

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this bill is to modernize the funding formula of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), simplifying it to maintain transparency and public trust. It ensures that dollars appropriated to IDLA only go towards the program and those appropriated for public schools go to public schools. It requires the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee to consider adjusting the funding level each year to compensate for Change in Employee Compensation for teachers and education support staff. Additionally, this change guarantees funding solely for students served by IDLA, providing long-term financial stability and retaining the program's agility in responding to the needs of Idaho public schools.

FISCAL NOTE

For FY 2025, the Idaho Digital Learning Academy estimates 49,680 enrollments. At \$430 per enrollment, the estimated fiscal impact from state funds is \$21,362,400. Using this formula will save the state almost \$1.3 million for FY 2025, compared to the amount calculated in the agency request.

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