DATE: Tuesday, February 18, 2020
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None
CONVENED: Chairman Bair called the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

LSO PRESENTATION: STEM ACTION CENTER; Janet Jessup, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

MOTION: Moved by Senator Crabtree for the STEM Action Center beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $3,300 for benefit costs, an increase of $1,000 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of $10,200 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides $500,000 ongoing from the General Fund for the computer science initiative; $100 for OITS operating costs; $2,700 for OITS servers and licensing; and a 2% General Fund reduction of $51,800, all from operating expenditures. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are 6.00 FTP, $3,047,100 from the General Fund and $3,102,600 from dedicated funds, for a grand total of $6,149,700; seconded by Representative Horman.

DISCUSSION: Senators Crabtree and Ward-Engelking commented on the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: AYES: 19
Representatives Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Kauffman, Troy, Syme, Amador, Raybould, Wintrow, and Toone
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Lee

CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.
LSO PRESENTATION: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EXTENSION SERVICE; Janet Jessup, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

ORIGINAL MOTION: Moved by Senator Burtenshaw for the State Board of Education, Agricultural Research & Extension Service, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $166,900 for benefit costs and an increase of $498,400 for change in employee compensation. Also included is one line item, which provides 0.39 FTP and $58,500 for occupancy costs, and a 2% General Fund reduction of $647,300, the entirety of which in from personnel costs. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are $349,35 FTP and $32,108,400 from the General Fund. This motion includes an exception to budget laws that will allow funds to be transferred between object codes and, consistent with other higher education budgets, there is no FTP cap; seconded by Representative Raybould.

DISCUSSION: Senator Crabtree commented on the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by Senator Ward-Engelking for the State Board of Education, Agricultural Research & Extension Service, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $166,900 for benefit costs and an increase of $498,400 for change in employee compensation. Also included is one line item, which provides 1.10 FTP and $243,700 for occupancy costs, and a 2% General Fund reduction of $647,300, the entirety of which in from personnel costs. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are $350.06 FTP and $32,293,600 from the General Fund. This motion includes an exception to budget laws that will allow funds to be transferred between object codes and, consistent with other higher education budgets, there is no FTP cap; seconded by Representative Troy.

DISCUSSION: Senator Ward-Engelking and Representatives Troy and Raybould spoke in favor of the substitute motion.


FAILED: The majority having failed to vote in the affirmative, the motion FAILED.


CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.
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| PRESENTATION: CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION; Janet Jessup, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by Representative Amador, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2020 budget for Career Technical Education was reopened.

MOTION: Moved by Representative Amador for fiscal year 2020 for the Division of Career Technical Education, a reduction of $264,800 ongoing in trustee and benefit payments for secondary added cost funding, and an increase of $264,800 onetime in trustee and benefit payments for teacher education, all from the General Fund; seconded by Senator Johnson.

DISCUSSION: Representative Amador discussed the motion.


NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See 2020 Supplemental and Supplemental Ballot.

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| PRESENTATION: CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, Janet Jessup, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

MOTION: Moved by Representative Horman for the State Board of Education, Division of Career Technical Education, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $243,900 for benefit costs, an increase of $215,000 for replacement items, an increase of $2,600 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of $766,700 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides $400,000 for enrollment growth; line item 7, which provides $114,800 for educator program phase out; $600 for OITS operating costs; and a 2% General Fund reduction of $1,051,200, of which $916,800 is from personnel costs, $83,100 is from operating expenditures, and $51,300 is from trustee and benefit payments. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are 581.26 FTP, $67,566,400 from the General Fund, $552,800 from dedicated funds, and $9,761,300 from federal funds for a grand total of $77,880,500. This motion includes exceptions to budget laws that will allow funds to be transferred between object codes for the Postsecondary Program only. Consistent with other higher education budgets, there is no FTP cap for Postsecondary program; seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking.


NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0
CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.

LSO OFFICE OF ENERGY & MINERAL RESOURCES; Maggie Smith, Senior Presentation: Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

MOTION: Moved by Senator Johnson for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $3,400 for benefit costs, an increase of $5,800 for replacement items, a net-zero change for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of $14,800 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: $100 for OITS operating costs; and $1,200 for OITS servers and licensing. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are $16,600, $931,700 from dedicated funds, and $426,000 from federal funds for a grand total of $1,357,700; seconded by Representative Horman.

VOTE: AYES: 20
Senators Bair, Johnson, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Burtenshaw, Lee, Grow, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, and Nye
Representatives Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Kauffman, Troy, Syme, Amador, Raybould, Wintrow, and Toone
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.

LSO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; Maggie Smith, Senior Budget & Presentation: Policy Analyst, LSO

MOTION: Moved by Senator Woodward for the Public Utilities Commission, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $16,400 for benefit costs, an increase of $28,200 for replacement items, a decrease of $103,500 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of $73,300 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides $8,100 for a 2% CEC for the three Commissioners; $600 for OITS operating costs; and $16,600 for OITS servers and licensing. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are $49,00 FTP, $6,217,600 from dedicated funds, and $336,600 from federal funds for a grand total of $6,554,200; seconded by Representative Horman.

VOTE: AYES: 20
Senators Bair, Johnson, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Burtenshaw, Lee, Grow, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, and Nye
Representatives Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Kauffman, Troy, Syme, Amador, Raybould, Wintrow, and Toone
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

CARRIED: The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.
Moved by Senator Woodward, granted by unanimous consent, the following language was added:

SECTION ___. That Section 61-215, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

61-215. SALARIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS. Each member of the public utilities commission shall devote full time to the performance of his/her duties. Commencing on July 1, 201920, the annual salary of members of the public utilities commission shall be one hundred ten thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars ($110,074112,275) and shall be paid from funds set by the legislature.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (OITS); Robyn Lockett, Principal Budget & Policy Analyst, LSO

Moved by Representative Raybould for the Office of Information Technology Services, beginning with the FY 2021 Base, a decrease of $59,900 for benefit costs, an increase of $1,818,200 for replacement items, an increase of $19,600 for statewide cost allocation, an increase of $321,800 for annualizations, and an increase of $126,100 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides $600,000 for software applications; line item 2, which provides $15,000 for rental vehicles and fuel; line item 4, which provides $648,400 for office space for IT modernization and expansion at the Chinden Campus and at two regional offices, all related to Phase II of the technology initiative; OITS 3, which provides 69.00 FTP and $6,309,200 for Phase II of the agency technology consolidation; and a 2% General Fund reduction of $35,000, all from operating expenditures. The totals for this motion for FY 2021 are 135.00 FTP, $3,182,900 from the General Fund and $15,228,500 from dedicated funds for a grand total of $18,411,400; seconded by Senator Agenbroad.

Representative Raybould and Senator Agenbroad discussed the motion and answered questions from the Committee.

AYES: 20
Senators Bair, Johnson, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Burtenshaw, Lee, Grow, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, and Nye
Representatives Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Kauffman, Troy, Syme, Amador, Raybould, Wintrow, and Toone

NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, will carry a DO PASS recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by Chairman Bair. See Motion and Ballot.