

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 14, 2014
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators: Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives: Co-chairman Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None
STAFF PRESENT: Burns, Hoskins, Holland-Smith
CONVENED: Chairman Cameron convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

BUDGET SETTING: SETTING FY 2015 APPROPRIATIONS

JUDICIAL BRANCH
Trailer to H509 Court Technologies

PRESENTER: Richard Burns, Principal Budget & Policy Analyst

H509 increased fees in certain civil cases; renamed the ISTARs Technology Fund to the Court Technology Fund; and required the Supreme Court to make an annual report to the Governor and the legislature on the status of the Court Technology Fund, the enhancement of court technology, and savings and efficiencies resulting from the use of that technology.

MOTION:

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Moved by Bolz, seconded by Youngblood, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$5,466,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$5,466,000 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 18

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 2

Vick, Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without

objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

Trailer to S1394 Judges Salaries

S1394 adjsuted judicial salaries and increased the differences between justices and judges holding office at different levels within the judiciary. It increases pay for magistrate judges by 2.5% from \$109,300 to \$112,000. The bill also increased the difference between the rate of pay for district judges and magistrate judges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year, resulting in an 8.5% increase for district judges. The seven administrative district judges will receive \$2,000 more than the other district judges.

Also, beginning in FY 2015, the Supreme Court Justices will receive a 10.7% increase to \$135,000, with the chief justice receiving \$2,000 more than the other justices. The Court of Appeals judges will receive a 7.5% increase to \$130,000, with the chief judge receiving differential pay for the first time of \$2,000 more than what the other Court of Appeals judges are paid.

MOTION:

Original Motion

Moved by Bolz, seconded by Youngblood, to approve for introduction \$1,157,200 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$1,157,200 with FTP of 0.00

CARRIED:

Ayes: 18

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 2

Vick, Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

PRESENTER: Jared Hoskins, Budget and Policy Analyst

The FY 2015 increase would include \$1,800 to the Executive Office of the Governor, \$4,200 to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; \$1,500 to the Secretary of State; \$1,500 to the State Controller; \$10,200 to the Attorney General; \$1,500 to the State Treasurer; and \$1,500 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a total of \$22,200 in General Funds.

MOTION: Trailer to S1395: Elected Officials Salaries

CARRIED: Original Motion

Moved by Bell, seconded by Keough, to approve for introduction \$22,200 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$22,200 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 10

Cameron, Keough, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Lacey, Bell, Bolz, Gibbs, Youngblood

Nays: 9

Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Schmidt, Eskridge, Stevenson, Miller, Ringo, King

Ab/Ex: 1

Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

YEAR-END TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

PRESENTER: **Cathy Holland-Smith, Budget and Policy Division**

Draft legislation was presented which included the following:

Section 1. FY 2014 fund transfer \$10 Million from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund.

Section 2. Reopen the Department of Administration, Division of Public Works FY 2015 budget

Section 3. Intent language to allocate funding.

Section 4. FY 2014 fund transfer \$24 million from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF).

Section 5. FY 2014 fund transfer \$10 million from the General Fund to the Public Education Stabilization Fund (PESF).

Section 6. FY 2014 fund transfer \$1,379,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Surplus Stabilization Account (HESSA).

Section 7. FY 2014 fund transfer \$621,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Surplus Stabilization Account (HESSA).

Section 8. Intent language for FY 2014 Year-End Closing.

Year—End Transfer to Permanent Bldg Fund (Section 1)

MOTION:

Original Motion

Moved by Bell, seconded by Schmidt, to approve for introduction \$10,000,000 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$10,000,000 with FTP of 0.00

CARRIED:

Ayes: 19

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

MOTION:

Unanimous Consent Request (Section 2)

Moved by Bell, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2015 budget for the Department of Administration, Permanent Building Fund was reopened.

MOTION:

Appropriation From the Permanent Building Fund (Section 2)

CARRIED:

Original Motion

Moved by Bell, seconded by Bolz, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$10,000,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$10,000,000 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 19

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood, Ringo, King

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

INTENT LANGUAGE: Intent Language to Allocate Funding (Section 3)
Unanimous Consent Request

Moved by Bell, granted by unanimous consent, the legislative intent language shown below was accepted.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS. Of the total appropriated in Section 2 of this act, \$8,000,000 shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of rebuilding, renovation or repair of buildings, installations, facilities or structures at the places, institutions and agencies, or their successors, as designated by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council; and \$2,000,000 shall be used for the rebuilding, renovation or repair of the Education Building at the University of Idaho.

Appropriation from Permanent Building Fund (Sections 4–7)

MOTION: Original Motion

Moved by Bell, seconded by Mortimer, to approve for introduction \$36,000,000 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$36,000,000 with FTP of 0.00

CARRIED:

Ayes: 15

Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Bell, Bolz, Eskridge, Gibbs, Stevenson, Miller, Youngblood

Nays: 4

Schmidt, Lacey, Ringo, King

Ab/Ex: 1

Thompson

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Cameron.

INTENT LANGUAGE: Unanimous Consent Request (Section 8)

Moved by Bell, granted by unanimous consent, the legislative intent language shown below was accepted.

CONDITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 CLOSING. When calculating any excess cash balance the State Controller shall first provide for a minimum of \$26,000,000 from the General Fund to be carried over into fiscal year 2015. The State Controller shall determine when the financial close of fiscal year 2014 is complete, and after consultation with the Division of Financial Management and the Legislative Services Office, shall notify the Governor and the Legislature of the amounts transferred from the General Fund to the funds authorized in Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7. In the instance that General Fund revenues for fiscal year 2014 are insufficient to support the full transfers authorized in such sections, the State

Controller is authorized to adjust the amounts transferred from the General Fund on a pro rata basis upon the financial close of fiscal year 2014.

ADJOURNED: Chairman Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Senator Cameron
Chair

Peggy Moyer
Secretary