

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 07, 2014
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS : Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayne, Schmidt, Lacey
Representative(s) Co-chairman Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Jordan (Ringo), King
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Keough, Johnson, Lacey, Representative Stevenson
CONVENED: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bell at 8:00 a.m.
STAFF PRESENT: Robyn Lockett and Keith Bybee

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, Division of Human Resources

PRESENTER: **David Fulkerson, Interim Administrator for the Idaho Division of Human Resource**, introduced staff and gave a brief overview of performance highlights as listed below:

- (1) Training offered
- (2) Statewide Employee Performance Management System (I-PERFORM) phase 2
- (3) Continued training needs assessment
- (4) Online resources — HR Laws.com nd HR.BLR.com
- (5) Idaho Personnel Commission reference Manual

He requested the Governor's budget recommendation for FY 2015 in the amount of \$1,705,200 in dedicated funds. To view the presentation click on [Division of Human Resources](#).

SELF GOVERNING AGENCY- Commission for Libraries

PRESENTER: **Ann Joslin, State Librarian and Director**, for the Idaho Commission for Libraries said a recent study by Pew Inherent & American Life project shows that technology and the internet are changing Americans' reading habits and their relationship with libraries. She spoke to the important role of libraries in the community. She said with all the changes in technology and delivery options, the primary role of libraries is to still fill the need for information to communities.

She spoke of current challenges such as changes in the workforce, and alternative funding sources. Presented an overview of some of their recent accomplishments, and a few words about public access technology in public libraries.

In explanation for the FY 2014 budget she said the approved supplemental request was for increased spending authority in personnel from federal funds. The Governor's recommended budget for FY 2015 includes inflationary increases for the statewide LiLi online resources contract and funding for one vehicle for the Eastern field office. to view the full presentation click on [Commission for libraries](#)

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR — Commission on the Arts

PRESENTER: **Michael Faison, Executive Director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts,** introduced Commissioner Chair, Laurel Sayer, Vice Chair, Vince Hannity, all other commissioners, at-large members present. Also introduced staff personnel, Deputy Director Stuart Weiser and Grant Specialist Jadee Carson. He spoke of their framework and how the Commission came to be and how it operates within a state-federal partnership.

Mr. Faison reviewed the Commission's current operations budget and supported the Governor's budget recommendation. He spoke to the Commission's role in disbursing and managing state arts grants, requiring a match by individuals and organizations. In addition to grant-funding, their professional staff provides services, assistance, and expertise to artists, communities, and arts business. The presentation included examples of the diverse activities supported by the agency. He discussed their endeavors to make the arts part of children's structured education, and provide a professional artistic presence available to Idaho's towns and communities. To view the presentation click on [Commission on the Arts](#).

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

PRESENTER: **Gavin Gee, Director, Department of Finance,** introduced staff members present and stated that the Department of Finance administers 23 laws, and listed the various financial institutions they regulate. He reported on the Syringa Bank consent closure and sale, and western state bank failures since 2005, critical state role. He discussed the Community Banking Initiative, mortgage accreditation, individuals and businesses regulated.

Mr. Gee continued with detailing FY 2013 restitution statistics; \$2.5 million awarded to Idaho consumers, 2012 National Mortgage settlement, Palmer/Trigon Pomzi Scheme. He reported on cost savings with Virtual Servers, and e-licensing initiatives. He commented on the fact that the Department of Finance has contributed \$72.6 to the General Fund since FY 1994 through FY 2013. To view the presentation click on [Department of Finance](#).

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PRESENTER: **Idaho Department of Labor, Ken Edmunds, Director,** presented key information in charts and spoke to data on topics as listed below:

- (1) Percentage change in jobs year over year
- (2) Idaho Nonfarm jobs
- (3) December 2013 unemployment rates above and national average in some areas and below in other areas in the state
- (4) Average Annual wage, US and Idaho
- (5) Quarterly trust fund balance
- (6) Changes in Unemployed Insurance (UI) tax rates
- (7) Weekly initial unemployment benefit claims

Mr. Edmunds commented that their objective was to make better decision in handling declining federal grants. He spoke to training fund revenues and forecast and workforce development training fund with a \$24.3 million balance.

He supported the Governor's budget recommendation for FY 2015. To view the presentation click on [Department of Labor](#).

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Kathryn Yost
Secretary