

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, and Nye.

Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone.

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Bair** called the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) (JFAC) to order at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION: **JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR PRESENTATIONS**

PRESENTERS: **Rep. Fred Wood, Chair, House Health and Welfare Committee**
Sen. Fred Martin, Chair, Senate Health and Welfare Committee
Chairman Wood recommended the top budget priorities of the House Health and Welfare Committee (House Committee):
(1) Behavioral health, especially suicide prevention;
(2) Child welfare and child care initiatives;
(3) Dental provider requests;
(4) Non-Emergency medical transportation; and
(5) Advanced care planning initiative.

Chairman Wood stated that if the advanced care planning initiative were budgeted, the House Committee would introduce appropriate legislation. The House Committee expressed concern about the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center and the need for a future new facility and staffing.

Chairman Martin spoke strongly in favor of suicide prevention. See [Audio](#).

PRESENTER: **Rep. Marc Gibbs, Chair, House Resources and Conservation Committee**
Chairman Gibbs reminded the JFAC Committee of the 2017 flood conditions in Idaho. In FY 2018, JFAC appropriated funds for flood control which covered 15 projects throughout the state. The House Resources and Conservation Committee requested that JFAC again appropriate \$1,000,000, onetime, to finish the flood management program and to review bids on Snake River water quality projects.

The Water Resources Board may require \$29,000,000 to hold in a fund for use as matching dollars for two federal project grants. The first, the Water and Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) provides up to 50/50 grant money for reclamation projects. The second program addresses flood management, drought mitigation, and water efficiencies. The Water Resources Board has been working on the two projects – one to raise the Anderson Ranch Rock Dam, and to pump water from the Snake River to the Mountain Home Air Force Base. Total cost would be approximately \$40,000,000, and Idaho would need on hand \$20,000,000 to create the federal match. The project to bring water to the Mountain Home Air Force Base would cost between \$9,000,000 and \$20,000,000. The government will participate in that project if the state delivers the water to the base. See [Audio](#).

JFAC ACTIONS ON SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Health Education Programs**

Chairman Bair announced that the Health Education Programs Supplemental Appropriation hearing would be rescheduled.

**AGENCY
PRESENTATION:**

**SELF-GOVERNING AGENCIES
Division of Veterans Services: 4th Veterans Home Design**

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTER:**

Jared Tatro, Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO)

CONSENT:

Requested by **Sen. Johnson**, granted by unanimous consent, the budget of the Division of Veterans Service was reopened.

CARRIED:

Moved by **Sen. Johnson** for the Division of Veterans Services, the addition of \$800,000 onetime operating expenditures from the Veterans Recognition Income Fund for fiscal year 2019, seconded by **Rep. Amador**.

DISCUSSION:

Sen. Johnson explained that approval of this supplemental will allow for the division to begin the process of constructing a fourth veterans home in northern Idaho which includes the architecture and design process.

AYES: 20

Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and, without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**.

CONSENT:

On request of Senator Johnson, granted by unanimous consent, the following cash transfer language was approved:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 65-703(2), Idaho Code, or any other provision of law to the contrary, there is hereby appropriated and the administrator of the Division of Veterans Services shall request the State Controller to make a transfer or transfers from the Idaho Veterans Recognition Fund to the Idaho Veterans Recognition Income Fund in an amount not to exceed a total of \$800,000 for the purpose of providing the state's required match for the establishment of a fourth veterans home in north Idaho for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. Further, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 65-704(5), Idaho Code, or any other provision of law to the contrary, any funds remaining in the Veterans Recognition Income Fund at the end of fiscal year 2019 shall remain in the Veterans Recognition Income Fund and shall not be transferred back to the Idaho Veterans Recognition Fund.
See [Presentation](#) and [Audio](#).

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
Self-Reliance Operations and Foster & Assistance Payment**

LSO STAFF PRESENTER: **Jared Tatro, Analyst, LSO**

CONSENT: Requested by **Sen. Lee**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2019 budget for the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Welfare and Child Welfare, was reopened.

CARRIED: Moved by **Sen. Lee** for fiscal year 2019, the addition of \$1,000,000 for the Foster and Assistance Payments Program and the reduction of \$1,000,000 from the Self-Reliance Operations Program, all from federal funds, seconded by **Rep. Wintrow**.

DISCUSSION: **Sen. Lee** explained that this action will rearrange the appropriation without increasing the budget for the department.

AYES: 20

Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and, without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**. See [Presentation](#) and [Audio](#).

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **Public Health Services, Emergency Medical Services**

LSO STAFF PRESENTER: **Jared Tatro, Analyst, LSO**

CARRIED: Moved by **Sen. Lee** for the Department of Health and Welfare for the Emergency Medical Services Program, the addition of \$300,000 from the Emergency Medical Services Three Fund, for fiscal year 2019, seconded by **Rep. Wintrow**.

DISCUSSION: **Sen. Lee** explained that this addition will allow the program to provide additional grants for the purpose of acquiring vehicles and equipment for use by emergency medical services personnel in the performance of their duties, which include highway safety and emergency responses to motor vehicle accidents.

AYES: 20

Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and, without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**. See [Presentation](#) and [Audio](#).

AGENCY

PRESENTATION: **Health Care Policy Initiatives: Graduate Medical Education**

LSO STAFF

PRESENTER: **Jared Tatro, Analyst, LSO**

CARRIED: Moved by **Rep. Amador**, for the Department of Health and Welfare in the Health Care Policy Initiatives Program a reduction of \$107,800 from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund and a reduction of \$267,200 from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund for fiscal year 2019, seconded by **Sen. Lee**.

DISCUSSION: **Rep. Amador** explained that this motion removes funding that was appropriated in FY 2018 for Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Medicaid eligible services, as those services are not available for reimbursement at the Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency Program as originally recommended.

AYES: 19

Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, , Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 1 Nye

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and, without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**. See [Presentation](#) and [Audio](#).

AGENCY

PRESENTATION: **SELF-GOVERNING AGENCIES
Division of Building Safety — Receipt of Donations, Damage Prevention,
and PUC Sub Grant**

LSO STAFF

PRESENTER: **Christine Otto, Analyst, LSO**

CONSENT: Requested by **Sen. Woodward**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2019 budget for the Division of Building Safety was reopened.

CARRIED: Moved by **Sen. Woodward** for fiscal year 2019, for the Division of Building Safety, an additional \$42,700 in ongoing personnel costs, and \$57,000 in ongoing operating expenditures, for a total of \$99,700 from the State Regulatory Fund, seconded by **Rep. Horman**.

AYES: 20

Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Horman, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Maurin(Troy), Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 1 Anderson

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and, without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Bair**. See [Presentation](#) and [Audio](#).

PRESENTATION: SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTER: Sen. Dean Mortimer, Chairman

After extensive review, the Senate Education Committee (Committee) recommended: (1) continuation of the career ladder; (2) teacher healthcare; and (3) funding of new support units. Together these recommendations would represent a continued prepaid appreciation and encouragement to teachers, pupils and service staff who work so hard to educate and encourage Idaho students.

A fourth recommended item was literacy. The Committee recognized the approximate \$13,000,000 which has already been budgeted for literacy in the last few years. Because data to determine effectiveness is lacking, the Committee did not recommend a specific dollar amount.

The Committee recognized other areas of importance in the education process, such as mastery based learning, technology, advanced opportunities, professional development, career counseling, and remediation. While the Committee considered them significant, they did not designate them priorities.

The Committee further agreed that the \$16,600,000 which was taken out of the Public Education Stabilization Fund for last year's funding needed to be replaced. The fund needs to be rebuilt to its pre-recession levels.

Chairman Mortimer answered questions from the Committee regarding the education funding formula and Advanced Opportunity Scholarships. See [Audio](#).

PRESENTATION: HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTER: Rep. Lance Clow, Chairman, House Education Committee

Chairman Clow spoke in favor of funding the teachers' career ladder, literacy proficiency, alternative routes for teachers, and career-technical education. Noting the rapid increase in Idaho population in general, and students in particular, **Chairman Clow** urged that teacher salaries be competitive with other states. See [Audio](#).

PRESENTATION: SENATE JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

PRESENTER: Sen. Todd Lakey, Chairman, Senate Judiciary and Rules
The primary need lies in reinvestment efforts in the criminal justice system. **Sen. Lakey** supported the Governor’s recommendation for 17 additional probation and parole officers in order to help ensure that those who are released from the system have opportunities for success. Housing and transportation are key components. Transitional facilities enable people to obtain and keep employment. **Sen. Lakey** supported increased judicial compensation and the request for additional judicial judges and magistrates. The state has a constitutional authority to provide representation for those who cannot afford it through the Defense Commission. See [Audio](#).

PRESENTATION: HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

PRESENTER: Rep. Thomas Dayley, Chairman House Judiciary, Rules and Administration
Rep. Dayley concurred with Sen. Lakey on the need for a dedicated fund through the Defense Commission and for additional judges. See [Audio](#).

ADJOURNED: Having no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Senator Bair
Chair

Elaine Leedy
Secretary