

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

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, Youngblood, Miller, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

ABSENT: None

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

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Office of the Governor, Commission on the Arts**

PRESENTER: **Michael Faison, Director and Jill Randolph, Analyst**
The Commission on the Arts is requesting \$3,800 ongoing from the General Fund for operating expenditures to cover recommended technology upgrades. \$2,700 will be used for 14 annual subscriptions to Microsoft Office 365, and \$1,100 for the incremental growth in the cost of cyber security for state network systems. Second request is for \$25,000 ongoing from the General Fund for trustee and benefit payments to provide additional constituent services by enhancing direct grants and capacity building activities through the public program in the arts grant program. The public program in the arts grant consists of \$160,700 from the General Fund and \$117,300 from the Federal Grant Fund.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Self-Governing Agencies, Commission for Libraries**

PRESENTER: **Ann Joslin, State Librarian and Jill Randolph, Analyst**
Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) is requesting \$19,200 from the General Fund to replace four desktop computers, ten laptops and two network printers. The commission is also requesting a fund shift of 6.00 FTP and \$357,500 from the Federal Grant Fund to the General Fund to support the Talking Book Service, \$45,000 ongoing from the General Fund to increase the broad band reimbursement (E-rate) funding for Idaho public libraries through the Education Opportunity Resource (EOR) Act, Section 33–5601, Idaho Code and a request of \$9,500 ongoing from the General Fund for 43 Microsoft Office 365 software annual subscriptions. The commission does not have an ongoing appropriation for this purpose. The Governor recommended the IT/Telecommunications but did not recommend the Talking Book Service and the Education Opportunity Resource Act.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Judicial Branch, Court Operations**

PRESENTER: **Sara Thomas, Administrative Director and Jared Hoskins, Analyst**

Court Technology: Phase 5 of 5, the Supreme Court requests \$3,684,500 in onetime capital outlay from the General Fund for the fifth and final phase of its five-year court technology implementation plan.

The Judicial CEC, should be commensurate with other state employees.

The Magistrate Division is requesting 1 FTP and \$125,700 from the General Fund to hire one new magistrate judge to be chambered in Jerome County. This line item would fund a new judge for nine months. The request would need to be annualized as a maintenance adjustment in FY 2020.

The Supreme Court is requesting \$114,300 in ongoing operating expenditures from the General Fund to enhance language access in each of the seven judicial districts. A request for 1.00 FTP and \$58,500 in ongoing personnel costs from the General Fund to hire an additional custodian for the Supreme Court Building.

The Supreme Court requests \$231,300 ongoing from trustee and benefit payments to provide a 5% rate increase to substance use disorder (SUD) services provider a \$100,000 request ongoing. The Supreme Courts requests \$153,500 ongoing from the General Fund for judicial mentoring. \$51,000 in operating expenditures from the Supreme Court Program for mentor judges for travel costs and training, and \$102,500 is in personnel costs the Senior Judges Program for per diems and training of mentor judges. This request is a continuation of previous requests related to the Judicial Excellence and Education Program (JEEP). Also a request for \$68,800 onetime operating expenditures from the General Fund to hire a contracted Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultant.

The Supreme Court requests \$82,500 in ongoing personnel costs from the General Fund for vacation leave payouts. Pursuant to Section 67-5334(3), Idaho Code, separated employees may receive a lump sum payment for up to 200-336 hours of their accrued, but unused, vacation leave, depending on their hours of credited state service.

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

Judicial Branch — Guardian Ad Litem Program

PRESENTER:

Sara Thomas, Administrative Director and Jared Hoskins, Analyst

Jared Hoskins, Budget and Policy Analyst stated this agency is completely funded by the General Fund. Mr. Hoskins reviewed the actual expenditures for FY 2017 and the budget for FY 2018. In FY 2018 there is one line item from the General Fund for , Volunteer Recruitment & Training in the amount of \$467,500.

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

Judicial Branch — Judicial Council

PRESENTER:

David Cantrall, Executive Director Idaho Judicial Council and Jared Hoskins, Analyst

Mr. Cantrall stated that he asks for the same amount of money every year and usually gives some of that money back. This year could be different because the calendar year and fiscal year have been monumental for the court system. Mr. Cantrall continued that this is a record number of new judges.

Jared Hoskins, Budget and Policy Analyst, reviewed the actual expenditures for FY 2017 stating that there was a total appropriation of \$130,800, a small object transfer of \$1,500 and a reversion of \$28,800.

Representative Bell
Chair

Donna Warnock
Secretary