

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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All youth, birth to 21 years with hearing or vision loss, including those with other disabilities and deafblindness, in the State of Idaho may access the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind (ISDB). The Safe and Drug Free Schools program provides public schools with revenue generated from Idaho's two taxes on tobacco products, pursuant to 63-2506 and 63-2552A, Idaho Code. Because ISDB's budget is appropriated separately from the public school support program, it does not benefit from these funds despite its vulnerable student population.

This legislation adds ISDB as a beneficiary of Idaho's two taxes on tobacco products. In addition, it makes technical corrections to 63-2506 and 63-2552A so that the statutory language that addresses use of funds in public schools is identical.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact from this legislation. In 2017, \$4,024,900 was distributed to school districts and charter schools for the Safe and Drug Free Schools program. Each district receives a \$2,000 base amount plus a prorated amount based on the prior year's average daily attendance. Adding ISDB as a beneficiary would have a negligible impact on the revenue received by Idaho's other school districts as part of this program.

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