

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye

Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, Nash

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION State Department of Education, COVID-19 Relief Funding, P-EBT Nutrition Program. Jared Tatro, Principal Analyst.**

Mr. Tatro introduced the supplemental appropriation for the State Department of Education for COVID-19 Relief funding, relative to the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Nutrition Program for students in the free and reduced lunch program.

Mr. Tatro confirmed that this agency, like any other agency, needs an appropriation whether that be a direct appropriation or continuous appropriation. This is based on Idaho Constitution, article VII, section 13, stating that no money shall be drawn from the treasury but in pursuance of appropriations made by law. The agency's request is for \$1.6 million, current estimates are \$638,600 for personnel and \$961,900 in operating. This would be one time in the current year with carryover.

The Department of Education anticipates and must have this program completed by September, so the carryover will just get them through the first couple of months of FY 2022.

DISCUSSION: **Rep. Horman** asked for details about the number of children who will be served by the program. **Dr. Asumendi - Fillmore**, Idaho State director for The Child Nutrition Programs, specified that the agency is estimating 71,000 children will receive a P-EBT card and 42 school buildings are eligible.

Rep. Nate asked for details about the cost per child for the program, **Dr. Ybarra** provided details on how the \$1.6 million is used as administration cost to manage P-EBT cards.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Rep. Bundy**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Department of Education was reopened.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Bundy**, seconded by **Rep. Horman**, for the Department of Education in the student services program for FY 2021, one-time from the Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund, an additional \$1,600,500.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.** Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 2. Nate, Giddings.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

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 Youngblood**.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Bundy**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, to reconsider the FY 2022 budget for the Department of Education.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17.** Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 2. Nate, Giddings.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1. 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 Youngblood**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Rep. Bundy**, granted by unanimous consent, the following reappropriation language was accepted:

REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby re appropriated to the Department of Education for the Student Services Program any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Department of Education for the Student Services Program from the Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund for services related to the P-EBT school nutrition services program for the FY 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,500, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the P-EBT school nutrition services program for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING Attorney General - LBB 6-27 - Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.**

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Attorney General. The adjusted JFAC budget is \$26,880,900, and the agency did originally request three line items. One of these line items was withdrawn by the agency before the publication of the Legislative Budget Book, and then the remaining two were recommended by the Governor.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Troy**, seconded by **Sen. Nye**, for the Attorney General, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$81,300 for benefit costs, \$129,900 for one-time, for a replacement item, a decrease of \$24,600 for the statewide cost allocation, and an increase of \$417,000 for the change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides \$332,800 for restoration of special litigation funds, which are used to retain private legal representation or consultants for extraordinary and/or unanticipated litigation when special expertise is needed or when there is an ethical conflict of interest between governmental entities; line item 3, which provides one FTP and \$94,200 of which \$8,200 is one time or a civil litigation paralegal; and line item 4, which provides \$150,000 in one time operating expenditures from the General Fund for the Special Litigation Program to be used for water adjudication mediation costs in the Coeur d' Alene/Spokane River Basin. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 220.00 FTP, \$25,526,600 from the General Fund, \$847,100 from the dedicated funds, and \$1,214,100 from the federal funds for a grand total of \$27,587,800. This motion also includes a lump sum authority.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17.** Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 2. Nate, Giddings.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1. 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 Youngblood**.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Welfare – LBB 2-61. Jill Randolph, Senior Analyst.**

Ms. Randolph introduced the budget for the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Welfare. This division provides assistance and support services for eligible families and individuals across the state and includes programs such as child support, supplemental, institution assistance, snap or food stamp, childcare, temporary assistance for families in Idaho, and the blind and disabled. This is the division that determines Medicaid eligibility and includes programs where they partner with local organizations to provide food, energy assistance, health assistance, and weatherization assistance.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Troy**, seconded by **Sen. Agenbroad**, for the Department of Health and Welfare Division of Welfare beginning with FY 2022 Base adding \$127,900 for benefit costs, remove \$16,000 for statewide cost allocations, and add \$685,100 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 13, which removes five FTP, \$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; line item 14, which provides \$33,763,900, one-time, from federal funds for childcare initiatives from money allocated through the COVID-19 Relief Fund. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 613.5 FTP, \$43,367,100 from the General Fund, and \$4,829,500 from the dedicated funds, and \$151,529,800 from the federal funds for a grand

total of \$199,726,400.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17.** Bair, Agenbroad, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 3. Nate, Giddings, Crabtree
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0.

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 Youngblood.**

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING Idaho State Police, Capitol and Supreme Court Security Detail (FY 2021 Supplemental and FY 2022 Appropriation) - Christine Otto, Senior Analyst.**

Ms. Otto introduced the FY 2021 supplemental and FY 2022 appropriation requests for the Idaho State Police.

Ms. Otto explained that on December 23, 2020, the Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee recommended \$350,000 be approved from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to support eight additional Troopers to the Legislative Security Detail for the 2021 legislative session. That request was made by the Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House and the approved funding has been used during this session.

The Pro Tempore and Speaker are now requesting an appropriation for the continuation of this security detail for eight Troopers at both the Capitol and the Idaho Supreme Court for FY 2021 and FY 2022. If continued, five troopers would be located at the Capitol and three at the Supreme Court. The detail would last for the rest of this fiscal year and FY 2022. The estimated cost for all eight, including per diem, lodging, mileage, and overtime shifts would be \$1,756,100, with \$30,000 for FY 2021 and \$1,726,100 for FY 2022.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Rep. Agenbroad**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Idaho State Police was reopened.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Agenbroad**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for FY 2021, for the Idaho State Police, in the Patrol Program, an additional \$30,000, one time from the General Fund for the purpose of security detail at the Capitol and the Supreme Court.

CARRIED: **AYES: 20.** Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0.

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 Youngblood.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Rep. Agenbroad**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2022 budget for the Idaho State Police was reopened.

MOTION:

Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Agenbroad**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for FY 2021, for the Idaho State Police, in the Patrol Program, an additional \$1,726,100, for FY 2021, one time from the General Fund for the purpose of security detail at the Capitol and the Supreme Court.

CARRIED:

AYES: 17. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash

NAYS: 2. Nate, Giddings

ABSENT/EXCUSED:1. 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 Youngblood**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **Chairman Youngblood** adjourned the Committee at 8:55 a.m.

Representative Youngblood
Chair

Anna Maria Mancini
Secretary