

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 01, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chairman Bair, Senators Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, and Nye
Co-Chairman Youngblood, Representatives Troy, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, Nash

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representatives Horman and Amador

CONVENED: **Chairman Bair** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **DIVISION OF WELFARE, Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst**

MOTION: Original Motion
Moved by **Representative Troy** for the Department of Health and Welfare, for the Division of welfare, beginning with FY 20 22 Base, an increase of \$127,900 for benefit costs, a decrease of \$16,000 for statewide cost allocation and an increase of \$685,100 for change in employee compensation.
Also included are the following line items line item 13, which removes \$184,800 in ongoing personnel costs and \$115,200 from trustee and benefit payments from the General Fund and removes \$343,200 in ongoing personnel costs from federal funds for a total reduction of \$643,200, and line item 14, which provides \$33,764,000 one-time from federal funds for child care initiatives from money allocated through the COVID Relief Act.
The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 618.50 FTP, \$43,367,100 from the General Fund, \$4,829,500 from dedicated funds and \$117,765,900 from federal funds for a grand total of \$165,962,500, seconded by **Senator Agenbroad**.

DISCUSSION: **Ms. Randolph** corrected the original total amounts in federal funds and the grand total. The Committee was instructed to ignore the handout, and voted on the new amounts that were stated in the revised motion.

REVISED MOTION: Revised Motion
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Also included are the following line items line item 13, which removes \$184,800 in ongoing personnel costs and \$115,200 from trustee and benefit payments from the General Fund and removes \$343,200 in ongoing personnel costs from federal funds for a total reduction of \$643,200, and line item 14, which provides \$33,764,000 one-time from federal funds for child care initiatives from money allocated through the COVID Relief Act.
The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 618.50 FTP, \$43,367,100 from the

General Fund, \$4,829,500 from dedicated funds and \$151,529,900 from federal funds for a grand total of \$199,726,500, seconded by **Senator Agenbroad**.

**VOTE ON
REVISED
MOTION:**

AYES: 16 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 2

Representatives Nate and Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Representatives Horman and Amador

CARRIED:

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Troy**, granted by unanimous consent, to accept the language as shown on the screen, and place it in all Department of Health and Welfare Original Appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2022.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION __. GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS. As appropriated, the Office of the State Controller shall periodically make transfers from the General Fund to the Cooperative Welfare Fund as requested by the director of the Department of Health and Welfare and approved by the Board of Examiners.

SECTION __. TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, funds appropriated in the trustee and benefit payments expense class shall not be transferred to any other expense classes during fiscal year 2022.

SECTION __. PROGRAM INTEGRITY. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Welfare shall be required to provide those services authorized or mandated by law in each program, only to the extent of funding and available resources appropriated for each budgeted program.

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Riggs** for the Department of Health and Welfare for the Public Health Services Division, beginning with the fiscal year 2022 Base, add \$62,700 for benefit costs, reduce \$6,900 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$336,000 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items, line item 9, which provides \$385,100 for emergency medical services for receipt authority related to the StateComm MOU update; line item 12, which provides 1.00 FTP and \$275,000 for an Alzheimer's Disease program coordinator, line item 14 for \$67,861,4000 one time from federal Funds for COVID Relief Act funds, and line item 15, which adds \$300,000 from the General Fund for additional funding for the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are \$255.02 FTP, \$10,406,300 from the General Fund, \$46,278,600 from dedicated funds and \$139,197,300 from federal funds for a grand total of \$195,882,200, seconded by **Representative Nash**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Agenbroad** stated he had a conflict of interest pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H) but intended to vote.

Ms. Randolph answered questions from the Committee.

CARRIED: **AYES: 16** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 2
Representatives Nate and Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2
Representatives Horman and Amador

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Senator Riggs**, granted by unanimous consent to accept the language as shown on the screen.

INTENT LANGUAGE: SECTION __. SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS. The amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act for the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Program shall be used in accordance with the plan developed by the various stakeholders as required by Section 6, Chapter 340, Laws of 2018. Further, the program shall continue to work with all relevant stakeholders to maximize the moneys appropriated for this purpose. The department shall provide a report to the Legislative Services Office on the implementation of the program no later than November 1, 2021.

SECTION __. CASH TRANSFER. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund, there is hereby appropriated and the State Controller shall transfer \$640,000 from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund to the Rural Physician Incentive Fund on July 15, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the Department of Health and Welfare for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

SECTION __. PROJECT ECHO. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund for the Health Care Policy Initiatives Program, \$200,000 shall be distributed to the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education Program for the continued implementation of Project ECHO.

SECTION __. HOME VISITATION PROGRAM. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund, \$1,000,000 shall be distributed to the Public Health Districts for the purpose of the home visitation program. These moneys shall not be considered general state aid pursuant to Section 39-425, Idaho Code, nor shall the moneys be allocated through a board of trustees formula pursuant to Section 39-411, Idaho Code. The allocation of these funds is based on how much each district is currently providing for comparable services from other fund sources in comparison to the other health districts. Further, the Public Health Districts may reallocate these moneys between districts, but only upon unanimous concurrence of the Board of Directors for the Public Health Districts. The moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall be fully distributed to each Public Health District upon enactment of this legislation, as follows:

Public Health District 1	\$195,800
Public Health District 2	\$159,100

Public Health District 3	\$205,000
Public Health District 4	\$106,500
Public Health District 5	\$132,100
Public Health District 6	\$105,400
Public Health District 7	\$96,100

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Troy** for the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), the Division of Mental Health Services, beginning with a FY 2022 Base, add \$77,800 for benefit costs, remove \$13,000 for a statewide cost allocation, and add \$435,800 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 14, which provides \$9,831,000 in one time federal funds for COVID Relief Act. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 307.23 FTP, \$36,337,900 from the General Fund, \$582,400 from dedicated funds, and \$20,091,400 from federal funds for a grand total of \$57,011,700, seconded by **Senator Riggs**.

DISCUSSION:

Questions from the Committee were answered by **Alex Adams**, Administrator, DFM, and **Ross Edmunds** Administrator, DHW, Behavioral Health.

CARRIED:

AYES: 16 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.

Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 2

Representatives Nate and Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Representatives Horman and Amador

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Troy**, granted by unanimous consent to accept the language on the screen.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION __. LIMITING TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund moneys appropriated to the Divisions of Mental Health Services and Psychiatric Hospitalization may be transferred between divisions but shall not be transferred to any other division or program within the Department of Health and Welfare without legislative approval.

SECTION __. EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. The Department of Health and Welfare shall be responsible for the educational needs of school-age children placed in its custody by the courts for either child protective issues or mental health issues. If the department places a child in a licensed residential treatment facility that includes a non-public accredited school, and it is determined by the department that it is in the best interests of the child to be educated at the residential treatment facility, then it is the responsibility of the department to pay for such education per student, per educational day. Other Idaho state agencies shall not be precluded from exercising their responsibility to ensure

a free and appropriate education for these students within the requirements of federal disability law. The fiscal impact of this section is included within existing department base appropriations.

SECTION __. INTERAGENCY PAYMENT FOR JUVENILE DETENTION CLINICIANS CONTRACT. No later than July 16, 2021, the Children's Mental Health Program shall make an interagency payment of \$327,000 from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund to the Department of Juvenile Corrections to be used for the purchase of contract clinician services with juvenile detention facilities in Idaho for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

SECTION __. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTERS. The seven Behavioral Health Community Crisis Centers shall submit plans for achieving non-state funding, in conformance with the requirements of their contracts with the Department of Health and Welfare, that demonstrate the extent to which the centers will receive financial support from non-state sources for ongoing operations. These plans shall be submitted to the Legislative Services Office no later than December 31, 2021.

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION, Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Agenbroad** for the Department of Health and Welfare, for the Psychiatric Hospitalization Division, beginning with FY 2022 Base, add \$93,300 for benefit costs, remove \$14,500 for statewide cost allocation and add \$2,700,000 for annualization at State Hospital West, add \$571,000 for change in employee compensation, shift \$10,700 from federal funds to the General Fund for changes in the Medicaid FMAP rate as requested in nondiscretionary adjustments, and shift \$105,300 from the General Fund to endowment funds for endowment fund distribution adjustments.

Also included to the following line items: line item 5, which provides \$297,000 for staffing of the adult unit at State Hospital South; and line item 6, which provides \$24.50 FTP and a net-zero shift of \$2,394,400 from the General Fund from State Hospital South to State Hospital North for Joint Accreditation.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 467.18 FTP, \$22,110,900 from the General Fund, \$18,280,800 from dedicated funds, and \$8,234,300 from federal funds for a grand total of \$48,626,000, seconded by **Representative Nash**.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Randolph answered questions from the Committee.

CARRIED:

AYES: 16 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.

Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 2

Representatives Nate and Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Representatives Horman and Amador

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Agenbroad**, granted by unanimous consent to accept the language as shown on the screen.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION __. EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. The Community Hospitalization Program is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(2), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers into the Community Hospitalization Program from other programs within the Department of Health and Welfare for all moneys appropriated to it for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Similar to the language above, the below language provides an exemption to budget laws. The above section allows just Community Hospitalization to receive unlimited transfers into the program; this is done when there is increased need in the Community Hospitalization program due to beds not being available in one of the state hospitals or transportation delays of committed persons. The section below will limit transfers to keep appropriations within Mental Health Services and Psychiatric Hospitalization, not allowing the transfer out of appropriations.

SECTION __. LIMITING TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund moneys appropriated to the Divisions of Mental Health Services and Psychiatric Hospitalization may be transferred between divisions but shall not be transferred to any other division or program within the Department of Health and Welfare without legislative

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT & PREVENTION, Jill Randolph,
Senior Analyst**

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Nash** for the Department of Health and Welfare for the Substance Abuse Treatment & Prevention Program, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, add \$3,200 for benefit costs and add \$16,600 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items: line item 10, which provides \$450,000 for recovery community center support; and line item 14 for \$8,264,000 in onetime federal funds for the estimated state allocation related to the COVID Relief Act.

The totals fro this motion for FY 2022 are 16.00 FTP, \$1,742,100 from dedicated funds, and \$23,505,000 from federal funds for a grand total of \$25,247,100, seconded by **Senator Agenbroad**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 15 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye. Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 2

Representatives Nash and Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3

Senator Lent, Representatives Horman and Amador.

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

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LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL, Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst**

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Cook** for the State Independent Living Council, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$1,100 for benefit costs, and an increase of \$7,000 for change in employee compensation. Also included is one line item, for an ongoing reduction of \$58,800 from federal funds. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 4.00 FTP, \$228,200 from the General Fund, \$375,500 from dedicated funds, and \$58,900 from federal funds, for a grand total of \$662,600, seconded by **Representative Bundy**.

DISCUSSION: **Representative Syme** stated that he had a conflict of interest pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), but intended to vote.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye. Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3

Senator Lent, Representatives Horman and Amador.

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a do pass recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

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ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Senator Bair
Chair

Denise B. McNeil
Secretary