

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25625

Section 33-3717B, Idaho Code, sets out the provisions for determining residency status for students attending our public four-year institutions. In 2016, legislation was enacted amending these provisions to allow students who enrolled at an Idaho public postsecondary institution within six years of graduating from an accredited secondary school to receive residency status for tuition purposes. The purpose of the original change was to accommodate those students that had deep ties to Idaho who had left the state to attend undergraduate school and now wanted to return to their home state to finish their education and live. While the current provision serves most of these students, there have been a handful of students who have fallen outside of this time period by three to six months, due to the gap in the spring secondary school graduation and the fall time period for postsecondary enrollment. While there have not been large numbers of students who have been impacted by this gap, those students who have been impacted fall into the group of students encouraged to return to Idaho. The proposed legislation would amend Section 33-3717B, Idaho Code, to extend the time period after secondary school graduation from six years to seven years.

### FISCAL NOTE

There would be no significant fiscal impact, due to the small number of students impacted. The change would allow students to pay resident tuition as opposed to out-of-state tuition at Idaho's public four-year postsecondary institutions.

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