

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Martin, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, , Miller, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Youngblood

CONVENED: Senator Keough called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **John Tippets, Director:** Congress passed a clear air act in 1970, the states are in charge of this act. When the state can prove the resources to fund the act than the EPA will grant the state the funds; 2014 application for privatize ; IPDES program asking for additional employees to administer those programs. 360 employees year round; Help local government and citizens to understand what we do.
Ray Houston: The department of Environmental Quality in the public's interest, "to protect human health and environment as its sole mission". The department is organized into six budgetary programs. admin and support, Air quality, water quality, CDA Basin Commission, Waste Mgmt and Remediation, and INL Oversight.
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([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZW)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZW>)

QUESTIONS: REP KING: Why is there so much money in the bank and it not being used?
HOUSTON: Those large amounts are revolving loans.
HOUSTON: FY 2017 JFAC Action;
DIRECTOR: \$45 million is to be transferred by 2035; asking for this to be transferred this year;
HOUSTON: FY2018 Asking for removal of one-time expenditures and base adjustments; ([LINK TO PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xX8Zj))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8Zj>)
DIRECTOR: trying to use as much Federal Funds as much as possible. To help replace the existing monitor, a vehicle,
HOUSTON: Replacement items are different from the requests. Governor's recommendation has increased due to health insurance;
DIRECTOR: IPDES Program, to develop capability for the Idaho Pollution Discharge Elimination System.
Air Quality Permitting Staff Engineer as additional full-time permanent air quality permitting staff engineer.
Underground Storage Tank Fees for fees beginning in Jan 2018 and we need to be granted the spending ability for those fees
Environmental Remediation: Match funds will keep the employees that are working in this program.

Cash Transfer: WPCF to Env Remed, we are asking to transfer to match the obligations and providing services.

HOUSTON: There is legislative intent language that goes with this budget. ([LINK TO PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xX8Zj))([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZW))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZW>)

QUESTIONS:

REP BELL: I'm not sure I'm on the right page: where is the balance to be transferred?

HOUSTON: Page 12, it does have a sufficient balance \$24 million. The fund balance is still sufficient to make those cash transfers.

REP MILLER: What all does that cover?

DIRECTOR: We are talking about the salary and health benefits;

SEN. MARTIN: Page 30 requests are mirrored to the governors; Servers show you have 800 ; why are you requesting it and not the Governor;

DIRECTOR: The servers are packed of 400 and so we have to buy 2 packs if we need a little over 400;

Amber Christiofferson: These items are pulled from the request because they were already purchased;

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**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Teri Murrison, Administrator: Soil and Water conservation Commission from the Department of Lands is to facilitate and coordinated non-regulatory, voluntary, and locally-led conservation by federal, state and Local governments including Idaho's conservation districts and other partners; in order to conserve sustain, improve, and enhance soil, water, air, plant and animal resources. (www.swc.idaho.gov)

RAY HOUSTON: The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has 3 budgetary programs: admin and acct services, resource Conservation and Rangeland Development program, and Wastewater Facility Loan; ([PRESENTATION LINK](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZK))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZK>)

ADMIN: Wastewater Loan, we save those funds for items that are a one time purchase. FY2017 line item gave us \$20,000; \$100,000 for the wild fire structure group; to help mitigate the north central damages; ([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8Z8))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8Z8>)

SEN BAIR: You mention the cost of the cubicles were \$7,000 how do those go up to \$12,000?

ADMIN: We didn't go out to a formal bid, it was just an estimate and that was not accurate.

REP MILLER: Compliments the commission;

HOUSTON: FY2018 Replacement Items.

ADMIN: Replacement items are 2 vehicles, they have well over 110,000 on them.

HOUSTON: Wildfire Mitigation Private/Muni Lands, used to develop a collaborative assessment and plan for fire recovery efforts; Cost Share Liaison Position, these are for federal funds;

ADMIN: Line item 2, Liaison Position, we see the need to expand those local, state and federal partnerships and meet those needs. The funds would allow us to make the position to full-time position. ([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8Z8))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8Z8>)

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

MILITARY DIVISION

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

General Gary Saylor, Adjutant General: The division serves as the state's National Guard, the Bureau of Homeland Security, Public safety Communications, and Idaho Emergency Communications Commission. Describes and gives an over view of the FY 2017.

Rob Sepich: There are 3 budgetary programs Federal/State Agreements, Military Management, and The Office of Emergency Management.

GENERAL: Tuition reimbursement is very critical and thanks to the funding last year. The full intent is to reimburse the students; the positions are filled; line items: vehicles are use to get to off sites and they are up 100,000 miles, computers are just needed to be updated as a regular request;

SEPICH: FY 2018 Overview ([PRESENTATION LINK](#))

(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZU>)

([AUDIO](#)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZP>)

QUESTIONS:

SEN CRABTREE: If there is lack of funding for the Youth Challenge, why did the Governor's Office not recommend it.

KEOUGH: Senator Crabtree we will move into the line items in just a moment, do you mind holding on to that question after the line items have been read?

REP KING: How do you change position funds?

GENERAL: I think we would get a lot better answer from our Personnel Specialist.

NANCY GALLOHAN: I am the budget analyst for the Military. We have a limit on how much Federal dollars we can spend, 80%, and with payroll costs having an increase it has put a demand on overmatch from the Misc. Rev. Fund. ([AUDIO](#)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZP>)

GENERAL: Tuition assistance, education is the #1 reason why people join the National Guard, we have never had problems executing. We have a lot more applicants than funds;

Youth Challenge Program Support Staff.

Gowen Field Security Police, the state was not paying there part of deal;

Smartnet Warranty Services and Data Storage Drives: we need to continue to operate;

Site monitors and microwave GPS units: makes the system more accurate and more productive; Orchard Combat Training: its a new digital range; the bradleys and the tanks can communicate together without radio communications;

object transfer 14/15: excess spending funds;

OCTC Safety and Main FTP. ([AUDIO](#))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZP>)

QUESTIONS: SEN CRABTREE: If there is lack of funding for the Youth Challenge, why did the Governor's Office not recommend it.
GIDEON TOLMAN: The division can pay for that right now and that is why the Governor's Office didn't recommend;
SEN MARTIN: Orchard Center, I understand the economic impact, is there an out of state fee for others to use?
GENERAL: No, there is not a fee for out of state. There is a small fee for the program;
SEN LEE: Tutition assistant program, 98 guardsman and that is about \$500 per student is there any other funds to help?
GENERAL: we reimburse up to \$4,000. We don't just let 98 guardsman in the program;
SEN SOUZA: How many people are in a brigade?
GENERAL: Army brigade, is approximately 4,000 members, let me turn it over to the Colonel.
Col. Michael Garshak: There is 4,000 members of a brigade and Idaho has 2,000 of those 4,000 member brigade; ([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZP))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZP>)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: IDAHO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **Tom Limbaugh, Commission Chairman:** Industrial Commission was established in 1918 to ensure the Idaho's Workers' Compensation Law is impartially and efficiently administered. explains the department; ([LINK TO THE PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZV))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZV>)
SEPICH: 4 budgetary programs; The Compensation Program, Rehabilitation Program, the Crime Victims Compensation Program and Adjudication Program; ([LINK TO PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZV))(<https://go.usa.gov/xX8ZV>)
LIMBAUGH: Reviews all line items and they were recommended by the Governor;
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SEPICH: Line item 1, medical fee schedule study, to get some data analysis. The results of the study will be used to adjust the medical fee schedule outlined in Idaho Administrative Code.([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xX8Zs)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xX8Zs>)

QUESTIONS: REP WINTROW: The fees that were increased for crime victims and it is related to the study?
LIMBAUGH: No, it is not related. We are required to do a annual update on the fees.
KEOUGH: The fee study is not related to line item one, medical fee study. Basically when workerman's comp cases get adjudicated and sometimes have fees needing to pay medical doctors. They are needing to is if the current fee schedule is in need of updates.
REP WINTROW: I did have a question with the increases to the forensic exams, how does that impact the fund?
LIMBAUGH: I will turn to Christy Able, Bureau Chief Officer of Crime Victims Program;
Christy Able: The Crime Victim's Compensation Act requires 3rd party payer which includes Medicaid. As of September 2015, Medicaid changed their policy to no longer compensate forensic interviews, so Crime Victim's Program now pays for all forensic interviews.
SEN SOUZA: How long do you think the study will take and what will you do

with the data?

LIMBAUGH: The study would be public, what we want to see is commercially, we have doctors and hospitals suggesting that our numbers are low. We want to be fair to all parties involved. This will be on an annual basis;

REP MILLER: What was the percent of employee turn over?

LIMBAUGH: It is at 30%

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**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTIONS;

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Holland-Smith: The Governor has submitted 2 new supplementals. One Director of Information, Cyber Security position in the Governor's Office and funding to support the mission at Gowen Field in the Department of Commerce. The Judicial Branch is requesting funding to complete their renovation of the basement space for their IT staff.

KEOUGH: If you have any questions or concerns regarding the three supplemental motions, please ask the Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs. We are just hearing the requests, not setting any budgets.

SEN MORTIMER: We are waiting for more information for these motions.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Keough adjourned the meeting at 10:44 A.M.

Senator Keough
Chair

Amberlee Honsaker
Secretary