

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Van Orden (Bair), Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye.
Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, Nash

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Sen. Bair

CONVENED: **Chairman Youngblood** called the House Appropriations Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - Permanent Building Fund - Building Idaho's Future – Capital Projects and Alterations & Repairs. Maggie Smith, LSO Analyst.**

Ms. Smith introduced the supplemental request for FY 2021 for the Permanent Building Fund, found in the Legislative Budget Book 6-24. The supplemental appropriation provides a one-time General Fund transfer of \$89,217,500 to the Permanent Building Fund as part of Governor Little's Building Idaho's Future initiative. This supplemental will fund the capital projects and alterations and repairs listed in the motion below.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Rep. Horman**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Department of Administration was reopened.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Horman**, seconded by **Sen. Cook** for the fiscal year 2021, the appropriation and transfer of \$89,217,500 from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund.

CARRIED: **AYES: 16.**
Sen. Agenbroad, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Nye.
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green.
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 4.
Sen. Bair, Crabtree, Ward- Engelking, Nash.

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Horman**, seconded by **Sen. Cook**, for the fiscal year 2021, for the Department of Administration, an additional \$89,217,500 in onetime capital outlay from the Permanent Building Fund. Of that amount, \$45,700,000 is to be used for alterations and repairs identified by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, and \$43,517,500 is to be used for the following capital projects:

- \$6,400,000 to replace the Bitterroot and Targhee Cottages at the Juvenile Corrections Center - St. Anthony;
- \$13,000,000 to replace the east dorm at the South Idaho Correctional Institution;
- \$10,000,000 to develop supportive housing for Connection and Intervention Station clients for the Department of Correction;
- \$7,417,500 to replace the dorms at the Youth Challenge academy for the Military Division;
- \$3,000,000 for the University of Idaho Parma agricultural research campus;
- \$3,000,000 for the College of Eastern Idaho's Future Tech facility; and
- \$700,000 for two University of Idaho greenhouses to increase seedling production.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17.**
Sen. Agenbroad, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Nye.
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3.
Sen. Bair, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking.

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - Employment Services - FEMA Reimbursement. Keith Bybee, Deputy Division Manager.**

Mr. Bybee introduced the supplemental for the Idaho Department of Labor, it can be founded on page 5-45 of the Legislative Budget Book. The Governor recommends a one-time General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 to reimburse FEMA for emergency funding provided to states to make payments for unemployment insurance benefits. As the administrative entity signified by the federal government for emergency unemployment benefits, the Idaho Department of Labor will repay FEMA using the General Fund for improper benefits to beneficiaries through the Lost Wages Assistance Program. These improper benefit payments were the result of fraudulent claims.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Sen. Woodward**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Department of Labor was reopened.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Sen. Woodward**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for \$1,000,000 one-time from the General Fund for the fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Labor.

CARRIED: **AYES: 17.**
Sen. Agenbroad, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Nye.
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green,
Nash
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3.
Sen. Bair, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking.

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood.**

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Office of the State Board of Education, OSBE Administration. Janet Jessup, LSO Analyst.**

Ms. Jessup introduced the supplemental for the education development grant included in the Governor's revised recommendation. This is in response to the Office of the State Board being contacted in January of 2021 and being notified that they would be the recipient of a pre-school development grant which will develop educational resources for pre-school-aged children to be utilized by early educators, and parents.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Sen. Crabtree**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Office of the State Board of Education was reopened.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Sen. Crabtree**, seconded by **Rep. Amador**, for the fiscal year 2021, for the Office of the State Board of Education an additional 0.50 FTP and \$5,980,500 from Federal Funds for an early childhood education development grant.

DISCUSSION: **Rep. Green** objected as not being germane to the question asked by **Rep. Giddings** about the amount of money that would go to the Malek Law Firm with this supplemental.

CARRIED: **AYES: 16.**
Sen. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye.
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash.
NAYS: 2.
Nate, Giddings.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Sen. Bair, Rep. Horman.

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood.**

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Office of the State Board of Education, OSBE Administration. Janet Jessup, LSO Analyst.**

Ms. Jessup introduced the second supplemental for the education development grant included in the Governor's revised recommendation. This supplemental is for \$450,000 specifically provided to the Idaho Public Television, which will develop educational literacy modules for parents and caregivers. This is accomplished in coordination with the strategic relations firm for the projects and the available resources to the public.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Rep. Troy**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2021 budget for the Office of the Idaho Public Television was reopened.

MOTION:

Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Troy**, seconded by **Rep. Crabtree**, for the fiscal year 2021, for Idaho Public Television an additional 1.00 FTP and \$450,000 from Federal Funds for an early childhood education development grant.

CARRIED:

AYES: 16.

Sen. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye.

Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash.

NAYS: 2.

Nate, Giddings.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.

Sen. Bair, Rep. Horman.

The majority, having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed, and without objection, carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **Chairman Youngblood** adjourned the Committee at 8:28 a.m.

Representative Youngblood
Chair

Anna Maria Mancini
Secretary