

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24801

This is a trailer appropriation to S1334, H459, S1333, S1279, and H379aaS relating to educational efforts, including the Commission for Libraries, community colleges and the Office of the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the STEM Action Center.

S1334: Section 1 is the FY 2017 appropriation to the Commission for Libraries for \$180,000 from the General Fund. The funds will be used for reimbursement of the non E-Rate portion of public libraries' internet service provider charges. Section 2 provides legislative intent that the funds shall only be used in compliance with Section 33-2741, Idaho Code, which requires an internet use policy be in effect to protect minors.

H459: Section 3 appropriates and transfers \$5,000,000 to the Community College Startup Account within the Higher Education Stabilization Fund to be used for startup costs for a community college in eastern Idaho in accordance with Section 33-3726, Idaho Code. For the funding to be used for startup costs voters must approve a community college taxing district and have the State Board of Education appoint a board of trustees. Section 4 provides the Office of the State Board of Education an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to be able to expend the transfer made in section 3 of this act.

S1333: Section 5 appropriates and transfers \$2,700,000 to the Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant Fund to provide matching grants to E-rate eligible entities to invest in high-speed broadband connectivity. This program would allow school districts, the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections educational programs, the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, and public libraries to take advantage of additional E-rate funding in accordance with Section 33-910, Idaho Code. Section 6 provides the Superintendent of Public Instruction an appropriation of \$2,700,000 to to expend the transfer made in section 5.

S1279: Section 7 appropriates and transfers \$2,000,000 one-time to the STEM Education Fund to support the programs and priorities of the state in advancing science, technology, engineering, and math in accordance with Section 67-823, Idaho Code. Section 8 provides the STEM Action Center an ongoing appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be able to expend the transfer made in section 7.

H379aaS: Section 9 appropriates \$99,000 from the General Fund to the STEM Action Center for a program manager to implement the computer science instruction initiative in accordance with Section 33-1633, Idaho Code. Section 10 adds 1.00 full-time equivalent positions (FTP) to the STEM Action Center and limits the FTP to no more than 3.00.

### FISCAL NOTE

This act transfers \$9,700,000 from the General Fund to dedicated funds and appropriates \$9,979,000. The \$9,700,000 of transfers are included in sections 3, 5, and 7. The appropriations from the General Fund total \$279,000 and are included in sections 1 and 9 and the appropriations from dedicated funds total \$9,700,000 and are included in sections 4, 6, and 8. Lastly, section 10 adds 1.00 full-time equivalent positions (FTP) and limits the FTP to 3.00 for FY 2017.

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