STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill updates and modernizes provisions within the Idaho Credit Union Act, providing flexibility and modern provisions to allow Idaho state-chartered credit unions to better serve their members. The proposed updated Act:

- Provides additional flexibility for credit unions to establish new branches and use of technology facilities.
- Provides a definition of safety and soundness, which gives credit unions a legal understanding and framework of potential regulatory findings during an examination.
- Allows credits unions to hold virtual or remote board meetings and annual member meetings.
- Updates the member expulsion section to provide credit union leaders with the ability to act quickly to expel a member in order to ensure the safety of employees or other members when a member is acting in a threatening or violent manner. The expelled member is guaranteed an opportunity to appeal and request reinstatement.
- Provides updates to the credit union corporate powers statute that allows flexibility in the financial service product offerings for credit union members.
- Reduces outdated regulatory language around real estate occupancy requirement for Idaho state-chartered credit unions.
- Streamlines the process by which credit union bylaws are adopted and approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this proposed legislation. The provisions of this legislation specifically relate to the operations of state-chartered credit unions and will require no additional resources of the Idaho Department of Finance nor will it increase or decrease the Department of Finance's revenues or expenditures.

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