

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25943

This legislation allows the State Department of Education to place occupational therapists and physical therapists (OTs and PTs) on the career ladder, in accordance with their years of service as an OT or PT, while holding a license from the Bureau of Occupational License. The Professional Standards Commission has recommended adding pupil service staff endorsements for OTs and PTs. However, without this legislation, all newly-certificated OTs and PTs would be placed on the first rung of the career ladder, regardless of years of service in Idaho's schools.

FISCAL NOTE

Based on the State Department of Education's analysis, there is no or negligible immediate fiscal impact to this legislation. This is due to the fact that OTs and PTs have not been able to hold a certificate in the past and, therefore, on average, have not earned sufficient education credit to exceed the average career ladder placement in their districts. As certificated OTs and PTs advance along the career ladder, there will likely be a small increase in the revenue that their school districts receive in salary apportionment for those positions.

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