STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Unlike most states, Idaho requires charter school administrators to hold a traditional school administrator certificate. This lack of flexibility prevents some local boards of directors from hiring the administrator of their choice. This bill would create a new charter school administrator certificate as an alternative to traditional administrator certificates. Administrators would be eligible for a charter school administrator certificate if they (1) hold a bachelor's degree, (2) pass a criminal background check, (3) receive training on teacher evaluation, (4) demonstrate a charter school board of directors seeks to hire them and commits to overseeing their work, and (5) have a minimum amount of professional experience. This would not be a mandate on charter schools; charter school administrators could continue to hold a traditional administrator certificate or could hold a charter school administrator certificate.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have no fiscal impact to the general fund. Though the state board of education and department of education would be tasked with developing and administering the certification, this is already required under existing law so should not result in increased costs.

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