



**CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION**

September 16, 2010

The Honorable Ben Ysursa
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The Honorable Donna M. Jones
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Re: Report of the Idaho Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation.

Dear Secretary of State Ysursa and State Controller Jones:

Pursuant to section 23, article III, Constitution of the State of Idaho, and sections 67-406a and 67-406b, Idaho Code, the Idaho Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation met at the Statehouse in Boise, Idaho, on September 15, 2010, to make its recommendations for the rates of compensation for services to be rendered by the members of the Sixty-First Idaho Legislature and the expenses to be incurred in rendering those services for the period commencing December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2012. The Committee recommends the following:

I. SALARY

1. Each member of the Legislature shall be paid a base salary of sixteen thousand, one hundred sixteen dollars (\$16,116) per year.

2. No person appointed to the Legislature as a temporary replacement shall receive a salary.

3. In addition to the salary established for each member of the Legislature, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each be paid an additional salary of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per year.

II. UNVOUCHERED EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

1. Each member of the Legislature who maintains a second residence in Ada County during a regular session shall be paid an unvouchered expense allowance of one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$122) per day for each day of that regular session.

2. Each member of the Legislature who does not maintain a second residence within fifty (50) miles of the Statehouse in Boise, Idaho, during a regular session shall be paid an unvouchered expense allowance of forty-nine dollars (\$49) per day for each day of that regular session.

3. Each member of the Legislature shall receive a lump sum unvouchered constituent service allowance of one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875) to be paid annually, on the last pay date preceding the first day of December, for expenses incurred for maintaining the office of the legislator. If a vacancy has occurred in the office since the adjournment of the last regular session of the Legislature, the one thousand, eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,875) shall be prorated between the individuals who have served in the office, using as a base the number of total days of service of each member serving in that office while the Legislature was not in session.

III. VOUCHERED EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

1. Each member of the Legislature shall be entitled to expense reimbursement for actual travel expenses, including transportation, food and lodging as necessary in a manner consistent with policy for other state officers and employees, for coming to and returning from any organizational, regular or extraordinary session of the Legislature and for each day of an organizational or extraordinary session of the Legislature.

2. Each member of the Legislature who maintains a second residence in Ada County during a regular session shall be entitled to actual transportation expense reimbursement, which shall not include food and lodging, for not to exceed one (1) round trip weekly between Boise and the member's home during that regular session.

3. During a regular session only, each member of the Legislature who does not maintain a second residence within fifty (50) miles of the Statehouse in Boise, Idaho, shall be entitled to

actual mileage expense reimbursement for a daily round trip from the member's home during that regular session.

4. During an extraordinary session only, each member of the Legislature who maintains a second residence in Ada County during a regular session shall be entitled to expense reimbursement for actual travel expense, including transportation, food and lodging as necessary, in a manner consistent with policy for other state officers and employees, for one (1) round trip between Boise and the member's home during that extraordinary session.

5. A member shall be entitled to expense reimbursement for actual travel expense, including transportation, food and lodging as necessary, in a manner consistent with policy for other state officers and employees, while engaged in official legislative business, with prior approval of the President Pro Tem of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, when the Legislature is not in session.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT

1. All salary amounts shall be paid on the same pay periods as other state officers and employees.

2. All unvouchered expense allowances shall be paid not less frequently than biweekly, except as provided in paragraph II, subsection 3, above.

3. Under the rules of the respective body, all timely, filed vouchered expense reimbursement claims shall be paid in the same manner and at the same rate as expense reimbursements are made to other state officers and employees.

V. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS: RETIREMENT, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE

The committee recommends continuation of the system of medical, dental, life insurance and retirement benefits as provided for other state employees, and other services, including telephone, postage and stationary, as provided for the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature.

The committee further recommends that individual members of the Legislature seek the most advantageous and cost-effective travel arrangements, including advance purchase fares, whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

cc: Senator Robert Geddes, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
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