

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This resolution calls upon the State Board of Education (SBOE) to convene a task force to explore the impacts of combining the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The resolution highlights the following: a previous task force in 2002 recommended that the DVR and the SBOE be combined into one administrative unit; DVR and SBOE receive separate budgetary appropriations, limiting their ability to share administrative costs; a task force will undertake a study of what other states have done to deliver similar services. The task force will also look at the costs associated with delivering those services to clients of both agencies in other states and in Idaho. Membership of the task force is delineated for appointment by the State Board of Education, with the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired appointing two members to the task force.

FISCAL NOTE

The Division of Vocation Rehabilitation has indicated that the task force can be funded without additional spending authority for the Division.

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