

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 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, Ringo, King
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None
CONVENED: Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.
STAFF PRESENT: Cathy Holland—Smith, Richard Burns, Jared Tatro, Robyn Lockett

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – Office of Drug Policy (ODP)

PRESENTER: **Elisha Figueroa, Director, Office of Drug Policy** stated the work of the Office of Drug Policy and its partners is vital to the health and safety of Idahoans. At a time when new and dangerous drugs are constantly being reformulated to skirt laws, illicit drugs are being sold to our youth under the guise of medicine. Prescription drug abuse is a state and national epidemic, and resources to fight these issues are severely limited. Idaho needs an entity that will bring stakeholders, leaders, and communities together in the fight against substance abuse, ODP is that leader. She spoke to funding sources; current General Fund appropriation, grants, dedicated funds and millennium funds. She reviewed accomplishments of several notable goals during the past year. She discussed key activities, prescription drug abuse workgroup, and prevention transformation.

Ms. Figueroa explained that ODP began management of the Prevention portion of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant. This program funds primarily evidence-based direct services with a smaller portion of the money going to community-based coalitions for environmental strategies. It also funds the dissemination of prevention-related materials and resources. She discussed the other federal grant, Strategic Prevention Framework Grant that focuses on environmental strategies versus the direct services funded by the block grant.

Their goals for fiscal year 2015 were ambitious and they intended to make lasting and positive changes to the substance abuse landscape in Idaho. She presented their budget request with the following enhancements; spending authority for private donations, and new SPF grant funds. Total budget recommendation is \$3,610,600. To see the presentation click on [Office of Drug Policy](#).

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH — Office of Performance Evaluation

PRESENTER: **Rakesh Mohan, Director of the Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE)**, discussed their purpose was to promote confidence and accountability in state government. Success depends, in part, on the type of work assigned to OPE and whether the finished product is useful to you the Legislature.

He spoke to the many subjects that evaluations covered. Dollars are saved with improved efficiency, accountability, policy changes, and compliance outcomes. Not all findings are good news, regardless they act with independence, objectivity, thoroughness, and attention to detail and utmost effort to be responsive. **Mr. Mohan** discussed taking responsiveness to the next level, and in-house capacity of external consultants. The total request was for a maintenance-level budget of \$779,330. To view the full presentation click on [Office of Performance Evaluation](#).

IDAHO STATE POLICE (ISP)

PRESENTER: **Colonel Ralph Powell, Director**, introduced staff members and gave a brief history of their 75th anniversary. He spoke to ISP's four legislative proposals:

- (1) HB 448 relating to alcohol beverage control
- (2) HB 422 relating to drug destruction
- (3) SB 1251 adds "Volunteer Reserve Officer" to definition of "Peace Officer"
- (4) HB 400 relating to the Racing Commission

He provided information on major programs; Alcohol Beverage Control, Investigation, Patrol, Commercial Safety, Criminal Interdiction, Regional Communications Center, Forensic Services, Support Services, Idaho Criminal Intelligence center, POST, Management Services, and Racing Commission and Brand Board.

Colonel Powell stated that all of their programs work to support ISP's mission of providing public safety across the State of Idaho through law enforcement excellence. He said they have been extremely attentive to their fiduciary responsibilities, leveraging resources to perform as efficiently and effectively as possible in a time of limited funding. He spoke to several successes involving troopers in coordination with other partners.

He began his discussion on the Governor's recommendation for ISP's budget enhancements. They include the following:

- (1) Replacement capital outlay, \$3,900,600
- (2) Fund shift of maintenance, \$275,000
- (3) Project Creating Hope Opportunity Incentives for Career Employment (CHOICE) fund shifts and spending authority. The Governor's recommended funding will support all previous point values and provide enhancements for other CHOICE points.
- (4) Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications (ILETS) funding, \$1,144,400 total for the ILETS system
- (5) Patrol positions, \$932,200
- (6) Investigations, \$601,900
- (7) Forensic Laboratory System Director, \$116,600
- (8) Investigations overtime, \$75,900
- (9) Forensic scientist, \$85,600

- (10) IT systems Integration Analyst Senior, \$98,400
- (11) Forensics training, \$73,000
- (12) Alcohol Beverage Control fund shift, \$36,000
- (13) Commercial Vehicle Safety, fund shift, \$28,500
- (14) Sex Offender Registry, \$190,600 spending authority
- (15) Millennium Fund, \$94,000
- (16) POST, \$10,500 spending authority

The Brand Board and the Racing Commission were asking for maintenance budgets. To view the presentation click on [Idaho State Police](#).

SPECIAL HEARING: MERGER OF IDAHO GOVERNMENT RECORD CENTERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY STUDY RECOMMENDATION

PRESENTER: **Janet Gallimore, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society**, said legislative action in 2012 authorized the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) to manage the records functions of the State Records Center under the direction of the Idaho State Archives. ISHS authorized to proceed with consultant study to enhance state government records management. She spoke to the purpose of the study, key challenges, statistics on state archive / state records center, and operating budget. **Ms Gallimore** discussed IMERGE records study scope and intended project outcomes. She deferred to Charmaine Brooks to review IMERGE.

Charmaine Brooks, CRM explained they were an independent, globally recognized analyst firm providing management and technology focused on several industries including finance, insurance, education, manufacturing, and the public sector. She discussed projects plans, key findings, U.S. state overview, state digital initiatives, and deliverable reports.

One of their goals was to merge both functions and streamline the state's current records management, enhance efficiencies, and reduce redundancies. Goal 2 was to conduct an Idaho State records study. Provided in the presentation was a chart for implementation of study recommendations. She discussed additional observations, next steps to be taken by ISHS, and their goals for the future. To view the full presentation click on [Special hearing: Idaho Historical Society](#).

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Kathryn Yost
Secretary