

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2015
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Bair
CONVENED: Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
PRESENTER: **Elisha Figueroa, Director, Office of the Governor**
Office of Drug Policy; LBB Page 6-69

Director Figueroa opened her presentation with the FY 2015 appropriation to the Office of Drug Policy. The Office of Drug Policy has been able to award 48 Direct Service Providers with the Substance Abuse Block Grant, 11 Idaho Communities the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG), and supported the “Lock your Meds” campaign. She further discussed Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), the organization and advisory council, and the mission for media campaign effectiveness to positively change attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors regarding anti-marijuana messages. Director Figueroa concluded with the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation. [Office of Drug Policy](#)

PRESENTER: **Colonel Ralph Powell, Director, Idaho State Police**
Idaho State Police; LBB 3-73

Col. Powell presented the 75th anniversary of the Idaho State Police and the Governor’s Budget Recommendation for FY 2016. He presented information regarding the Alcohol Variance Program, referencing sales, distribution, and manufacturing of products with underage compliance operations. Col. Powell took a moment to recognize the state’s Detective Force and the ISP life saving awards. Col. Powell further discussed commercial safety, criminal interdiction, and CDL licensing in Pocatello and Boise, Idaho. He also spoke on the continued partnership efforts of the ISP and the National Criminal Identification Center (NCIC), including the Amber Alert system. Col. Powell continued with information on Idaho’s Fusion Center, Forensic Services, and Racing Commission.

The Governor's Recommendation contains a one time replacement capital, to cover the expressed items in need of replacing. Also, Col. Powell stood in request of an additional 92 Troopers, a store keeper position, and 2 full-time analyst positions in the Fusion Center. IT and digital evidence support, mobile forensics, and a Uniform Criminal Reporting System were also line items requested. ISP currently does not have to reclassify promotion and the need for this reclassification. Col. Powell

concluded and stood for questions regarding the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation.
[Idaho State Police](#)

IDAHO EDUCATION NETWORK

PRESENTER: **Paul Headlee, Deputy Manager and Robyn Lockett, Principal Analyst; Division of Budget & Policy Analysis**
Idaho Education Network

Deputy Manager **Paul Headlee** and Principal Analyst **Robyn Lockett** presented the Idaho Education Network Supplemental Appropriation. In this supplemental appropriation, in the amount of \$3,640,500 [one time] from the General Fund, will provide the Superintendent of Public Instruction uninterrupted broadband connectivity for the remainder of fiscal year 2015 and one month into FY 2016. The funding is intended to be provided by the Superintendent to schools for the purpose of procuring broadband connectivity sufficient for a transition from the broadband service provided by the Idaho Education Network. Funding is not intended for payments to vendors for broadband service previously received through the Idaho Education Network.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On Request by **Malek**, granted by unanimous consent, the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

State Board of Education
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Supplemental

Original Motion

Moved by **Malek**, seconded by **Mortimer**, to approve for introduction \$3,640,500 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$3,640,500 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 17

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Gibbs, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King

Nays: 1

Gannon

Ab/Ex: 2

Bair, Miller

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bell**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Schmidt**, granted by unanimous consent, the fiscal year 2015 budget for the State Board of Education, the following legislative intent language was accepted:

Section 1. It is a legislative intent to maintain broadband services and ensure minimal interruption of such services to Idaho schools by providing direct funding to schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. This funding is intended to protect Idaho's schoolchildren and their education from disruption in the current school year while the state works on a longer-term solution to pay for internet-based curriculum and connectivity. Funding is provided for the state match and the equivalent of E-rate funding previously used to support the Idaho Education Network beginning on February 11, 2015, through June 30, 2015.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Mortimer**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following legislative intent language was accepted:

Section 3. Use of Funds: It is the intent of the Legislature that the funding provided in Section 2 of this act, is for schools to purchase broadband services in an amount equivalent to what was provided through the Idaho Education Network as of February 1, 2015.

a) The superintendent of public instruction shall require school districts to provide documentation, as determined by the superintendent, to support all funds distributed.

b) The superintendent shall have the authority to make advances of the money appropriated in Section 2 of this act to school districts as the superintendent deems adequate, as determined by past usage and of sufficiency to minimize financial difficulties by the school districts while procuring services.

c) The superintendent shall target the resources necessary for students currently relying on online curriculum by coordinating with the Idaho Digital Learning Academy and other providers of online education to identify barriers to completing their courses and finding appropriate solutions. The superintendent shall prioritize assistance to those students who are scheduled to graduate in the spring or winter of 2015.

d) This is a fixed appropriation and any surplus shall revert back to the General Fund on July 31, 2015. School districts are cautioned that funding from the state for fiscal year 2016 is not included in this act. However, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for these services for fiscal year 2016 as soon as it is practicable.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Horman**, granted by unanimous consent, the following legislative intent language was accepted:

Section 4. Law Governing Procurement for School Districts: It is the intent of the Legislature that school districts shall have the power to procure telecommunication services, including high-bandwidth connectivity, internet access, and purchases of equipment, and other related services, as necessary to provide for the continuation of services formerly provided by the Idaho Education Network, with the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act. All procurement shall be in accordance with Idaho Code governing procurement for an emergency pursuant to Section 67-2806 (1) (b). Provided however, that when a school district determines that the dollar limitations provided for in Section 67-2806 (2), Idaho Code apply, the school district

may apply the provisions of Sections 67-2806 (1) (a) through (e), Idaho Code, allowing certain exemptions for an emergency under Section 67-2806 (1) (b) when the school district finds that conditions exist that make it impractical or impossible to delay contracting for services or to engage multiple bidders.

Although not limiting, the following school districts most likely to make such a determination, due to the projected cost of the services, are the following: Boundary County School District, Coeur d'Alene School District, Fremont County Joint School District, Garden Valley School District, Lake Pend Oreille School District, Mountain View School District, Lakeland School District, Post Falls School District, Salmon River Joint School District, and Teton County School District.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Gibbs**, granted by unanimous consent, and the following legislative intent language was accepted.

Section 5. Reporting Requirements: The superintendent shall collect information from the school districts and report back to the Legislature and to the Governor as to the level of service purchased with the funds provided for in Section 2 of this act, the dollar amounts distributed to each of the school districts, a list of the school districts using the emergency procurement procedures authorized in Section 4, and information relating to students, by school district, who will be able to continue online classes through the current school year, of which classes were previously offered through the Idaho Education Network or any other online providers. This information shall be provided to the Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the Senate and House Education Committees, the Chairmen of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, and to the Governor, at the end of each month beginning in March through July 2015.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On Request by **Mortimer**, granted by unanimous consent, the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Department of Administration, Department of Administration, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

Department of Administration
Idaho Education Network

Rescission

Moved by **Mortimer**, seconded by **Schmidt**, to approve for introduction \$(5,052,000) General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$(5,052,000) with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 19

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Bair

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bell**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary