

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this legislation is to alleviate confusion between Idaho's certification laws and Idaho's professional contract laws. Many Idaho teachers are seeking their initial teaching certification through a nontraditional route program. While they are completing their certification program, they are issued a three-year interim certificate while they complete that program. School districts and charter schools are required to issue contracts to their professional personnel that are based on the years of service that the employee has served. For instance, there is a Category 1 contract for the first year, Category 2 for the second year etc. Each of those contracts allow for more due process rights for the teacher. There is a conflict in the law when the teacher has not completed the three-year non-traditional certification program and contract law. After three years, if an employee has not yet completed the interim certificate program requirements, this legislation would allow school boards to retain employees on a Category 3 annual contract until they have completed their respective program and are issued a five-year renewable certificate. When the employee completes the program and is issued their five-year renewable certificate, they qualify for the Professional Endorsement, thus qualifying for renewable contract status.

### FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note: There could be a small impact to the general fund of less than five thousand dollars.

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