

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 13, 2017  
**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW41  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman McDonald, Representatives Shepherd, Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Kerby, Cheatham, Amador, DeMordaunt, Moon, Syme, Kloc (Tway), McCrostie, Toone  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Jess Harrisen, ISBA

**Chairman VanOrden** called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.

**Paul Headlee**, LSO Deputy Division Manager, presented the FY 2018 Education Budget Review. He presented the twenty two year history of the General Fund for Public Schools from it original appropriation in 1996 to 2017. The summary includes the Public Schools Discretionary Funding history. The budget review includes the historical comparative summary between FY 2018 Public Schools Request by **Superintendent Ybarra** and FY 2018 Governor's Recommendation.

**Mr. Headlee** explained there has been a decrease in the percentage of funds over 22 years in both K-12 and college and universities in Idaho, the exception being Health and Welfare and Adult and Juvenile Corrections where there is an increase in the percentage of funds. The operating budget has seven divisions, administrators, teachers, operations, children's programs, facilities, central services, and deaf and blind educational services. The comparative summary between the Request and the Governor's Recommendation shows the largest increase in funds in both areas of comparison is the Career Ladder, a nondiscretionary adjustment. Additional requests are discretionary and can be adjusted. In the discretionary items, health benefits for teachers is a large topic of discussion with no monies requested by the Superintendent and 15 million dollars in the Governor's recommendation. The governor recommends health benefits to be put in the nondiscretionary line rather than discretionary. Mr. Headlee explained the largest amount of money appropriated in the statutory distribution is in the salary-based appointments, state paid employee benefits, and career ladder salaries and benefits. The amount of students who enrolled in the 2016-2017 school year was more than anticipated and the Superintendent has asked for a three percent increase in dollars per support unit(classroom). This fund is non-statutory and currently the discretionary money allotted per unit is the same amount as in the 2009 year.

**Mr. Headlee** explained there are 10 budgeted divisions after K-12. They are, Ag Research, College and Universities, Community Colleges, State Board of Education, Idaho Public Television, Special Programs, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Vocational Rehabilitation. College and universities are funded 50% by tuition enrollment and 50% by State Education money. He explained that college enrollment is now down because of the good economy. When we have a bad economy as in our last recession, college enrollment goes up, and less funding is needed. The Superintendent is requesting \$10 million additional funds to boost the lagging enrollment money. The Higher Education Task Force has recently been formed to address this situation. He stated that the Governor is recommending that \$5 million be allocated to Eastern Idaho Community College. In conclusion

he reported the Public School budget review will be February 27, 2017 and the University budget review will be February 28, 2017.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

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Representative VanOrden  
Chair

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Ann Tippetts  
Secretary