STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS31762 / H0766

This is a trailer bill to HB 521 this session that makes several changes: 1) It ensures the executive officer of the state board is Senate confirmed; 2) It lightens the minimum days requirement for schools by eliminating the requirement for contract days, delays implementation to 2025 to ensure legislative oversight of board decisions, and provides the state board flexibility to phase in hours or days requirements; 3) It ensures any misused dollars by a local school district are recaptured to the schools facilities fund and distributed to rural schools; 4) It amends to one-time distributions from the school district facilities fund; 5) It restores public charter school facility funds to what they were prior to unanticipated reductions from funding formulas impacted by the passage of HB 292 in 2023; and 6) It resolves a conflict within Section 33-5209A, Idaho Code.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no incremental impact on the state's General fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund. The legislation does not make any adjustments to portions of House Bill 521 that have a budgetary impact, and even if public charter schools experience a high attendance rate, the anticipated cost is covered by the moneys appropriated in the public schools budget.

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