

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 07, 2019
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Nye
Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Troy, Wintrow, Toone
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None
CONVENED: **Chairman Bair** called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Millennium Fund Recommendations**
Sen. Patti Anne Lodge

Sen. Lodge presented the annual report and recommendations from the Joint Legislative Millennium Fund Committee. **Sen. Lodge** stated the Committee made a motion to provide a recommendation to JFAC which is the Governor's budget recommendation with the following exceptions:

- 1) Remove funding for the Cancer Data Registry
- 2) Provide \$893,400 for the Recovery Centers as requested through the application process and with these funds to be taken from the Medicaid Expansion portion of the Governor's recommendation
- 3) To work with the Department of Health and Welfare on programs that focus on youth prevention of vaping.

The Governor's recommendation included the continued funding for Project Filter, the Public Health Districts, tobacco compliance checks, staff for the Attorney General, and investment fees for the State Treasurer. The Governor's recommendation also included funding for [traditional] Medicaid and for approximately half of the state's share of paying for Medicaid Expansion. The motion passed the committee 6-4.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: **Sen. Johnson** asked for unanimous consent to accept the Committee Report of the Millennium Fund Committee. **Chairman Bair** called for any objections; hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Office of Performances Evaluations**
Rakesh Mohan, Director

Director Mohan gave a brief overview of the Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE) which is a nonpartisan legislative office that promotes accountability and confidence in state government, works under the general direction of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) and consists of equal number of legislators from both political parties and both houses.

Director Mohan reviewed the following FY 2020 agency request:

- 1) Ongoing Personnel Funding for \$17,800 ongoing from the General Fund for personnel costs to promote an existing evaluator and to increase the rate of pay for an evaluator at entry-level
- 2) LexisNexis Annual Subscription for \$5,600 ongoing in operating expenditures from the General Fund. There is no funding in the base for this request
- 3) Software Maintenance Costs is for \$2,600 in ongoing operating expenditures from the General Fund for annual maintenance costs of software.

Director Mohan stated there was one Replacement Item request for \$2,400 for one high-end laptop/tablet computer and \$400 for one Adobe Acrobat license.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Paul Headlee, LSO Division Manager reviewed the Organizational Chart noting there are 8 FTP authorized with one vacant position, he continued with the FY 2018 actual expenditures stating this agency is funded through the General Fund, it is a single funded department and they spent all appropriations. Mr. Headlee continued his presentation with FY 2019, JFAC action noting there were no line items, and the Comparative Summary.

Paul Headlee, LSO Division Manager finished his presentation discussing the Budget Law Exemptions, Lump Sum: The agency requests an appropriation that is exempt from **Section 67–3511, Idaho Code**, which restricts the transfer of appropriation between programs and among personnel costs, operating expenditures, capital outlay, and trustee and benefit payments. This authority requires legislative approval.

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**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

Department of Parks and Recreation

Steve Martin, Fiscal Officer stated the Director was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Martin continued there are 30 state parks and regional Trailways throughout Idaho that the Department of Parks and Recreation manages. The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resources stewardship.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Rob Sepich, Budget & Policy Analyst, reviewed the organizational charting noting how the boards are split between the Northern and Southern regional administrator and the various parks. Mr. Sepich continued there are approximately 156.64 FTP and 6.50 FTP are currently vacant.

For FY 2018, **Mr. Sepich** reviewed the net object transfer, the reverted appropriation of \$6,400,700 and the current year appropriation of \$9,546,800.

For FY 2019, there was approximately \$43,000,000 appropriated. **Mr. Martin** spoke on the requested line item, Billingsley Creek (BC) Visitor Center. In response to Committee questions, Mr. Martin stated the Billingsly Creek project is going to be in partnership with the National Park Service. **Mr. Sepich** noted the Governor did not recommend any General Fund repair or replacement items with the exception of \$600,000 to replace the Ritter Island Bridge. In response to Committee questions, Mr. Martin stated whatever they feel can not be covered with dedicated funds then they make a request from the General Fund and \$600,000 request would come from the General Fund.

Mr. Sepich continued with the explanation of two pieces of intent language that was included in the appropriation bill for 2019.

For FY 2020, there were six line item requests:

- 1) Equity Pay Increase for Rangers
- 2) Lake Cascade Office FTP
- 3) Convert Part-Time to Full-Time
- 4) Thousand Springs Administrative Center
- 5) Lake Cascade Accessibility Projects
- 6) Registration Pass-Through Funding
- 7) Gov Tech 1

Mr. Sepich spoke briefly on each line item and **Mr. Martin** spoke briefly on the Thousand Springs Administrative Center.

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PRESENTATION:

Lava Hot Springs Foundation

Devanee Morrison, Director, gave an overview of the Lava Hot Springs Foundation. She briefly discussed the different facilities and how their revenue is generated.

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PRESENTATION:

Rob Sepich, Budget & Policy Analyst, gave an overview of the Lava Hot Springs Foundation stating they are organized under the Department of Parks and Recreation. They do have their own appropriation.

For FY 2018, **Mr. Sepich** reviewed the organizational chart noting there are 15.80 FTP and seasonal employees. Mr. Sepich reminded the Committee there was a supplemental approved last year for \$25,000. The division reverted \$174,300 of their total appropriation of \$2.3 million dollars.

For FY 2019, the Foundation requested two line items:

- 1) Pavilion Construction Costs
- 2) Restroom Facility Feasibility Study

Director Morrison commented on each item.

Mr. Sepich noted the base adjustment which will reduce \$100,000 in the Lava Hot Springs Foundation Fund that was previously paid to the Idaho State Building Authority that financed the installation of water speed slides. The agency was granted the appropriation to make extra payments and pay off the capital lease sooner.

For FY 2020, **Mr. Sepich** reviewed the replacement items in the amount of \$90,000 and the statewide cost allocation.

The Lava Hot Springs Foundation requested two line items:

- 1) Hardscaping Main Entrance
- 2) Public Restroom Facility

Director Morrison commented on each request.

In response to Committee questions, Director Morrison stated they are having the idea of geothermal heat versus electric heat supplying the restrooms looked at with the study that is being conducted.

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PRESENTATION:

Public Health Districts

Doug Zenner, Nez Perce County Commissioner

Carol Moehrle, District 2 Director

Commissioner Zenner and Director Moehrle gave an overview of the Public Health Districts. Director Moehrle stated they work cooperatively but independently from the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Environmental Quality. There are seven health districts under the direction of the Board of Health. Director Moehrle continued the State's General Fund is approximately 17 percent of their overall combined budgets. The support from the State and Counties is critical to each district.

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PRESENTATION:

Jared Tatro, Principal Budget & Policy Analyst, stated the health districts have five funds they spend from. The Legislature appropriates from two of them, the General Fund and the Idaho Millennium Income Fund.

For FY 2018, **Mr. Tatro** reviewed the actual expenditures in the amount of \$57,974,100 noting they spend all of their General Fund every year and there was a small reversion of \$7,400 from their Millennium Income Funds, which are used for tobacco cessation services.

Director Moehrle discussed the one open audit finding and stated they have implemented corrective actions to address the finding.

For FY 2019, Director Moehrle addressed the one line item, which was a trailer appropriation bill for citizen review panels. The legislature also included language that required the Department of Health and Welfare to transfer on an ongoing basis, \$20,000 from the Federal CAPTA Grant to the Health Districts. The health districts also received in **S 1326** \$1.6 million from the General Fund to the Health Districts (through the DHW: Child Welfare Program), for the Home Visitation Program.

For FY 2020, the Public Health District requested one line item, Improved Health Transformations. Public Health District 3 & 4 requested \$120,100 onetime form the General Fund to continue with health care transformation efforts for work related to the Department of Health and Welfare's SHIP Grant.

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PRESENTATION:

Catastrophic Health Care Fund

Kathryn Mooney, Program Director, gave a brief overview of the Catastrophic Health Care Board stating it is ran by a Board of Directors. The Board is required to provide the Legislature with an annual report.

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PRESENTATION:

Jared Tatro, Principal Budget & Policy Analyst, reviewed the organizational chart noting the board includes two Senators and two Representatives, one from each party, and the Health and Welfare Director.

For FY 2018, the Catastrophic Health Care Program received a total appropriation of \$17,999,500. They expended \$19,993,200, \$2.5 to \$3 million came from the seat belt income, reimbursements, and refunds.

For FY 2019, the Catastrophic Health Care Program received a total appropriation of \$9,999,700.

For FY 2020, the Catastrophic Health Care Program had one line item request for an additional \$10,000,000 from the General Fund for estimated increases in catastrophic claims. This request represents a 50% increase in appropriation, but only a 5% increase in claims payments above the estimated expenditures for FY 2019. The Governor's recommendation was \$5,000,000 onetime from the General Fund.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Senator Bair
Chair

Donna Warnock
Secretary