

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 22, 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/EXCUSED: None
LSO STAFF PRESENT: Janet Jessup, Budget & Policy Analyst
CONVENED: **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION WEEK

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **State Board of Education**

PRESENTER: **Linda Clark, Board President and Janet Jessup, Budget & Policy Analyst**

President Clark provided an extensive review of the Idaho State Board of Education, the Governor’s budget recommendation and the Higher Task Force findings.

PRESENTER: **Ms. Jessup** reviewed the FY 2017 actual expenditures highlighting the reversions and the analysis of fund balances.

Mr. Freeman reviewed the FY 2018 line items and provided an update on the status of their implementation.

Mr. Freeman gave an overview of the following FY 2019 program maintenance items and the following line items:

1. IT/Telecommunications
2. Accreditation for Psychology (Governor recommended)
3. Graduate Medical Education Council
4. Systems Integration Consultant (Governor recommended)
5. Transfer CIS to Board of Education (Governor recommended)
6. Executive Officer at Office State Board of Education (OSBE) (Governor recommended)

David Hahn, Division of Financial Management, stated that the person who is to become the Executive Officer will need to have a specific skill—set and these people are in high demand. He continued that this person will take care of the “back office” consolidation and that many of the details are still being worked out.

Mr. Freeman's closing remarks were as follows:

1. Thanked his staff for all their hard work
2. In the process of hiring three Presidents, which is unprecedented for Idaho.
3. Had a clean audit for FY's 2014–2016, this is the third consecutive triennial audit that has had no audit recommendations.
4. Institutions should provide robust advising and career planning so students can make informed decisions.

Systemwide Programs — College & Universities

PRESENTER: Ms. Jessup, Budget and Policy Analyst

Ms. Jessup presented an overview of the FY 2017 actual expenditures and the analysis of fund balances. Ms. Jessup explained the systemwide program is one of five programs under the umbrella of colleges and universities within the State Board of Education. Ms. Jessup stated there is intent language and will be seen in a report no later than February 1st.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the FY 2019 budget; there are two line item requests with one recommended by the Governor. **Mr. David Hahn**, Division of Financial Management, discussed some of the line items recommended by the Governor. **Mr. Freeman** spoke on line item #3, Degree Audit and Data System, a software solution that overlays the current software system.

Special Programs — Scholarships & Grants

PRESENTER: Ms. Jessup reviewed the FY 2017 actual expenditures outlining the funds the agency uses. **Mr. Freeman** gave an in-depth overview of the reverted appropriation of \$426,800 which is from the Opportunity Scholarship because of the timing of this scholarship with students applying and being eligible. The \$979,300 reverted appropriation is for the post secondary scholarship and is under subscribed due to matching requirements. It is hard for students to get a private sector match.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the one line item in the FY 2018 budget which appropriated \$1,400,00 for GEAR UP Scholarships. Mr. Freeman stated this was federal money for this scholarship and the high school classes of 2018 is the last class to have received this grant.

Mr. Freeman discussed the FY 2019 line item request. The request is for \$5,000,000 ongoing from the General Fund to expand the Opportunity Scholarship to serve an additional 1,490 students.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Freeman** stated the request for \$5,000,000 was done before the Governor's proposed legislation and who support that piece of legislation. If the legislation does not pass, then the whole \$5,000,000 would go towards the traditional recipient Opportunity Scholarship.

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

College of Western Idaho

PRESENTER: **Bert Glandon**, College of Western Idaho, President
Mr. Glandon stated the college was established in 2007 and the first class was held in January 2009 with 1,200 students attending the first day of class; spring semester of 2018 is at just over 30,000 students. Mr. Glandon explained the college had not increased enrollment fee's in four years.

Ms. Jessup gave an overview of the FY 2019 budget stating the two line items were not recommended by the Governor. Request one is for \$1,658,600 from the general fund to ensure average weighted credit equity with the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College and the second request is for \$576,200 from the general fund to hire additional staff.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Glandon** stated that the College of Western Idaho is growing and the tuition revenue is coming in, which helps with keeping the tuition down.

Mr. Glandon went into great detail on the Governor's recommendations.

AGENCY **College of Southern Idaho**

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTER: **Jeff Fox**, College of Southern Idaho, President
Introduced board of trustees and his staff. **Mr. Fox** continued that the College of Southern Idaho serves an eight county region.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the FY 2017 actual expenditures.

Mr. Fox discussed in detail the two FY 2018 action items including the Summer Bridge to Success and the Eastern Idaho Math/English instructors programs.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the maintenance line items noting these were not recommended by the Governor.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the FY 2019 budget, noting the three line items were not recommended by the Governor. The first request is for \$774,800 ongoing from the general fund to purchase a new software platform, second request is for \$195,600 ongoing from the general fund to develop a weekend college program for working adults and high school students and the last request is for \$67,500 onetime from the general fund to support coordination of the Center for Education Innovation Initiative which was funded as part of Idaho State University's budget in FY 2018. **Mr. Fox** spoke more in-depth on each request.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. David Hahn** stated the Governor chose not to recommend any replacement items that were from the general fund in any college or universities budget and he wanted those resources to be targeted towards the task force recommendations.

AGENCY **North Idaho College**

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTER: **Rick MacLennan**, President
Mr. MacLennan stated that the North Idaho College is a comprehensive community college that meets the broad educational needs of students and they are committed to their core values. Between 2007 and 2017 the North Idaho Foundation provided nearly \$5,000,000 in scholarships supporting career and technical education and workforce development programs.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the FY 2017 actual expenditures.

Mr. MacLennan gave an overview of the three line items for FY 2018. Mr. MacLennan continued with his overview of the FY 2019 agency requests: 1) Pathfinders Program requesting \$364,100, 2) Computer Science Program Faculty requests \$312,900, 3) Summer Completion Initiative request of \$302,900 and 4) First Year Experience Program requesting \$174,500. The four line item requests were not recommended by the Governor.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. MacLennan** stated the Pathfinders program has been very positive in decision making for students coming out of high school.

In **Mr. MacLennan's** closing remarks he stated that the North Idaho College has a positive impact to the business community, provides economic value to North Idaho and builds one-to-one relationships with the community.

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

College of Eastern Idaho

PRESENTER: **Rick Aman**, President

Mr. Aman introduced the board of trustees and thanked everyone who made the College of Eastern Idaho possible. Mr. Aman gave an overview on how the \$5,000,000 was used. Mr. Aman presented the four areas he would like to see focused on 1) creating the Associate of Arts and Computer Science transfer, 2) dual credit, 3) K-12 partners and 4) workforce development.

Ms. Jessup reviewed the three line items for FY 2019. The three line items are as follows: 1) Funds Transferred from CTE, the request is for \$1,081,200 from the general fund, which was previously appropriated to the Division for Career-Technical Education's Post-Secondary program, 2) Instruction Expansion, the request is for \$3,896,100 ongoing from the General Fund for 72 new FTP and 3) Administration Expansion, the request is for \$200,000 from the dedicated funds for administrative services staff for the newly formed College of Eastern Idaho.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Donna Warnock
Secretary