

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
CONVENED: **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

PRESENTER: **Robyn Lockett, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**
Office of the Governor
Commission on the Arts
New FY 2017 Appropriation

S 1368 passed the Senate but was then defeated on the House floor. This budget was caught up in the House for reasons other than the merits of the Commission's budget itself, which is why this motion is the same as the previous appropriation, with one exception: \$100 was added to the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund and the moneys in that fund come from sources other than state or federal funds.

Original Motion

Moved by **Horman**, seconded by **King**, to approve for introduction \$782,900 General Funds, \$106,200 Dedicated Funds, \$1,067,000 Federal Funds for a total of \$1,956,100 with FTP of 10.00

CARRIED: **Substitute Motion**

Moved by **Schmidt**, seconded by **Lacey**, to approve for introduction \$782,900 General Funds, \$106,300 Dedicated Funds, \$1,067,000 Federal Funds for a total of \$1,956,200 with FTP of 10.00

Ayes: 10

Keough, Mortimer, Brackett, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Malek, King, Gannon

Nays: 9

Johnson, Bair, Nuxoll, Bell, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Monks, Burtenshaw

Ab/Ex: 1

Gibbs

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 Division Manager, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

State Board of Education: Special Programs
Scholarships and Grants
Trailer to H 477aa,aaS: Post-Secondary Credit Scholarships

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

Moved by **Thayn**, seconded by **Horman**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$1,000,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$1,000,000 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 19

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

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Gibbs

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 Division Manager, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Public School Support:
FY 2017 Transfer ERRF to Charter Schools Debt Reserve Fund

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

State Board of Education
Special Programs
Scholarships and Grants
Transfer ERRF to Charter School Debt Reserve Fund
Fund Transfer

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Mortimer**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$750,000 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$750,000 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 19

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

Nays: 0
Ab/Ex: 1
Gibbs

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: **Ray Houston, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**
Board of Land Commissioners
Department of Lands
Reconsideration of FY 2017 Appropriation

This proposed legislation matches **H 599** with one exception. It removes funding for the Forest Legacy Projects.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Brackett**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Department of Lands was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

Moved by **Brackett**, seconded by **Burtenshaw**, to approve for introduction \$5,344,900 General Funds, \$42,562,900 Dedicated Funds, \$6,617,600 Federal Funds for a total of \$54,525,400 with FTP of 291.10 Lump Sum for Forest and Range Fire Protection Program Only

Ayes: 19
Keough, Johnson, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey, Bell, Miller, Youngblood, Horman, Malek, Monks, Burtenshaw, King, Gannon

Nays: 0
Ab/Ex: 1
Gibbs

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: **Ray Houston, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**
Department of Fish and Game
Reconsideration of FY 2017 Appropriation

This proposed legislation matches **H 565** with one exception. It does not provide funding for the Clagstone Meadows Conservation Easement.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On Request by **Brackett**, granted by unanimous consent, the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for the Department of Fish and Game, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

Moved by **Brackett**, seconded by **Youngblood**, to approve for introduction \$0 General Funds, \$57,571,500 Dedicated Funds, \$46,498,800 Federal Funds for a total of \$104,070,300 with FTP of 558.00

Ayes: 20

Keough, Johnson, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, 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 Bell**.

PRESENTER: **Ray Houston, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Department of Lands and the Department of Fish and Game
FY 2017 Forest Legacy Conservation Easement

At the request of **Senator Keough**, this proposed legislation was held subject to the call of the chair.

PRESENTER: **Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Judicial Branch
Trailer to S 1420: Judicial Pay Increase
District Courts and Magistrate Division

CARRIED: **Original Motion**

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Bair**, to approve for introduction \$815,700 General Funds, \$0 Dedicated Funds, \$0 Federal Funds for a total of \$815,700 with FTP of 0.00

Ayes: 20

Keough, Johnson, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, 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 Bell**.

PRESENTER: **Cathy Holland-Smith, Division Manager, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Legislative Branch
Legislative Legal Defense Fund
Fund Transfer

There was a special presentation from **Representative Bedke**, Speaker of the House of Representatives and **Senator Hill**, President Pro Tem of the Senate.

The Speaker and Pro Tem addressed the committee regarding the costs of the ongoing lawsuit, and the details of the State's debits during litigation. Both spoke to the need to find a responsible resolution to avoid a lawsuit with tort claims in excess of \$11 million. The Speaker stated that there was no "good way" out of this legal battle, but this approach was the most fiscally prudent choice to make, and reminded the committee that the goal was to move past this issue and provide internet access to our rural communities. The Pro Tem added that the committee regularly appropriates to agencies for expenses not yet incurred, including litigation settlement. Both gentlemen thanked the committee for the professional deliberation and indicated leadership would respect the committee's decision.

CARRIED:

Original Motion

Moved by **Keough**, seconded by **Gibbs**, to approve for introduction \$8,000,000 General Funds to be transferred to the Dedicated Fund.

Ayes: 19

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

Nays: 1

King

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**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 9:03 AM.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary