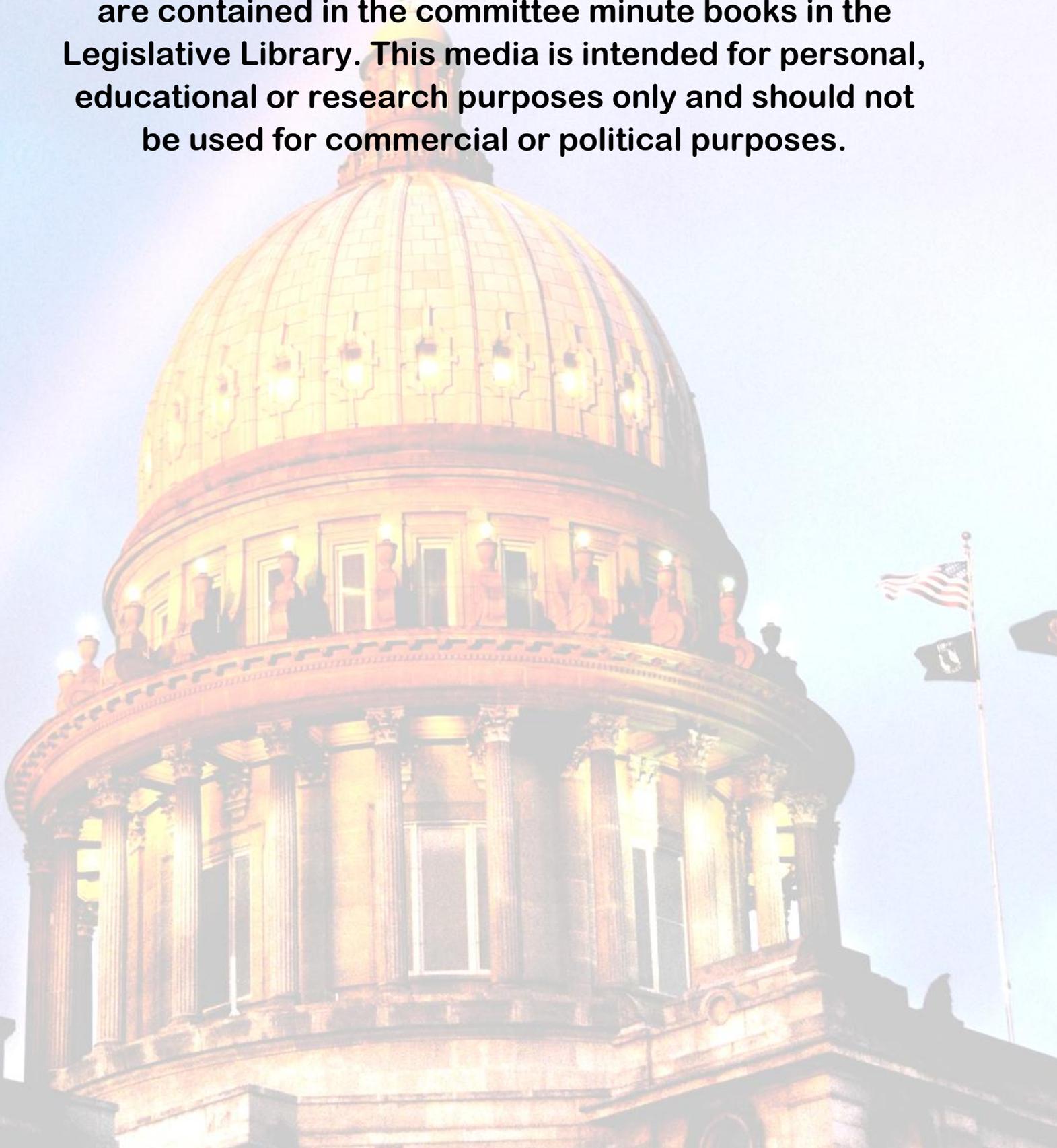


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# JFAC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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2/14/13

The hearing was held in Room C310, Statehouse, commencing at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at 10:17 a.m. with Chairman Bell presiding.

## **Roll Call:**

Senators: Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey

Representatives: Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King

Absent/Excused: none

Staff present: Headlee

## **GERMANE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Senate Education Committee**

**Presenter: Senator John Goedde, Chairman**

- ❖ Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) has become a magnet for innovative solutions in Idaho virtual education
  - Nationally recognized for its work
  - Works with community colleges and universities – delivery of virtual education including professional development
  - Working with K-12 schools in blended learning models
  - Provides the system for the Dept. of Education's on-line portal and will inventory and rate on-line classes
  - Idaho largest provider of on-line coursework
- ❖ Common Core
  - No consideration for the cost of implementation
  - Teachers require the professional development time to understand how to teach to higher learning standards and to realign their lesson plans
- ❖ Schoolnet
  - Albertson's Foundation is providing Schoolnet funding and recognizes the responsibility of the state to meet its obligation
  - System needs more buy-in from educators and suggest that its metric be better aligned to measure its effective use
  - No way to identify consistent use by individual educators
  - There is not included in this line item any additional time for teachers to gain understanding of the system, and professional development days may need to be funded

- ❖ National Board Certification
  - Evidence demonstrates that board certification improves education
  - The Senate Education Committee supports using the \$111,000 in both the Governor's and Superintendent's budget for its stated purpose
  - The Committee suggests that JFAC keep these funds in the budget expressly to fund stipends
- ❖ Lottery funds
  - Money earmarked for building maintenance was spent in other ways for the past several years
  - They respect the intention of the lottery and will begin requiring lottery funds to address facility issues
  - Support placing roughly half of the lottery funds in a maintenance silo in the upcoming budget year
  - Important to balance the need for flexible spending at the district level with litigation regarding school building safety
- ❖ School safety
  - Recognize the need to address school safety and understand that the Safe Schools Task Force will take up to 18 months to make recommendations
  - They laud the efforts of the Governor in his appointment of Col. Russell to coordinate school safety efforts from the perspective of Homeland Security and local law enforcement
- ❖ Administrative evaluation of teachers
  - Key to improving student performance is creating education leaders who visit classrooms on a regular basis, evaluate instruction, and offer professional development
  - Without the skills to provide evaluations with reliability, administrators cannot effectively do their jobs
- ❖ Technology
  - Endorse sending districts technology money which may include funding for devices, wireless networks, and professional development
  - The Department will use FY 2013 money for gap analysis, and identifying needs in each district
  - They urge the Department of Education to seek equipment bids that local districts could use to lower purchase costs
  - Included in this recommendation is funding IT personnel at the local level
- ❖ 33.9M
  - Vigorously defend keeping these funds within the K-12 education budget
  - Asked the Committee to consider allocating this in a one-time manner so they will be available to fund recommendations from the Governor's task force for the 2015 budget
  - They believe the dollars should be pushed down to districts which could consider one-time purchases, potential debt retirement or other innovative plans, with buy-in from local stakeholders; subject to plan approval by the Department of Education

- ❖ Bills with fiscal impact
  - S1092 - \$4.85M – extends funding for math and science teachers
  - S1091 - \$6.845M – creates new funding formula for IDLA, based on 23,000 enrollments, provides for M&O for on-line portal (\$150,000) and dual credit (\$250,000)
  - S1028 – moves MAPP program from pilot to full-scale program; positive impact but size will depend on number of students in the program
  - S 1097 – eliminates requirement of using general funds to educate young people in Idaho group homes – positive impact but total dollars are unknown
  - S1089 = \$3.6M positive impact – repeal of Early Retirement Program

### **House Education Committee**

**Presenter: Representative Reed DeMordaunt**

- ❖ Higher Education - workload adjustment
  - Direction not adequate
- ❖ Eliminate early retirement - ineffective and money better spent
- ❖ Raise the minimum teacher salary
- ❖ Enrollment Workload Adjustment (EWA) vs. performance funding
- ❖ Supports “use it or lose it”
- ❖ Use of the education reform funding (\$33.9)
  - Funding for Common Core
  - Funding for Technology
    - Pilot Program
  - Funding for Professional Development
  - Put into discretionary funds
  - Keep in reserve – PESF
  - Training certification of administrators in classroom observations
  - Funding for Pay for Performance
    - Local distribution

### **House Health & Welfare Committee**

**Presenter: Representative Fred Wood, Chairman**

- ❖ No change in the recommendations from the prior decision list from the Department of Health & Welfare
- ❖ Three main requests from the public hearing
  - Restoration of some dental coverage for Developmental Disabilities
  - Expansion of Medicaid
  - Mental Health funding is significant impact on local government, particularly the public portion
- ❖ Top 11 Department of Health Welfare (DHW) recommendations
  - #1 – Medicaid - Trustee and benefits 2014 Woodwork Effect

- Increased caseload
  - People currently eligible but not enrolled
    - PPACA results – expect insurance exchange will direct them to Medicaid for coverage
    - Millman analysis estimates 35,000 individuals in this group
    - Enrollment expected to be gradual
      - Funding for 14,800
      - Balance of funding to be FY 2015 budget
- # 2 – Welfare/Medicaid/ITSD
  - Medicaid Readiness, HC reform
    - One-time funding
    - Completes Medicaid Readiness Initiative
    - Affects
      - Self-reliance operations
      - Medicaid Administration and Medical Management
      - Indirect Support Services
- #3 – Welfare
  - Operational workload increases
    - Caused by mandatory rules
    - Increases
      - Personnel costs
      - Operating expenditures
- #4 – Support Services
  - Operational workload increases
    - Eligibility system
    - Support FTP
    - One-time general funds savings
      - 90% temporary enhanced federal match rate
- #5 – Family and Community Services (FACS)
  - Increase foster care monthly stipend
    - Nationwide
      - One of the lowest
      - Half the recommended national standard
    - 7% to 9% increase
    - Enable recruitment and retention of quality foster parents
- #6 – Behavioral Health
  - Start-up resources for regional BH development boards
  - Provide regional delivery system
    - Critical support services
    - Enhance local control of services
    - Address each region's unique needs
    - Includes:
      - Housing
      - Transportation
      - Education or employment training

- Other critical needs
    - To help achieve and maintain stability
- # 7 – Medicaid
  - Electronic Health Record Incentive Program & Meaningful Use Audit
    - Authorized incentive program
      - American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009
      - Eligible professionals
      - Eligible hospital
      - Development of electronic health record systems
    - Web-based software program
      - To collect data mandated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
      - Design
        - \$180,000 one-time federal funds
        - \$20,000 one-time general funds
    - Required audit
      - \$166,500 one-time federal funds
      - \$18,500 one-time general funds
      - Contract with an independent accounts firm to perform risk-based audit
    - General funds required for federal incentive payments
- #8 - FACS
  - Specialized Foster Care Recruitment
    - One-time funds
    - Adoptive home recruitment
      - 28 hard-to-place teens
      - Would otherwise remain in foster care system until 18 years old
      - Avoids future foster care costs if permanent placements are found
- #9 - Medicaid
  - CHIPRA Survey
    - One-time \$46,000 funding authority
    - Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009
      - Requires
        - Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Health Plan Survey
        - To improve quality of care for CHIP beneficiaries
        - Failure to comply will jeopardize CHIP federal funding
- #10 – Welfare
  - Child support cooperation for food stamp cases
    - Idaho Code requirement
    - Households cooperate in child support collections
      - Reduce or eliminate family's welfare assistance dependency
    - Funds 5 staff members
    - Enables compliance with statutory requirements

- # 11 – Support Services
  - Welfare Fraud Investigators
  - Staff increase
    - 2 field investigators
    - 2 client desk review investigators
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  - Investigate suspected fraud for:
    - Food stamps
    - Child care
    - Cash assistance
    - Medicaid
    - Leads have increased significantly in 5 years

## **Senate Local Government and Taxation**

**Presenter: Senator Jeff Siddoway, Chairman**

- ❖ First bill passed by the Committee was H 1, the Conformity Bill.
  - That action had a fiscal note of \$6,000,000 tied to it
  - \$6 million impact in FY 2013 and \$3 million expense for FY 2014
- ❖ One big item being worked on is personal property tax relief
- ❖ Insurance Exchange
  - Will it engage with the PPACA?
  - Will there be a Medicaid expansion?
    - Will it reduce the \$28 million county level obligation to support the CAT fund program mandated by the state?
- ❖ Bonding issues may have an \$11 million annual obligation
  - Could be interrupted if the personal property tax legislation passes
  - Concerns
    - Urban renewal districts
    - Hospital districts
    - School district
    - Water treatment facilities
    - Cannot make exemptions that take away a district's ability to repay any obligation
    - Either shift existing responsibilities or eliminate those responsibilities from the taxing districts

## **House Business Committee**

**Presenter: Frank Henderson, Chairman**

- ❖ Business advantages available in Idaho
  - Tax stability
  - Low energy costs
  - Low operating costs
    - Worker's Compensation insurance
    - Affordable land
    - A motivated work force
    - Business friendly political climate
- ❖ The Committee favors the following
  - Appropriations to fund workforce training
    - Department of Labor training grant program
    - Community colleges professional-technical programs
  - Sustain basic funding for the Department of Commerce programs
    - Domestic and export sales products
    - Maintain the iGem Program
    - PTAC purchasing assistance service
    - Continue the thrust of the Rural Initiative
- ❖ Support H 88
  - Provides a corporate income tax credit for hiring new full time employees
  - Tax credit will effectively lower the effective corporate tax rate charged by Idaho
  - Will make the state more competitive in business development
- ❖ The Committee strongly supports the concept of the Idaho Opportunity Fund
  - Proposed in H 100
  - Funded by a one-time transfer of \$3 million from the General Fund
  
  - To sustain existing economic programs
  - Maintain Idaho's business friendly political climate
  - Support business expansion and recruitment by aggressive use of the Idaho Opportunity Fund

## **Joint Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee; House Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee**

**Presenter: Representative Rich Wills, Chairman  
House Judiciary, Rule & Administration Committee**

- ❖ Need for change
- ❖ All agency directors doing a fantastic job with the limited tools they have been given

- ❖ One task is to build on the foundation of departments and provide additional resources
  - To accomplish cost savings and effective structure to improve their departments
- ❖ The needs for the Judicial branch are not many but are extremely important

**Presenter: Senator Patti Anne Lodge, Chairman  
Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee**

- ❖ Critical needs of the Supreme Court
- ❖ Breakdown of the family and community structure which leaves many with a lack of moral clarity
- ❖ Courts
  - H 103 Emergency Surcharge
    - Needed to fund the work of the courts
  - New district judges – H 29
    - Discussion groups have been held concerning attracting the most qualified judges available and the benefits of starting a career in the judiciary
      - It has been determined that being a district judge is no longer a sought after judicial position for the following reasons:
        - Work load
        - Complexity of cases
        - Contested elections
        - Inadequate compensation
        - Isolation
  - Must change the salary gap between the magistrate position and the district judge position
- ❖ Department of Correction
  - Support a structured re-entry for inmates to include public safety
  - A bridge back – Tting re-entry to the local communities and involving the, (CTP)
  - Good behavior release time, or before they top out in time
  - Create better options for success when the individual hits the streets
  - Vocational training programs – teaching life skills
  - Shorter parole violation time limits

**Presenter: Representative Rich Wills**

- ❖ Department of Corrections
  - Turnover rate currently is at 23% and will increase each year
  - Streamlining the process to save money
- ❖ Parole Commission needs are very instrumental for achievement
- ❖ Changing processes with parole violators, move through the system more efficiently
- ❖ Unsupervised parole on those with less major offenses

- ❖ Working closely with IDOC regarding release delays for prospective
- ❖ Video parole hearings

**Presenter: Senator Patti Anne Lodge**

- ❖ Interim Committee
  - From all stakeholders in the three branches of government to find new ideas and options for making the process simpler and effective
  - To study the Courts and their needs as well
- ❖ Mental Health Facility
  - More than 2100 offenders with mental health needs today and will grow

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT: Idaho Education Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB)**

**Presenter: Brian Darcy, Administrator**

- ❖ Organizational chart
- ❖ Continuum of Services
  - The goal of the Idaho Bureau of Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind is to assist school districts and state agencies in providing accessibility, quality and equity to students in the state with sensory impairments through a continuum of service and placement options
- ❖ Outreach
  - In home education to parents and children from birth to three year old education
  - Support to all school districts across the state
- ❖ Innovative learning
- ❖ Media/library services
- ❖ Campus – 86 enrolled
- ❖ Not a “one size fits all”
- ❖ Collaboration is the key to success
- ❖ Education is about experiences and conquering challenges
- ❖ Partnerships pulling together
- ❖ Governor’s budget recommendation
  - 2 campus based teachers: \$119,400
  - Total FY 2014: \$7,983,000

**The Joint Millennium Fund Committee Report-** the committee report follows as an addendum, on the final page of the JFAC Minutes Book publication.

**ADJOURNED**

Maxine Bell, Chairman

Kathryn Yost, Secretary