

**SB 1279 Testimony  
Adult Completer Scholarship**

I am Dwight Johnson the State Administrator for Idaho Career & Technical Education.

I'm here in strong support of SB 1279. We believe the addition of the Adult Completer component as part of the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship can have a significant positive impact in expanding career opportunities for Idahoans and in helping to meeting the talent needs of Idaho businesses.

We are specifically excited about the opportunity that such a program would provide Idahoans to complete CTE postsecondary programs and workforce training programs through our technical colleges and workforce training centers.

These short-term training programs would be ideal avenues for Idahoans to use these scholarship funds to increase their skills with 1 or 2 year degrees, apprenticeships and industry certifications. This would enhance their employability and provide a greater talent pool Idaho businesses need to grow and expand.

I would urge your support of SB 1279 and would be happy to respond to questions.