

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 30, 2015

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Bair, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey

Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

CONVENED: Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENTER: **Dr. Mike Rush, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education Office of the State Board of Education; OSBE Special Programs, Scholarships and Grants**

Dr. Rush presented on the Office of the State Board of Education FY 2016 Budget Overview. Dr. Rush further discussed the 3% CEC increase, and FY 2016 Budget Request line items; The Charter Commission and State Authorizer's Spending Authority (SARA). Dr. Rush concluded his presentation with a statistical trend line illustrating the education demand by college graduates by the year 2018. [State Board of Education](#)

PRESENTER: **Mark Rudin Ph.D., Vice President, Research and Economic Development at Boise State University Special Hearing on Existing Programs: Higher Education Research Council (HERC)**

Dr. Rudin Presented on the Higher Education Research Council (HERC). Presentation highlighted initiatives, infrastructure, and The HERC Incubation Fund Grant Program. Dr. Rudin further discussed the past seven years advancement of the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) and the University of Idaho Cyber Security Faculty Cluster. Presentation also included Idaho State University's production of 67CU: a new commercial method of producing a needed isotope, as well as Boise State University's Computer Science Expansion Program. [Higher Education Research Council](#)

PRESENTER: **Jeffrey Sayer, Director, Department of Commerce Special Hearing on Existing Programs Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) H546 of 2012 created IGEM**

Director Sayer presented on the Commercialization Strategy of the Technology Transfer Process, the Nanofabrication system with regard to Nanomachining Systems and Semiconductor Research, as well as High Measurement and Modeling: a vital component to the latest Micron products and corporate partnership. Director Sayer further discussed Microbial Induced Calcite Precipitation with regard to BioCement Technologies Inc., and discussed the need for a GENZ Sprayer. Director Sayer concluded his presentation with the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation. [Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission](#)

PRESENTER: Dwight Johnson, Administrator
Professional-Technical Education

Mr. Johnson Brought a presentation on the impact Professional-Technical Education can have preparing Idaho youth and adults for high-skill, in-demand careers. Mr. Johnson further discussed the statistical illustration of the Critical Workforce Ratio referencing the type and number of Degrees required to establish and sustain an Idaho business. Mr. Johnson provided information on the PTE Delivery System, PTE Students, and concluded with the Governor's Budget Recommendation. [Professional-Technical Education](#)

PRESENTER: Brian Darcy, Administrator
Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind

Mr. Darcy presented the Governor's Budget recommendation for the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind. Illustrations and statistical analysis provided insight on the Caseload-Comparisons; including the student to teacher ratio and AdvanceED Standards. Mr. Darcy further discussed the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Campus, number of students enrolled, and strategic planning in place to meet educational goals. [Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind](#)

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the committee at 10:40 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary