versus Idaho Department of Administration. The items being contested are the ruling by the District Court regarding the validity of two state-wide blanket purchase orders and the award of legal fees, all of which are yet to be determined. Oral arguments are scheduled before the Supreme Court in February 2016.
2. A one-time cash transfer of \$176,000 in grant funds from the Idaho Education Network Fund to the Public Instruction Fund at the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The funds are what remain of a Title II grant used for the payment of teacher stipends and training formerly under the Idaho Education Network.
3. An appropriation of \$461,800 in the Information Technology Program to return funds originally granted to the state by the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation for the build out of the Idaho Education Network. The balance of the funds are being returned to the foundation because they weren't used. The original grant was \$6 million.

FISCAL NOTE

The total fiscal impact of this legislation is \$867,100, which is comprised of three parts:

1. \$229,300 is operating expenditures from the General Fund;
2. \$176,000 is a transfer in dedicated operating expenditures from the Idaho Education Network Fund to the Public Instruction Fund that nets to \$0; and
3. \$461,800 is dedicated grant funds that are currently in the Idaho Education Network Fund and are no longer being used. They will be returned to the original grantee upon passage of this legislation.

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