

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27967 / H0624

This legislation has three major components. First, it clarifies the information documented, reported and reviewed for professional and advanced professional performance criteria, including the data on students meeting their measurable student achievement and student success indicator targets. These changes update sections 33-1001(19) and 33-1004B(10), Idaho Code. Second, a deadline of November 1 is set for the audit of teacher evaluations, updating 33-1004B(9), Idaho Code. Third, Master Educator Premiums (MEP) program is sunsetted, with no new applications accepted after this year, no new awards provided after next fiscal year, and all provisions null, void, and of no force after July 1, 2024, amending 33-1004I, Idaho Code. The state will continue obligations for the current MEP recipients.

Overall, this legislation complements and builds on efforts this year to expand the career ladder over the next five years while lowering the costs to the state by sunseting the MEP program.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will eliminate approximately \$16 million in General Fund spending beginning in FY 2024 through the elimination of the Master Educator Premium program.

In FY 2020, the Master Educator Premium appropriation is \$7,175,400 in the Public Schools budget for awards and \$263,000 in the Office of the State Board of Education budget for portfolio review for a total of \$7,438,400. The number of Master Educator Premium awards would peak in FY 2021, with an anticipated state cost of \$15,947,000 from the anticipated awards for two cohorts plus the portfolio review.

Should this bill pass, there would be a \$263,000 General Fund savings for no longer needing to process awards beginning in FY 2022. After FY 2023, there would be a General Fund savings for the remaining appropriated amount as no awards will be paid out after FY 2023.

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