

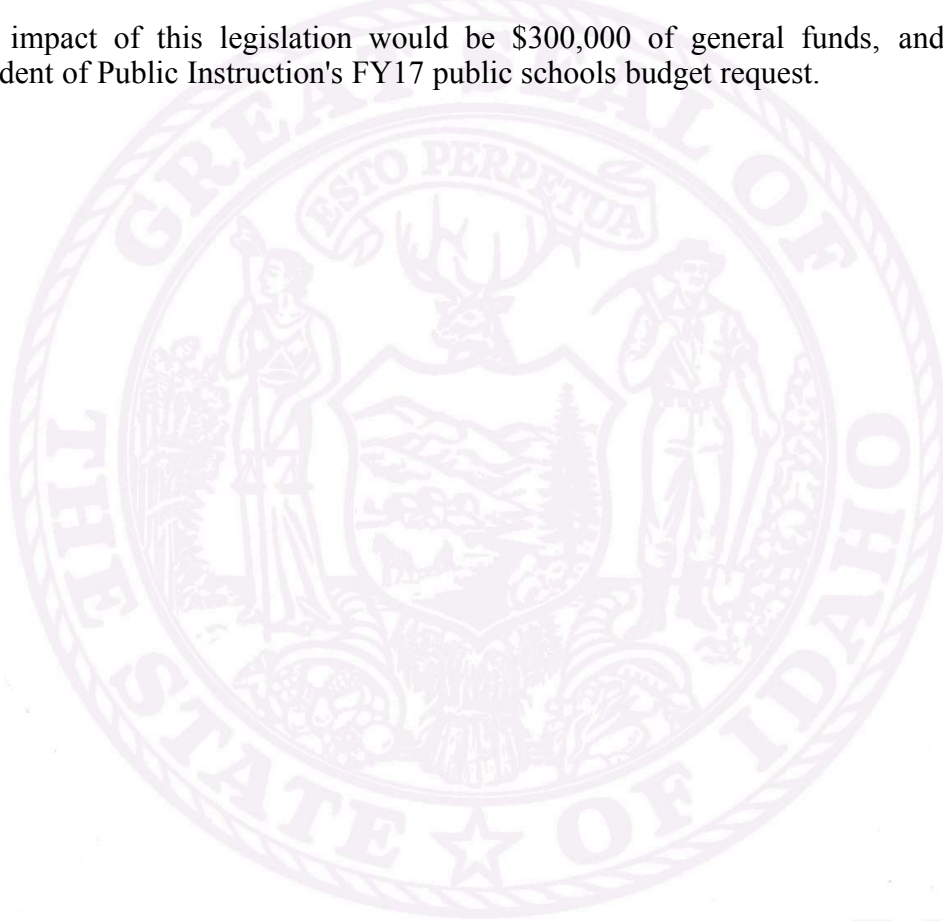
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The legislation would establish one (1) Rural Education Support Center, in an effort to provide support, flexibility, cost sharing and personnel sharing opportunities to local school districts. Further, an awareness campaign would be conducted to promote and create awareness of Rural Education Centers. A local school district, or districts, must provide a written request from their local board of trustees, in order to be provided services through the Rural Education Center. It is further defined that a Rural Education Center will be an opt-in cooperative entity, in which school services may participate.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this legislation would be \$300,000 of general funds, and reflects the Superintendent of Public Instruction's FY17 public schools budget request.



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