

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 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,, King, Gannon  
**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Monks  
**CONVENED:** **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.  
**PRESENTER:** **Paul Headlee, Deputy Director, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**SUBJECT:** **State Board of Education: Colleges and Universities**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** On Request by **Lacey**, granted by unanimous consent, the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for the State Board of Education, College and Universities, was reopened.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** On request by **Lacey**, granted by unanimous consent, the legislative intent language was accepted.

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **Idaho Legislature, Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Technical Corrections State Board of Education, College and Universities.**  
Two technical corrections:  
  
Line item #6 provides 8.0 FTP and \$1,261,100 ongoing from the General Fund for Boise State University's Computer Science Workforce Initiative. Of this amount, \$1,185,400 is ongoing and \$75,700 is one-time.  
  
Line item #14 provides 4 1.0 FTP and \$209,700 ongoing from the General Fund for Lewis-Clark State College's work trial program. Funds would be used to compensate students through reduced tuition costs in exchange for working jobs on campus. These are technical corrections and the funding amounts in the original motion passed on 3-9-2015 are unchanged.

**PRESENTER:** **Cathy Holland-Smith, Director, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**SUBJECT:** **General Fund Summary with JFAC Adjusted**  
**Ms. Holland-Smith** briefed the committee on the General Fund, and appropriations passed thus far. For inquiry please refer to the link [General Fund Daily Update](#).

**PRESENTER:** Jay Engstrom, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Labor  
**SUBJECT:** Idaho Department of Labor: Review of Funding Available to Support Local Offices:

**Mr. Engstrom** presented the Idaho Department of Labor’s review of funding made available to support local offices. After some operational review, challenges of the federal allocation have been discovered.

With the growing economy in Idaho, federal funding has decreased. More citizens are going back to work, and fewer citizens need the services of the Idaho Department of Labor. With the Access of technology to today’s citizens the need for brick and mortar facilities and the large staff that accompanies them seem to have less of a priority.

Idaho is the last state to consolidate the UI operations. Additional challenges to UI FY 2015 fiscal pending by program where no programs are being transferred. 17 staff members have been lost due to the decrease in funding, this will have considerable impact on funding to consider moving forward. Currently, there are no plans to close any existing offices rural or otherwise.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the committee at 9:17 a.m.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Christi Cox  
Secretary