

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation amends Section 33-2202, Idaho Code, to include approved middle grade career technical school programs in grades seven and eight. These programs would be eligible for added-cost funds. Currently, added-cost funds may only be used for approved career technical education programs beginning in grade nine. Under the proposed legislation, career technical programs offered at the middle school level (grades seven and eight) may be eligible for additional funds, assuming the content of the courses meets Board of Education approved career technical education program standards, and the middle school instructor carries an appropriate career technical education endorsement. The programs would be subject to and fall under the oversight of the Division of Career Technical Education in the same manner as secondary career technical education programs.

FISCAL NOTE

For FY 2019, the General Fund fiscal impact would be \$176,000. Of this, \$139,000 would be an ongoing General Fund appropriation for the salaries and benefits of Middle School Program Manager and Administrative Assistant I positions in the Division of Career Technical Education. These positions would be responsible for oversight, growth, and management of Idaho's middle school career technical education programs. The Division of Career Technical Education (Division) is also requesting \$10,000 in ongoing General Fund operating expenses. The Division is also requesting \$27,000 in one-time General Fund to repurpose existing space at the Division office including building new offices.

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