March 21, 2019

The Honorable Janice McGeachin
President of the Senate
Idaho Legislature
Boise, ID 83720

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Madam President,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate Bill, to wit:

S 1107

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 2:05 p.m. on March 20, 2019.

In my State of the State address, I spoke about utilizing all budgeting mechanisms that “ensure our state remains fiscally sound over the long-term.” One key component of making sure we remain fiscally sound in state government is maintaining accurate fiscal notes for legislation.

In the statement of purpose for S 1107, there is a sunset provision in section 33-1004 which allows school districts and public charter schools to receive salary-based apportionment based on adjusted midterm support units, if the best 28-week units are at least 3-percent greater than the mid-term support units. According to the most recent State Department of Education’s calculations, that sunset would save the state approximately $1.94 million, which is based on 19 support units at $102,100 for each support unit in the next fiscal year.

S 1107 would remove that sunset. So, it stands to reason that eliminating this sunset will affect the general fund by a similar amount. This was not reflected in the fiscal note for S 1107.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Secretary of State