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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation creates a new chapter in Title 33, Idaho Code, to address the growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in Idaho's public schools.

The purpose of this legislation is to help Idaho schools use emerging technologies thoughtfully – preparing students for the future while protecting privacy, preserving local control, and keeping teachers central to the learning process. AI tools are already being used in classrooms, school offices, and educational software. These tools can help personalize learning, support teachers, and better prepare students for future jobs. At the same time, they raise important questions about student privacy, data security, academic honesty, and the role of teachers in the classroom.

This bill directs the State Department of Education, with approval from the State Board of Education, to develop a statewide framework for the responsible use of AI in K-12 education. The framework will focus on safety, transparency, accessibility, and human oversight. The framework emphasizes safety, transparency, accessibility, and human oversight. The framework emphasizes safety, transparency, accessibility, and human oversight, and is intended to guide – not replace – local decision-making or mandate specific technologies.

This bill also requires local school districts and public charter schools to adopt policies on how AI may be used by students and staff. These policies must follow state and federal privacy laws and protects student data, while allowing flexibility for local needs. In addition, the bill calls for the development of AI literacy guidance, educator professional development recommendations, and parent resources to improve understanding and transparency. Limited rulemaking authority is provided to support implementation. The goal of this legislation is to help Idaho schools use technology wisely – preparing students for the future while protecting privacy, maintaining local control, and keeping teachers at the center of learning.

FISCAL NOTE

No additional General Fund appropriation is necessary to implement this legislation.

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