

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-Chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Co-Chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, and Nash

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Adams

CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Grow** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENTATION: **INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMITTEE PAGES HANNAH SCHNEIDER AND TATE MANLEY; Co-Chairmen Grow and Horman**
The Chairmen introduced the second half session Pages to the Committee and had them introduce themselves and discuss why they chose to become a Page.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **STATE APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (SAPD) - OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS (OITS) INCREASED STORAGE CAPACITY - FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO) Budget and Policy Analysis**
Mr. Hibbard stated the SAPD was requesting a FY 2023 supplemental appropriation for \$67,500 one time from the General Fund for operating expenditures to increase electronic record storage capacity for four new capital cases. He provided details regarding the cases and current capacity for electronic filings; and that it was a supplemental request due to trials occurring in the current FY, April 2023.

DISCUSSION: In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Hibbard** reviewed the \$67,500 quote from the vendor GCSIT for a hard drive large enough to store the anticipated volume of electronic media. **Eric Fredericksen**, Director, SAPD, reminded the Committee that if the equipment costs less than the quoted amount, SAPD will return funds to the state.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Representative Nash**, granted by unanimous consent, to hold this supplemental appropriation in Committee subject to call or the chair.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **SAPD - CAPITAL CASES AND HEARING COSTS - FY 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**
Mr. Hibbard explained this agency's one time supplemental request would be used to pay for two capital conflict attorneys, a mitigation expert, an investigator, and expert witness funds for the costs associated with new capital cases, and other capital case and evidentiary hearing costs.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Nash**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2023 budget for the SAPD was reopened.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Nash**, for the FY 2023 budget for the State Appellate Public Defender an additional \$1,309,400 from the General Fund to provide additional support for capital conflict and evidentiary hearing costs; seconded by **Senator Herndon**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Adams

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - DIVISION OF FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT (DFM) - FINANCIAL SPECIALIST - FY 2023
SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy
Analysis**

Mr. Hibbard reviewed that DFM is requesting a total of two Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTP) and \$71,200 from multiple fund sources for the first three months of funding for two financial specialists.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Bjerke**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2023 budget for the DFM was reopened.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Bjerke**, for FY 2023 budget an additional 2.00 FTP and \$71,200 for a senior financial specialist and a financial specialist; seconded by **Representative Bundy**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Adams

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERAL - TRANSITION COSTS - FY 2023
SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy
Analysis**

Mr. Hibbard reviewed this agency is requesting \$25,000 one time from the General Fund for the new attorney general's transition costs.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Herndon**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2023 budget for the Office of Attorney General was reopened.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Herndon**, for the FY 2023 budget for the Office of the Attorney General an additional \$25,000 from the General Fund for transition costs; seconded by **Representative Horman**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 18

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Senator Adams
Representative Raybould

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERAL - ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL COSTS
- FY 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and
Policy Analysis**

Mr. Hibbard instructed that the Office of the Attorney General requested an additional \$300,000 from the General Fund to pay for the salary increases of new Deputy Attorney General positions, and a pay increase given to two employees as a result of the Fair Labor Standards Act audit.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Cook**, granted by unanimous consent, to hold this supplemental appropriation in Committee subject to call or the chair.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERAL - TOBACCO ARBITRATION
PERSONNEL COSTS - FY 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Tim Hibbard,
Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Mr. Hibbard discussed the Office of the Attorney General requested \$35,000 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund to fund pay increases to employees working on tobacco arbitration matters.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Herndon**, for FY 2023 budget for the Office of the Attorney General an additional \$35,000 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund for pay increases for employees working on tobacco arbitration matters; seconded by **Representative Horman**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Adams

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SPECIALIST - FY 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Lippitt explained the agency requested \$28,000 in ongoing personnel costs, and \$2,700 one time, for an employee benefits specialist. The ongoing personnel costs address the 30 percent increase in workload following the 26 school districts joining the Idaho employee medical and dental plan last fall. The one time monies will provide for a laptop, two monitors, and office furniture.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Furniss**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2023 budget for the Department of Administration was reopened.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for FY 2023, for the Department of Administration, the addition of \$30,700 from the Employee Group Insurance Fund; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Adams

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - PAYROLL ADJUSTMENT AND TRAVEL INCREASE - FY 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Lippitt reviewed that this request was for \$2,000 one time for a payroll adjustment to backfill the budget for the prior Lieutenant Governor's FY 2022 salary that was paid in FY 2023 due to a budget shortfall, and \$5,000 in ongoing operating expenditures for travel costs, which is comparable to other elected officials.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Raybould**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2023 budget for the Lieutenant Governor was reopened.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Raybould**, for FY 2023 for the Lieutenant Governor, the addition of \$7,000 from the General Fund; seconded by **Senator VanOrden**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representative Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Nash

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1

Senator Adams

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Having heard no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Senator Grow
Chair

Erin Miller
Secretary