

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 27, 2017

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Martin, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

CONVENED: Senator Keough convened the meeting at 7:59 A.M.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **STEM ACTION CENTER**

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **Angela Hemingway, Executive Director:** At this time last year, all we had was a website. After a year and a half later, we are thriving. 70 programs in all the JFAC members districts. We no longer are the only state without a National Science Fair. Reviews the overview of the agency. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU)
JANET JESSUP: Reviews the FY2016 budget [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU)
HEMINGWAY: We focused strongly on rebuilding the infrastructure of our new interactive website. We are able to participate in 3 regional science fairs, we had a goal of 90 applications for the Science fair and have 235 entries this far. We have done a computer science initiative; We have supported 6 computer science opportunity and are expecting 5 more in March. We are working with Code.org along with partnering with U of I . We have a strong commitment to STEM.
JESSUP: Reviews FY2018 budget and line items [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm)
HEMINGWAY: Grant, project, and admin costs: we have only been able to fund 50% of the programs. We do not feel as though the Government should pay the whole amount. There is many possible ways federal funding will help in many opportunities. These would help other schools without STEM programing get involved.
JESSUP: The 2nd line item review [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmm)
HEMINGWAY: In the next 20 years, jobs will be requiring computer/science. We need the workforce for the work in Idaho now and not later. We are going to review the programs to either scale or grow what is needed.
[AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU)

QUESTIONS:

SEN MORTIMER: The form B12, we have the first miscellaneous revenue fund, my understanding that there was the \$2 million to go and spend. It looks to me in FY2017/2018, you only have \$100,000 in contributions and are asking for an additional \$2 million. My understanding was the State doing something of a good favor to matching the contributions. How is the board helping?

HEMINGWAY: The form with the \$100,000 is not the STEM Education Fund but is a different fund that was created in the first year, in 2016. The miscellaneous revenue fund is accepting monetary industry contributions and allowing us to fund programs much more quickly. [SUPPORT FOLLOW-UP](#)(<http://go.usa.gov/x9zmA>)

REP MILLER: On the cash portions are those supposed to show up on the B12, do we show that revenue somewhere?

JESSUP: I am not showing the cash contributions;but how they are being represented in the agency budget, possibly Ms. Hemingway or another staff member can speak to that.

DAVID FOLKERSON, Deputy Administrator Financial Advisor: On the B12, the line of 18, it will show those donations. Its been about \$69,000 donations, so far to date. Those donations just aren't showing on the form due to the time of when we put the budget together.

REP MILLER: Just to clarify, those will show up on the next fiscal year 2017?

FOLKERSON: Yes, those will show up next year as actuals and then we will have a better feel how to estimate in the following years.

HEMINGWAY: We have a number of checks in the mail for the Science and Engineering Fair, I think that is what has the industry incredibly excited about because it has never happened before. We have checks in the mail from Micron, and INEL, which will easily put us over \$50,000 and then we have nearly \$70,000 in current donations. It has taken some time to find common missions and goals and zero in on that particular project, that companies are willing to support.

[SUPPORT FOLLOW-UP](#)

SEN NYE: On staffing levels, my question for Ms. Jessup is are we only moving from a 3 person staff to 4?

JESSUP: Yes, and they are requesting for that 4th position as part of the third line item.

[AUDIO LINK](#) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU>)

JESSUP: The third line item is for a Grants and Contracts Analyst.

[PRESENTATION](#)(<http://go.usa.gov/x9zmmw>)

HEMINWAY: [AUDIO LINK](#) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9zmU>)

QUESTIONS:

REP MILLER: On the handout it shows a 22% project request and then later it says 50%, please explain how this works and how you prioritize the projects to be funded.

HEMINGWAY: This is in regards to FY2016 budget. We were only able to fund 22% in 2016 and in FY2017 we were able to fund 50%.

REP MILLER: How do you prioritize and how does it get the funded?

HEMINWAY: We actually have a pool of reviewers and then we get a rank order on how to fund.

REP MILLER: What is the criteria to fund?

HEMINGWAY: There is a very strict criteria and all of those are on the website.

REP WINTROW: Seems like you are interacting with a lot of community partners, How many partners do you have and how do you manage them?

HEMINGWAY: I have an amazing team and we are able to hire several part time contractors and we have a plan and are very laser focused.

REP KING: I noticed when you were here, there was a lot of elementary school kids

HEMINGWAY: We are really focused on K through career. We are very heavily focused on the computer science pipelines.

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**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

DIVISION OF CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Dwight Johnson, Administrator: We are passionate about the mission for our division. We provide support for CTE high schools all over the state along with the community colleges. We provide funding to CTE programs and students. 64% of CTE students go on to College rate as opposed to the state wide 46% go on to college rate. Reviews the agency's overview. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JANET JESSUP: Reviews the FY2016/2017 Budget.

[PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JOHNSON: Reviews FY2017 line items.

[AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

SEN WARD— ENGELKING: How would you allocate it for the 6 technical colleges? **JOHNSON:** The money would be thrown in the pipeline where the highest demand was. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JESSUP: Review the FY2018 budget. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

QUESTIONS:

SEN MORTIMER: On page 6, to what I call the motorcycle fund, what is the use of those funds? I see it going to CSI, are they distributing it to the other schools.

JESSUP: I will yield to the Director.

JOHNSON: That is not distributed to the other schools, due it is strictly to CSI because the program is based there.

SEN MORTIMER: Give us a brief history how those are administered throughout the State.

JOHNSON: I would need to do more research. But I know those funds are specifically designed to CSI for the program.

KATHLEEN WATKINS, CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER: College of Southern Idaho is the one who administers the funds due them being the only motorcycle school in the state.

[AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JESSUP: Reviews FY2018 budget and replacement items

[PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

QUESTIONS:

REP ANDERSON: My question is do you have a line of credit or a debt limit?

WATKINS: We have a borrowing limit, we draw on it and pay it back with the Federal Funds within a day or two. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JOHNSON: Our computers are on their 4 year cycle and the Governor's recommendation on the top secondary post colleges.

JESSUP: Reviews line items for FY 2018

[PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc)(http://go.usa.gov/x9zyc) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf) (http://go.usa.gov/x9zmf)

JOHNSON: This will help expand our post secondary programs.

QUESTIONS:

REP KING: Looks like you will be serving 240 students and are requesting \$2 million, that seems like a lot per student, can you expand on that?

JOHNSON: Yes, these are expensive programs when you are talking about welding and/or auto tech or health care programs that are equipment and material intensive. But the best thing is the return on investment they make sure these students have the skills to demand high wages and that is far greater in taxes and economic development.

REP KING: Once you get this equipment, they are good for ten years and then you wont ask for them again for some time?

JOHNSON: It is true, there is some replacement sometime in the future.

REP HORMAN: Waiting list was approximately 800 students last year, what do those current waiting list look like has it grown?

JOHNSON: There were 850 on the waiting list last year, and we were able to cut that waiting list in half. We had 407 enrollments. Programs are cyclical with the economy.

SEN BAIR: LINE ITEM 1: that would be expanding or staring new. Will you tell me which one of those programs will not be funded?

JOHNSON: [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9z mh) (http://go.usa.gov/x9z mh)

SEN BAIR: I would like to know why the Governor did not fund these programs.

DAVID HAHN: We were looking at the top priority at each one of the institutions. But we wanted to make sure each of them got something. The majority of those programs involve program expansion. There are two programs that are new programs and those were at NIC and LC.

SEN CRABTREE: On page 12, maybe you can explain that.

JOHNSON: I'm looking at this as far as metrics, as far as increases, over all, as far as our technical colleges, that we have great positive in placement in those. The total numbers kind of remain relatively flat, we actually think that is a great accomplishment, given the fact that the economy is improving.

SEN MORTIMER: Page 12, we have served 4,931, that's down a little and that may be a good sign, but it may not, I would like to have you comment on that and also on that number completing there GED.

JOHNSON: That population has severe barriers. These are people that have dropped out of high school and trying to get into the work force and trying to get education to get placed in a job or having the skill to do a new job. You will note that we have had some drop offs. The performance rate is high.

SEN MORTIMER: Regarding the SkillStack® set program: how does that work with our complete college 60% goal?

JOHNSON: We are assigning the facility to award students and those badges and prepare them for credit and perform their skills set for their employer.

SEN AGENBROAD: Education to employment. Can you explain the feedback from the employers?

JOHNSON: They have a technical advisor and they are in connection with their employers are represented to ensure that employer's needs.

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JOHNSON: Overviews the line items for FY2018;

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JESSUP: Reviews the Budget Law Exceptions;

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**AGENCY
PRESENTER:**

IDAHO PUBLIC TELEVISION

**LSO
PRESENTER:**

Ron Pisaneschi, General Manager: Provides educational programming to all corners of Idaho, from preschool age to elderly. Coordination and distribution of educational and instructional programs. Reviews the overview of the agency.

[LINK TO AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9uCu)(http://go.usa.gov/x9uCu)

ROBYN LOCKETT: Reviews FY2016/2017 Budgets

[PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9urK)(http://go.usa.gov/x9urK) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9uCu)

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PISANESCHI: On page 2, those funds went to replace several equipment that broke: an electronic panel that was sparking, blinking beacons, and also replacing a HVAC and a translator.

LOCKETT: Reviews FY2018 budget and replacement items

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PISANESCHI: Reviews the FY2018 budget details for the replacement items.

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LOCKETT: Reviews the FY2018 line item

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PISANESCHI: Educational Outreach: we are excited about working with teachers and with the State Department and State Board of Education.

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QUESTIONS:

REP ANDERSON: Page 9, microwave services, we share with homeland security. Are we incurring those charges and are we sharing with homeland security or the State?

PISANESCHI: We avoided the incurring charges for the past ten years because we purchased some of those radios, if we aren't able to purchase those radios then we have to share the data charges of \$400,000 (per year), but if we are able to buy the radios then we wouldn't need to pay the data charges.

REP ANDERSON: How do you, at the end of the year, figure out if you were successful? I mean overall, what is the objective of your program?

PISANESCHI: We look at the impact that our educational programing has with young children and the other way we measure is a large amount of viewers watching a show. We use Nielson data for that.

REP KING: My question is on Homeland Security, if you purchase this will they help pay for it?

PISANESCHI: No, they will not help pay.

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**AGENCY
PRESENTER:**

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

**LSO
PRESENTER:**

Katie Sewall, State Director: Our mission is enhance the success of small businesses providing high quality counseling, training, research, and technical support services. Small business in Idaho are growing. Opened in 1986 and started in Boise State University. Reviews the overview of the agency. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3)

[AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3)(http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3)

JANET JESSUP: Reviews FY2016/2017 Budget [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3)(http://go.usa.gov/x9ug3) with no other comments from Ms. Sewall, goes into FY2018 Budget.

**AGENCY
PRESENTER:**

TECHHELP

**LSO
PRESENTER:**

Steve Hatten, Executive Director: Small and medium sized manufacturing companies help Idaho. TechHelp plays a vital role in employee training. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9ugZ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9ugZ>)

JANET JESSUP: Reviews FY2016/2017 budget, with no comment from Mr.Hatten, goes on to review FY2018 budget.

[PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9u42)(<http://go.usa.gov/x9u42>) [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9ugZ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9ugZ>)

SCHEDULE CHANGE

CATHY HOLLAND-SMITH: Reviews the details of the new schedules.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, Senator Keough adjourned the meeting at 10:49 A.M.

Senator Keough
Chair

Amberlee Honsaker
Secretary