

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 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:** Senator Cameron convened the meeting at 8:00 A.M.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Burns, Hoskins, Headlee

**BUDGET  
SETTING:** SETTING FY 2016 APPROPRIATIONS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Military Division

**PRESENTER:** Richard Burns, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office

**CARRIED:** Original Motion

Moved by Bair, seconded by Youngblood, to approve for introduction \$6,340,900 General Funds, \$6,231,500 Dedicated Funds, \$55,341,000 Federal Funds for a total of \$67,913,400 with FTP of 317.80

**Ayes: 20**

Cameron, Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 0**

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.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

On request by Bair, granted by unanimous consent, the legislative intent language shown below was accepted.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**Legislative Intent Language**

FLAT TOP BUTTE. Of the amount appropriated to the Military Division from the Administration and Accounting Services Fund in Section 1 of this Act, \$18,000 in one-time spending authority is included to pay the Department of Lands for back rent due on the Flat Top Butte communication site that is located on endowment trust property. It does not include funding for any interest or penalties that may have been assessed, due, and owing; and the Department of Lands shall not bill the Military Division for such amounts.

CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION. The Military Division is hereby granted continuous appropriation authority for the Bureau of Homeland Security's Miscellaneous Revenue Fund for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, for the purpose of covering incurred costs arising out of hazardous substance incidents.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS**

**PRESENTER:**

**Richard Burns, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office**

**CARRIED:**

**Original Motion**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Youngblood, to approve for introduction \$39,861,500 General Funds, \$7,735,200 Dedicated Funds, \$3,857,600 Federal Funds for a total of \$51,454,300 with FTP of 410.00

**Ayes: 20**

Cameron, Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 0**

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.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

**PRESENTER:**

**Jared Hoskins, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office**

**CARRIED**

**Original Motion**

Moved by Thayn, seconded by Gibbs, to approve for introduction \$163,600 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$163,600 with FTP of 3.00

**Ayes: 19**

Cameron, Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Bell

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.

#### **SECRETARY OF STATE**

**PRESENTER: Jared Hoskins, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office**

Moved by Monks, seconded by Thayn, to approve for introduction \$2,159,300 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$2,159,300 with FTP of 27.00

**Ayes: 18**

Cameron, Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 2**

Bell, Malek

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.

#### **STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

**PRESENTER:** Jared Hoskins, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office

**CARRIED:** Original Motion

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Thayn, to approve for introduction \$100,000 General Funds, \$335,700 Dedicated Funds, \$173,400 Federal Funds for a total of \$609,100 with FTP of 4.00

**Ayes: 18**

Cameron, Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 2**

Bell, Malek

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**SPECIAL HEARING:**

**REVIEW OF THE WI-FI PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PRESENTER:** April Renfro, Manager, Audits Division, Legislative Services Office

To view the presentation, please click on the following link: [Review of the Wi-Fi Program in Public Schools](#)

House Bill 643 passed during the 2014 Legislative Session and included legislative intent which required the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) to collaborate with the Legislature in performing service audits to determine compliance and district satisfaction with the wireless technology infrastructure offered through a statewide contract. On July 17, 2014, Legislative Audits Division of the Legislative Services Offices entered into a contract with Eide Bailly, LLP to complete a procedures report for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2014. The report was intended to provide information to address questions raised during the budget process of the 2014 Legislative Session regarding House Bill 643; the report was not to provide an opinion about the sufficiency of any procedures completed. The procedures completed included: 1) understanding and documenting the project specifications, participation process, and vendor payment plan, 2) evaluating participant compliance with standards as established by the State Department of Education, and 3) surveying technology directors for Idaho school districts to gather information about participation and satisfaction with the Wi-Fi project.

The program was designed to help provide Idaho high schools with high-speed wireless internet access for students, teachers, and administrators. Districts could choose to opt in or out of the Wi-Fi program by completing forms and submitting them to the State Department of Education (SDE) by the end of June prior to the upcoming school year.

SDE contracted with Education Networks of America (ENA) to provide and manage the infrastructure required to establish a wireless network for Idaho Schools. ENA was to provide, maintain, install and service all equipment necessary to facilitate a wireless network at each location and retain ownership in said assets at the end of the contract. The total proposed annual cost from ENA for managed wireless and content filtering services was \$2,111,655 per year based on total users of 100,555 as listed in the Request for Proposal (RFP). (Additional services outside the scope or in addition to those proposed in the contract were billed at a fixed price as per the cost schedule included in the ENA proposal.)

For the 2014/2015 academic year the Legislature authorized a reimbursement of \$21.00 per student for school districts that chose to install their own wireless networks; the districts had to meet all the standards and requirements established for wireless technology and have their network certified by the Department of Education to be eligible. Districts that had previously opted into the ENA provided wireless solution were also allowed to opt out and install their own wireless networks to receive the \$21 per student reimbursement for certified networks.

For the 2013/2014 school year, 93 school districts and 19 charter schools, representing 183 schools in total or 76% of eligible schools (242) elected to participate in the program. There were 21 districts or charter schools, representing 59 schools that did not elect to opt in for that time period. For the 2014/2015 school year, there were 80 school districts and 21 charter schools, representing 178 schools that elected to opt in, representing 74% of the 242 eligible schools. Of the 178 schools that had opted in to the program, ENA had installed wireless networks in 175 with the installation for 3 schools on hold at the request of the school. (Of those districts opting out for 2014/2015, only 7 already had ENA installed and had to have that de-installed prior to installing their own solution.)

In evaluating compliance, the contractor reviewed requirements contained in Idaho Code for certified wireless networks and a certification form was completed by SDE when it was determined that installed networks met the requirements. There were no issues found when certifications were selected for review. However, one of the problems encountered was that the initial tracking form did not provide enough information to determine (1) which school districts or charter schools had not opted into the ENA-provided solution for 2013–14 and 2014–15 school years and were actively pursuing a self-installed solution and reimbursement, and (2) implementation/certification status for school districts or charter schools that opted in for 2013–14 but then opted out for 2014–15.

Seven school districts (Bonnevillle, Filer, Hagerman, Jefferson County, Kellogg, Post Falls, and Wendell) that had opted in for 2013/2014 and had ENA-installed service, opted out for 2014/2015 and had service de-installed. Those seven districts with a combined total of 7,876 users, had pro-rated usage in FY 14 and then **pre-paid FY 15 usage in FY 14** totaling \$165,396.00.

District survey results showed that 48 of 147 individuals responded, or 32.7%, and 54% of respondents indicated they were satisfied with ENA services. Of those responding to the survey, 97% indicated they were utilizing ENA services rather than installing their own solution.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, Senator Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

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Senator Cameron  
Chair

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Peggy Moyer  
Secretary