

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29844 / H0794

This is the FY 2023 original appropriation and the FY 2022 supplemental appropriation bill for the Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind and appropriates \$13,300,000. The Bureau of Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind is to assist school districts and state agencies in providing accessibility, quality, and equity to students in the state with sensory impairments through a continuum of service and placement options (Section 33-3403, Idaho Code). This bill includes standard statewide adjustments including an increase in the appropriated amount for health insurance by \$850 to \$12,500 per eligible full time FTP; a one-year holiday of unemployment insurance; adjustments to workers compensation amounts; and a 7% increase in compensation. This bill includes funding to keep teachers on a similar pay scale as teachers in the public school system on the career ladder. The bill also includes funding for eight new staff to address the growth of the program and to address the backlog in outreach services. For FY 2022, funding is provided to replace several vehicles including a school bus.

### FISCAL NOTE

	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2022 Original Appropriation	11,575,400	206,000	0	11,781,400
1. Vehicle Purchases	231,000	0	0	231,000
FY 2022 Total Appropriation	11,806,400	206,000	0	12,012,400
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	(231,000)	0	0	(231,000)
FY 2023 Base	11,575,400	206,000	0	11,781,400
Personnel Benefit Costs	132,100	0	0	132,100
Inflationary Adjustments	30,000	0	0	30,000
Change in Employee Compensation	263,500	0	0	263,500
Other Maintenance Adjustments	0	27,600	0	27,600
FY 2023 Program Maintenance	12,001,000	233,600	0	12,234,600
1. Career Ladder Equivalence	322,200	0	0	322,200
3. Consulting Blind/VI Teacher - Region 1	113,100	0	1,000	114,100
4. Consulting Deaf/HH Teacher Region 5	111,100	0	1,000	112,100
5. School Counselor - Blind and VI	89,300	0	1,000	90,300
8. Ind. Living Skills Program Staff	86,400	0	2,000	88,400
9. Address Backlog	335,300	0	3,000	338,300
FY 2023 Total	13,058,400	233,600	8,000	13,300,000
Chg from FY 2022 Orig Approp	1,483,000	27,600	8,000	1,518,600
% Chg from FY 2022 Orig Approp.	12.8%	13.4%		12.9%

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