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Meeting Time: 3:30 p.m.

(BOISE) In a brief meeting today, the Legislature's independent, non-partisan Office of Performance Evaluations released two follow-up reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee:

- [Idaho Transportation Department Performance Audit](#)
- [Idaho's End-Stage Renal Disease Program](#)

The eight-member Joint Legislative Oversight Committee is equally divided between the two political parties and the two chambers of the Legislature. Senator Elliot Werk (D) and Representative Clifford Bayer (R) co-chair the committee.

Idaho Transportation Department Performance Audit, Follow-up Report

The Idaho Transportation Department has completed implementation of nearly all of the recommendations from a 2009 performance audit by the Office of Performance Evaluations. The audit made 45 recommendations to the department that would establish long-term vision and strategy, and would unify performance measures that are driven by strategic goals.

The Board of Transportation adopted a new strategic plan and departmental goals in November 2011. The primary goals are to have the safest transportation system possible, provide a mobility-focused transportation system that drives economic opportunity, and become the best organization by continually developing employees and implementing innovative business practice. The department is working to identify strategies to achieve these goals.

In September 2011, the department purchased a financial planning system to integrate with its pavement and maintenance management systems. Combining the financial planning system with the pavement and maintenance management systems will help the highway division in making informed decisions.

The department has made substantial progress to strengthen its procurement and supervision of contractors and consultants. It plans to use a progress report to identify whether construction projects are on schedule, behind schedule, or at risk of being delayed. The department has also implemented a project management academy training that focuses on principles, techniques, and best practices of project management including risk management concepts. The training has been given to more than 150 employees.

Idaho's End-Stage Renal Disease Program, Follow-up Report

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has sufficiently strengthened its internal controls that will allow the division to better enforce its policies for the Idaho's end-stage renal disease program. In November 2011, evaluators found that the program did not have the internal safeguards needed to enforce its policies and procedures. Evaluators also found evidence of a duplication of services with some participants who also received full-coverage Medicaid. During the follow-up report, evaluators found that the division has clarified information to staff and participants that will prevent future duplication of services. The division is now enforcing policies for the end-stage renal disease program consistently among regions.

In February 2012, Senate Bill 1326 was introduced to phase out the end-stage renal disease program. Terminating the program was one of three options identified by evaluators for the Legislature to consider when determining the future of the program. If the bill passes, the program will cease to exist on June 13, 2013, a date suggested by Governor Otter.