

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 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

CONVENED: Senator Keough convened the meeting at 8:03 A.M.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **HOUSE HEALTH AND WELFARE**

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **REPRESENTATIVE FRED WOOD, CHAIRMAN:** Reviews the Health care plan, the funding should be priority. Reviewed criss centers — continuing funding should be priority, child welfare system, ICARE — to continue the funding, child support —over time more up-to-date systems are better than FTP. Reviewed youth suicide prevention, its a epidemic and we need to do what we need to do to reduce suicide —fully funding the suicide hotline is a must. General discussion, in the Committee was behavioral health, 75–80% was about behavioral health, we need to shuffle monies there. Reviewed physician supply in Idaho, and funding the medicaid expansion.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxsx)) (https://go.usa.gov/xQxsx)

In response to committee questions, **REP. FRED WOOD**, reviewed how the State has a new suicide system in place and are working diligently to keep it going and running properly. It is still in the early stages of tangible results.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxsx)) (https://go.usa.gov/xQxsx)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **SENATE EDUCATION**

PRESENTATION: **SENATOR DEAN MORTIMER, CHAIRMAN:** Reviewed the two top priorities in the Committee: 1st: the continuation of the career ladder, the importance to education. 2nd: literacy and discretionary spending, k-3 reading and discretionary spending to give to school to trust they spend the monies where it is needed. CTE was not discussed but we know it is important.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxsg)) (https://go.usa.gov/xQxsg)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **HOUSE EDUCATION**

PRESENTATION: **REPRESENTATIVE JULIE VANORDEN, CHAIRMAN:** Reviews the report from State Board of Education, and the task force on education from the Governor. Reviews the top priorities of the Committee: 1st: we are not seeing information about if literacy program is working or not; 2nd plan: reducing the workload on our districts; step back and making sure the dollars are really working in the field.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxtK)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtK>)

In response to committee questions, **REP. JULIE VAORDEN, CHAIRMAN**, states there are various literacy curriculum out there and each district can choose which programs they want to go with. Also, with each district having the ability to choose, we can get a good result as to what is working for the literacy program.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxtK)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtK>)

AGENCY **HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTATION: **REPRESENTATIVE JUDY BOYLE, CHAIRMAN:** Research with agriculture is essential. Reviews the potato facilities and how it is important. Reviews organic inspectors, is a must and soil conservation to the water quality and how reestablishing would be good. Reviews the wolf depredation and how it is a good thing.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxtW)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtW>)

AGENCY **SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTATION: **SENATOR JIM RICE, CHAIRMAN:** Reviews how wolf depredation is a problem but it has decreased, and will be a problem. Reviews how boat inspections are increasing and how the Department of Agriculture do a good job with federal funds. Reviews the boat inspections from the year and how invasive weeds are a problem. Reviews the research and extension centers and how the average building is 50 years, and not up to the modern research.
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxtb)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtb>)

In response to committee questions, **SENATOR JIM RICE, CHAIRMAN**, reviews the Department of Agriculture is on the right track since last year, they are improving things. This is something the agency needs to stay on top of and make sure we are and not getting ahead of ourselves. The help of the law enforcement is good during the night and are testing waters as well as inspecting.

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

AGENCY **JFAC ADJUSTED PACKET REVIEW**

PRESENTATION:

PRESENTATION: **PAUL HEADLEE:** Reviews the new adjusted JFAC Proposed FY 2019 budget.

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQxtg)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtg>) ([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQxt2)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxt2>)

In response to committee questions, **JANI REVIER, DFM**, states that the projected forecast is up for this fiscal year, but the Governor wants to use caution with the new projection.

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

HEADLEE: Reviews the CEC Committee's report and reviews the remaining items that the Committee has to consider when drafting budget setting motions. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtg>)

In response to committee questions, **PAUL HEADLEE, LSO DIVISION MANAGER**, states that \$7, 021, 100, on page 11 of the packet is from the general fund and in order to specifically separate the classified employees from the administrators, the motion would have to state that specifically. Lastly, states that if the Committee adopts the CEC Recommendation, the Committee will need to cut \$14 million out of the budget. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxtg>)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: CREATION OF A TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION FUND

PRESENTATION: PAUL HEADLEE: Reviews what this fund will do and the jobs the fund will do.

In response to committee questions, **PAUL HEADLEE, LSO DIVISION MANAGER**, states the \$22 million in this Technology Fund has come from the General Fund. The agencies' technology projects will stay within that agency's budget but will be funded out of this fund. Also, states that the technology projects requested have to have an amount requested of \$100,000 or more to be funded by the Technology Fund. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxta>)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: SENATE JUDICIARY AND RULES

PRESENTATION: SENATOR PATTI ANNE LODGE: Reviews they have a strength of partnership in the communities. Reviews the importance of Idaho state troopers and adding more troopers and pay a wage that they will allow them to stay with us. Reviews forensic analysis, monies for POST, Odyssey court system, and JRI. And lastly reviews prisons — electronic monitoring beds; more prison beds, increase our reentry centers. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxeA>)

AGENCY PRESENTATION: HOUSE JUDICIARY AND RULES

PRESENTATION: REPRESENTATIVE LYNN LUKER: Reviews the prison population and need of more beds, and community reentry centers would like to at least get those started. Reviews probation officers and the in-flow to reclassify some low crime charges. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxep>)

In response to committee questions, **REP. LYNN LUKER**, states unfortunately when we have over crowding in our prisons we are faced with having to balance where the beds are and the most cost effective. (AUDIO) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQxep>)

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, Senator Keough adjourned the meeting at 10:27 A.M.

Senator Keough
Chair

Amberlee Honsaker
Secretary