

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 11, 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, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, and Nash

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

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

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **IDAHO MILLENNIUM FUND REPORT; Janet Jessup, Senior Analyst**

The Joint Millennium Fund Committee consists of ten members — five members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives. The Committee meets twice a year and is responsible for overseeing the Idaho Millennium Funds, and evaluating the success of programs funded with moneys from the income fund. Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 67–1804 and 67–1080(6), the Joint Legislative Millennium Fund Committee submitted its annual report and recommendations for legislative consideration.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Representative Troy**, granted by unanimous consent to accept the Idaho Millennium Fund Report. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

Links to [Audio](#), [Report](#) and [Ballot](#) here.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY - Budget Setting; Janet Jessup, Senior Analyst**

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Green** for the Office of Drug Policy, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, and increase of \$1,300 for benefit costs, \$1,200 for statewide cost allocation, and \$10,200 for change in employee compensation. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 6.00 FTP, \$339,100 from the General Fund, \$24,500 from dedicated funds and \$4,459,700 from federal funds for a grand total of \$4,823,300, seconded by **Senator Agenbroad**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Grow

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 BOARD OF EDUCATION, SPECIAL PROGRAMS - Technical Correction;**
Janet Jessup, Senior Analyst

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Representative Horman**, granted by unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year FY 2022 budget for the Division of Special Programs.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Horman** to the Division of Special Programs for fiscal year 2022, the removal \$52,200 from the General Fund, seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Grow

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: **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES - Budget Setting; Bob Sepich,**
Senior Analyst

MOTION NO. 1: Moved by **Representative Bundy** for the Department of Water Resources, beginning with FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$52,800 for benefit costs, \$21,200 for statewide cost allocation, and \$227,900 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides \$716,000 from the Revolving Development Fund for aquifer measuring and monitoring; line item 2 adds 2.0 FTP and \$353,800 for the first year of the Bear River Adjudication; line item 3 includes 1.00 FTP and \$109,700 to hire a water projects manager; line item 4 adds \$36,700 for a content management system subscription; and line item 5 adds an ongoing \$1,000,000 from the General Fund for the Flood Management Program.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 154.00 FTP, \$19,564,800 from the General Fund, \$5,355,000 from dedicated funds, and \$1,737,100 from federal funds, for a grand total of \$26,656,900, seconded by **Senator Crabtree**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 1

Representative Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Grow

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.

MOTION NO. 2

Moved by **Representative Bundy** to include the following language as shown on the screen in the FY 2022 appropriation bill for the Department of Water Resources, seconded by **Senator Crabtree**.

CARRIED

AYES: 18 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.

Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Senator Grow, Representative 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**.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION A: CASH TRANSFER FOR AQUIFER MONITORING. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Water Resources and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$716,000 from the Revolving Development Fund to the Aquifer Planning and Management Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to be used for aquifer monitoring, measurement, and modeling.

SECTION B. CASH TRANSFER FOR THE FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Account created pursuant to Section 42-1760, Idaho Code, on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, for water quality data collection, monitoring, modeling, flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or flood prevention projects. Of these moneys, up to \$800,000 shall be administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board through a competitive, matching grant process for flood control projects. The Department of Water Resources shall support this competitive grant process using existing personnel and resources.

Section C. WATER QUALITY MONITORING. Of the moneys appropriated and transferred in Section 5 of this act for water quality data collection, up to \$200,000 shall be used for monitoring, data collection, modeling, literature review, economic analysis, and other forms of data gathering and analysis in the upper Snake/Rock Creek sub-basin (HUC 17040212, as provided in IDAPA 58.01.02.109.02) in support of the nutrient total maximum daily loads (TMDL) objectives. This process shall be coordinated with the Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Geological Survey.

MOTION NO. 3

Moved by **Representative Bundy** to include the following language as shown on the screen in the FY 2022 appropriation bill for the Department of Water Resources, seconded by **Senator Crabtree**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Senator Grow, Representative 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**.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION D. USE OF FUNDS FOR RIRIE RESERVOIR FLOOD CONTROL RULES. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 41, Laws of 2014, and any other provision of law to the contrary, \$4,201,000 from the Revolving Development Fund, or so much thereof as is necessary, shall be used for analysis of the Ririe Reservoir flood control rule curves or any other investigations that would expand water storage.

SECTION E: CASH TRANSFER FOR AQUIFER MANAGEMENT. Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Water Resources in Section 1 of this act for the Planning and Technical Services Program from the General Fund, the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 to the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to be used for aquifer recharge and management.

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - Budget Setting; Keith Bybee, Deputy
Division Manager**

MOTION NO. 1:

Moved by **Senator Cook** for the Department of Labor, beginning with FY 2022 Base, include \$143,500 for benefit costs, include \$83,400 for statewide cost allocation, and include \$1,029,100 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides authority to restructure the budget from five budgeted programs to three; and line item 2 which provides \$3,302,600 from CARES Act Relief funds for additional staffing to meet unemployment insurance claims.

Totals for FY 2022 are \$538,100 from the General Fund, \$17,237,700 from dedicated funds, and \$82,638,700 from federal funds for a grand total of \$100,414,500 with full time positions capped at 708.58, seconded by **Representative Syme**.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Cook briefly discussed the budget. This budget is a 3.3 percent increase above the FY 2021 original appropriation. When the economy is not doing well, such as with COVID, and unemployment is increasing, the receipt of additional funding is necessary to meet demand. It was important to maintain the current budget level to meet the demand of these funds. The restructure of the budget will provide for additional transparency, directly linking appropriation and spending.

CARRIED:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 4

Senator Grow, Representatives Horman, Amador and Nash.

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 Cook**, granted by unanimous consent, that the language as shown on the screen regarding an exemption from the limitation of transfer between programs found in Idaho Code § 67-3511(2), be accepted as part of the Department of Labor's FY 2022 appropriation bill.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

Section 3. EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS.
The Department of Labor is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(2), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers between programs for all moneys appropriated to it for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

Links to the [Audio](#), [Motion](#) and [Ballot](#) here.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Senator Bair
Chair

Denise B. McNeil
Secretary