STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Both the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Department of Education were originally created when Idaho was granted statehood. In 1972, Section 125 of Title 33 Idaho Code established an executive agency of the State Board of Education, known as the State Department of Education and established duties for the department. Further, this section requires that the State Superintendent shall serve as the executive officer of such department and shall have the responsibility for carrying out policies, procedures and duties authorized by law or established by the state board of education for all elementary and secondary matters. Among these policies so authorized, the State Department of Education has responsibility for the reporting and tracking of K-12 related data. Procedurally this is carried out by the State Department of Education within its Technology Services Unit. This bill recognizes that technology services are an integral part of K-12 support to our school districts, charter schools, students, parents and teachers. The State Department of Education has the responsibility for services including the management of the Idaho System for Educational Excellence (ISEE) and broadband/e-rate support for schools and libraries.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill codifies the existing unit within the State Department of Education and has no fiscal impact.

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