

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 02, 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:** **Keith Bybee, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget & Policy Analysis**  
**SUBJECT:** **S 1173 Reconsideration of Intent language and Appropriation for the Department of Labor:**

**Mr. Bybee** read before the committee the language changes recommended by the Governor. The Governor's office has requested the JFAC committee consider changes to section six of the Department of Labor's FY 2016 appropriation bill.

Below is the current language as written in **S 1173** followed by the changes the Governor's office has requested.

**S 1173 Appropriation for the Department of Labor**

It is the intent of the Legislature that during the time period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the Department of Labor shall maintain the same number of local offices and provide the same or similar level of service as provided on July 1, 2014. Further, the Department of Labor shall report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, at the committee's 2015 fall interim meeting and detail the gap between necessary resources and the current level of service to maintain the same number of local offices. Additionally, the department report shall include recommendations to fund these services.

**Alternative Language Requested by Governor's Office**

It is the intent of the Legislature that during the time period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the Department of Labor shall maintain the same number of local offices in the same communities as provided on July 1, 2014. Further, the Department of Labor shall report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, at the committee's 2015 fall interim meeting regarding the implementation of the department realignment and detail any gap between expected funding and resources needed to maintain the same number of local offices.

**Jani Revier**, with the Division of Financial Management offered an explanation of the Governor's concerns. The first concern addressed is the separation of powers, the Governor's office insists that the original language may not be made clear. Also, the

metrics used to define “same” or “similar level” of service remain ambiguous. FTP as a point of measurement was not the original intent of the Legislature, however if full-time equivalent positions are not to be used as a measuring unit, then a proper way to measure service remains unclear. The current intent is to keep wages where they are currently, and while there will be a reduction in square footage where most convenient, the computer services will still be made available. These concerns are what led the Governor’s office to the alternative language.

**Jay Engstrom**, with the Idaho Department of Labor provided an overview to the committee of what the current plan reveals about regional, satellite, and co-locate facilities. The current regional DOL facilities will remain the same; these are the offices that are owned. The other offices will consists of smaller satellite offices and the co-locate offices. Co-locate offices include mobile staff and computer equipment. This will help cut down the square footage cost, however maintain service to the more rural areas.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT DENIED:** There was an **objection** to a request by **Cameron** for unanimous consent to reopen the Fiscal Year 2016 budget for the Department of Labor. **Schmidt** spoke in opposition.

**CARRIED:** **Original Motion**  
Moved by **Cameron**, seconded by **Gibbs**, to reopen the FY 2016 budget for the Department of Labor.

**Ayes: 18**

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

**Nays: 2**

Schmidt, Lacey

**Ab/Ex: 0**

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** On request by **Cameron**, granted by unanimous consent, the legislative intent language shown below accepted.

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **Alternative Language Requested by Governor's Office**

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**PRESENTER:** **Keith Bybee, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

**SUBJECT: Bureau of Occupational Licenses:  
Trailer to S 1080aa, Genetic Counselors and Licensing Act and H 152aaS, Sign Language Interpreter Licensing**

**Mr. Bybee** presented the trailer appropriation bill for S 1080aa and H 152aaS. These policy bills create additional professional licensing boards which will be housed in the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.

In **S 1080aa**, relating to genetic testing, this legislation creates a licensing system and licensing requirements for genetic counselors. The legislation provides a short title and defines the scope of practice for genetic counselors which includes interpreting family and medical histories to assess risk of disease, educating families about inheritance, genetic testing, disease management and prevention, and ensuring that genetic information is used appropriately in the delivery of medical care. It is the purpose of this Act to set standards of qualification, education, training, experience, and professional competence for those who engage in the practice of genetic counseling.

In **H 152aaS**, recognizing that sign language interpreters can profoundly affect the lives of people of the State of Idaho, this Act creates a licensing system and sets qualifications standards for those who engage in the practice of sign language interpreting.

There will be no fiscal impact on state or local funds for either S 1080aa or H 152aaS.

**CARRIED: Original Motion  
Self-Governing Agencies  
Regulatory Boards  
Bureau of Occupational Licenses  
Trailer to S 1080aa and H 152aaS: genetic counselor and sign language interpreter licensing boards**

*Appropriation*

Moved by **Keough**, seconded by **King**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$127,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$127,000 with FTP of 2.00

**Ayes: 12**

Cameron, Keough, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Gibbs, Youngblood, Malek, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**Nays: 8**

Bair, Mortimer, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Miller, Horman, Monks

**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 Bell**.

**PRESENTER: Paul Headlee, Deputy Director, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

**SUBJECT:** Office of the Governor: STEM Action Center  
**Mr. Headlee** discussed the trailer appropriation to H 302. This appropriation created the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Action Center with the Office of the Governor. STEM is associated with increasing involvement and educational achievement in these disciplines. H 302 establishes this new center and identifies an administrator that will be the official designated to coordinate the implementation of the STEM programs. Board of Directors will include the Director of Commerce, the Director of Labor, a member from the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and five members appointed by the Governor.

**CARRIED:** Original Motion  
Office of the Governor  
Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Action Center  
STEM Action Center  
Trailer to H 302

*Appropriation*

Moved by **Horman**, seconded by **Thayn**, to approve for introduction \$547,300 General Funds, \$100,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$647,300 with FTP of 2.00

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Mortimer

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 Bell**.

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

**INTENT SECTION 2.**

**LANGUAGE:** It is the intent of the Legislature that to promote the expansion of student engagement in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) within Idaho schools the STEM Action Center will strive to coordinate with other agencies that receive moneys for STEM education, and where practicable, administer those moneys. Additionally, the STEM Action Center will encourage financial contributions from industry and other potential sources to accomplish its goals as outlined in Section 67-823, Idaho Code.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Christi Cox  
Secretary