

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 01, 2016  
**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room C310  
**MEMBERS:** Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Lacey  
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Schmidt

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**PRESENTER:** **Jared Hoskins, Senior Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Judicial Branch**

**Mr. Hoskins** read through each line item pertaining to the Supreme Court FY 2017 budget request. The Judicial Branch is requesting \$2,000,000 in one-time capital outlay from the General Fund to implement the third year of the five-year project to replace the statewide computerized case management system (ISTARS). The proposed transition was a move toward a modern, 24/7 web-based case management system which would include; electronic financial payment processing; electronic filing and service of court documents; electronic records access; video conferencing; and new equipment. Along with line items requesting Judicial CEC and leadership salary increase, the Judicial Branch is also requesting \$39,500 in ongoing operating expenditures from the General Fund to cover the cost of recent changes to increases in per diem rates established by the Board of Examiners.

**CARRIED:** **Original Motion**  
**Judicial Branch**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Gibbs**, seconded by **Youngblood**, to approve for introduction \$38,651,200 General Funds, \$26,183,400 Dedicated Funds, \$1,875,300 Federal Funds for a total of \$66,709,900 with FTP of 322.00

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Schmidt

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:** **Jared Hoskins, Senior Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Attorney General**

**Mr. Hoskins** explained to the budget committee the division budget requests for the Office of the Attorney General for FY 2017. In the first line item \$62,700 is being requested in personnel costs from the General Fund to hire a full-time paralegal to assist the four deputy attorneys general assigned to the Idaho State Police. It is part of the Attorney General's ongoing effort to bring outside agency staff, who are employed by other state agencies but supervised by DAGs, into the office's workforce and budget. Also requested is \$60,900 in personnel costs from the General Fund to hire a full-time legal secretary to assist the DAG assigned to the Department of Health & Welfare in Region III.

The Attorney General's Office is further requesting funding for positions including; a full-time hearing officer to hear contested cases for the Department of Lands; two additional investigator positions in-house for the agency's Internet Crimes Against Children Program; two Deputy Attorney Generals and one paralegal to provide representation for the state in risk management cases; and one paralegal assigned to the State Tax Commission.

\$28,900 in operating expenditures and capital outlay is being requested to purchase new software and equipment, along with \$8,700 to purchase polygraph equipment to conduct investigative polygraphs and pre-employment examinations. **Mr. Hoskins** concluded the FY 2017 budget request by standing for questions in regards to the budget request.

**CARRIED:** **Original Motion**  
**Attorney General**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Burtenshaw**, to approve for introduction \$22,699,900 General Funds, \$413,800 Dedicated Funds, \$1,169,000 Federal Funds for a total of \$24,282,700 with FTP of 205.60

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Schmidt

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

**PRESENTER:** **Jared Hoskins, Senior Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Self-Governing Agencies: Public Defense Commission**

**Mr. Hoskins** presented the maintenance budget as requested by the Public Defense Commission and stood for questions regarding the Governor's Budget Recommendation.

**CARRIED:** **Original Motion**  
**Self-Governing Agencies**  
**Public Defense Commission**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Guthrie**, seconded by **Youngblood**, to approve for introduction \$314,100 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$314,100 with FTP of 1.50

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Schmidt

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**PRESENTER:** **Richard Burns, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Idaho State Police: Brand Inspection**

**Mr. Burns** explained to the budget committee the requests and recommendations pertaining to the Brand Inspection Program through the Idaho State Police. The Brand Inspection Program provides protection to the livestock industry from losses by theft and illegal slaughter. The department is requesting funding to purchase software that will provide for electronic livestock inspection of animals and animal traceability. In anticipation of that request being approved, Brand Inspection is also requesting \$15,000 in one-time funds to purchase computers, tablets, and printers; and \$35,000 in ongoing funds to pay for monthly telephone access fees, along with office and computer supplies.

**CARRIED:**

**Original Motion**  
**Idaho State Police**  
**Brand Inspection**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Lacey**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$2,924,300 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$2,924,300 with FTP of 36.84

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Schmidt

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**PRESENTER:**

**Richard Burns, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Idaho State Police: Division of the Idaho State Police**

**Mr. Burns** explained to the budget committee the Division of the Idaho State Police and specific line items inside the FY 2017 budget request. The Division of the Idaho State Police provides administrative and policy support to the entire department. Included within this program are the director's office, legal services, human resources, financial services, and procurement.

**Mr. Burns** explained the division's request for personnel cost realignment: The 2006 Idaho Legislature passed **H 602aa**, which created a dedicated funding source specifically for Project CHOICE (Creating Hope, Opportunity and Incentives for Career Employment). Project CHOICE is an ongoing pay plan with career ladders for Idaho State Police (ISP) commissioned officers, dispatch personnel, and forensics personnel; and is funded with a \$3.00 vehicle registration fee. During the downturn in the economy and in order to avoid trooper layoffs, the decision was made to use the cash balance accumulated in the Project CHOICE Fund to maintain 20 trooper positions. ISP is requesting that the ILEF cover the remaining balance due Project CHOICE to bring that fund back to the original agreed purpose of recruitment and retention. This will allow the department to implement the fifth and final year of Project CHOICE awards. The Governor's recommendation takes into account the higher cost of health insurance and a 3% change in employee compensation.

**CARRIED:**            Original Motion  
**Idaho State Police**  
Division of Idaho State Police  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Lacey**, to approve for introduction \$27,130,200 General Funds, \$33,631,500 Dedicated Funds, \$8,475,300 Federal Funds for a total of \$69,237,000 with FTP of 504.34

**Ayes: 19**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 1**

Schmidt

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:**        **Richard Burns, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Idaho State Police: POST Academy**

**Mr. Burns** explained to the budget committee the FY 2017 maintenance request for the Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy. POST delivers training and technical assistance to all levels of law enforcement throughout the state, by providing both basic and specialized training programs for all commissioned peace officers, adult and juvenile corrections officers, and dispatchers. Mr. Burns concluded this presentation by standing for question regarding the Governor's budget recommendation.

**CARRIED:**            Original Motion  
**Idaho State Police**  
POST Academy  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Lacey**, seconded by **Mortimer**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$4,405,400 Dedicated Funds, \$257,400 Federal Funds for a total of \$4,662,800 with FTP of 28.67

**Ayes: 18**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 2**

Schmidt, Youngblood

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:** **Richard Burns, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Idaho State Police: Racing Commission**

**Mr. Burns** presented the FY 2017 Racing Commission budget request to the budget committee. The Racing Commission maintains horse racing requirements that protect racing participants and the public from illegal actions surrounding racing operations. The commission appoints a director and a secretary to perform the year-round operations as well as state stewards, veterinarians, mutual inspectors and licensing clerks during the racing season to ensure the honest operation of the pari-mutuel system and compliance with the Idaho Racing Act. Mr. Burns concluded this presentation by standing for questions regarding the Governor's recommendation.

**CARRIED:** **Original Motion**  
**Idaho State Police**  
**Racing Commission**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Lacey**, seconded by **King**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$625,500 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$625,500 with FTP of 3.00

**Ayes: 18**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 2**

Schmidt, Youngblood

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:** **Richard Burns, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**  
**Self-Governing Agencies**  
**Commission on Hispanic Affairs**

**Mr. Burns** explained to the budget committee, the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs (ICHA) and the FY 2017 budget request. Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs was established by the Legislature in 1987. The commission provides various services to the Hispanic community and serves as a liaison between the community and government entities. Working toward economic, educational, and social equality, the commission addresses issues facing Idaho's Hispanic community. The commission also provides recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, state agencies, and other organizations on issues of interest or concern

to Hispanic people.

The nine-member commission currently meets on a quarterly basis. According to Idaho Code, the commission is directed to "gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences, investigations, and special studies on problems and programs concerning Hispanic people; and to meet and exercise its powers at any place within the state."

In FY 2015, due to budget limitations, the board held only two of their meetings in locations other than the Boise area. A portion of the travel costs for staff and board members was paid for by board members and with grants. Ongoing funding is requested to cover commission member travel costs.

**CARRIED:**            **Original Motion**  
**Self-Governing Agencies**  
**Commission on Hispanic Affairs**  
*Appropriation*

Moved by **Lacey**, seconded by **Gibbs**, to approve for introduction \$134,300 General Funds, \$106,100 Dedicated Funds, \$43,000 Federal Funds for a total of \$283,400 with FTP of 3.00

**Ayes: 18**

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

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 2**

Schmidt, Youngblood

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**.

**ADJOURN:**            There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 8:48 AM.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Christi Cox  
Secretary