

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 25, 2021

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-Chairman Bair, Senators Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye  
Co-Chairman Youngblood, Representatives Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, Nash

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Amador

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

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, Rob Sepich, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION:** Original Motion  
Moved by **Senator Crabtree** for the Department of Lands, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, \$101,100 for benefit costs, \$1,522,800 for replacement items, a reduction of \$64,200 for statewide cost allocation, and \$493,800 for change in employee compensation.  
Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides 10.00 FTP and \$914,800 from the Department of Lands Fund to add permanent engine boss positions and associated equipment; line item 2 which adds 1.00 FTP and \$141,000 to hire a wildfire investigator; line item 3 for \$450,000 from the General Fund for Shared Stewardship Contracting; line item 4 includes \$90,000 onetime to purchase three trucks for the Good Neighbor Authority Program; line item 7 which adds \$91,000 onetime for PhoDAR and Drone Support; line item 8 for a net zero transfer for the department-wide reorganization; line item 9 adds \$18,300 for a 2 percent CEC and inflationary increase for the two Timber Protective Associations; and line item 10 which transfers \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Suppression Deficiency Fund.  
The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 338.82 FTP, \$7,166,700 from the General Fund, \$50,306,600 from dedicated funds, and \$8,987,600 from federal funds for a grand total of \$66,460,900, seconded by **Representative Troy**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 17** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 2**  
Representatives Nate and Giddings

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Crabtree**, granted by unanimous consent to include the two sections of bill language as displayed on the screen.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**EXEMPTIONS FROM OBJECT TRANSFER LIMITATIONS.** The Department of Lands is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(1) and (3), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers between object codes for all moneys appropriated for the Forest and Range Fire Protection Program for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

**CASH TRANSFER FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS.** There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Lands and the State Controller shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Suppression Deficiency Fund as soon as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, though June 30, 2022. Such moneys shall be used to reimburse costs incurred by the Range and Forest Fire Protection Program in the Department of Lands pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 38-131 and 38-131A.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Mr. Headlee, LSO** noted the second paragraph, CASH TRANSFER FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS, was included in the original motion. Expenditures of funds require a roll-call vote, and therefore would not be valid under a unanimous consent vote.

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**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH and GAME, Rob Sepich, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Representative Troy** for the Department of Fish and Game, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, \$182,200 for benefit costs, \$5,260,200 for replacement items, \$189,200 for statewide cost allocation, and \$792,000 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides \$1,500,000 to pay off regional office leases; line item 2 for \$6,423,500 onetime for Albeni Falls Mitigation projects; line item 3, which provides \$175,000 for wildlife related analysis on Good Neighbor Authority projects; and line item 4, which adds \$344,500 for salmon monitoring and evaluation. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 553.00 FTP, \$67,782,600 from dedicated funds, and \$60,396,000 from federal funds for a grand total of \$128,178,600, seconded by **Senator Crabtree**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 17** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 2**

Representatives Nate and Giddings

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

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**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; Maggie Smith, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION 1:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Representative Green** for the Department of Administration, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$38,100 for benefit costs, an increase of \$7,500 for inflationary adjustments, an increase of \$216,400 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of \$166,000 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items. Line item 1 creates a new budgeted program in the Department of Administration called Document Services, and transfers 16.52 FTP and \$1,597,900 from the Purchasing Program to the Document Services Program in a net-zero program shift. Line item 2 provides a net-zero fund shift of \$50,000 in operating expenditures from the Administration and Accounting Services Fund to the Permanent Building Fund.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 124.00 FTP, \$2,434,200 from the General Fund, and \$22,079,200 from dedicated funds, for a grand total of \$24,513,400, seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Representative Syme** stated he had a conflict of interest pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H) but intended to vote.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**MOTION 2:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Senator Cook** that there is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$1,737,500 from the Permanent Building Fund to the Administration and Accounting Services Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the Capitol Mall Facilities payment in the Division of Public Works due in fiscal year 2022, seconded by **Representative Green**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representative Amador  
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 Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Representative Green**, granted by unanimous consent, that the language regarding state employee group health insurance plan structure be included in the Department of Administration's fiscal year 2022 appropriation bill, as shown on the screen.

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** SECTION \_\_. PLAN STRUCTURE. The Office of Group Insurance shall maintain the current health insurance plan structure and benefit package for state employees and the employer and employee cost-sharing split recommended by the Governor and the Legislature's Joint Change in Employee Compensation Committee for fiscal year 2022. Adherence with the plan structure shall not preclude the Office of Group Insurance from implementing positive plan changes as identified.  
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**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **BOND PAYMENTS PROGRAM, Maggie Smith, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION 1:** Original Motion  
Moved by **Senator Grow** for the Bond Payments Program, in the Department of Administration, for FY 2022, \$3,930,000 from the General Fund and \$15,433,000 from dedicated funds, for a grand total of \$19,363,000, seconded by **Representative Troy**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representative Amador  
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 Bair**.  
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**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**CAPITOL COMMISSION, Maggie Smith, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION 1:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Senator Grow** for the Capitol Commission, in the Department of Administration, a total of \$2,342,000 from dedicated funds, for fiscal year 2022, seconded by **/Representative Troy**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**MOTION 2:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Senator Grow** that there is hereby appropriated, and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$125,000 from the Capitol Maintenance Reserve Fund to the Capitol Commission Operating Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022., seconded by **/Representative Troy**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Grow**, granted by unanimous consent, to accept the language regarding reappropriation authority as shown on the screen.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION   . REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Administration for the Idaho State Capitol Commission any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Idaho State Capitol Commission from the Capitol Commission Operating Fund and the Capitol Maintenance Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2021 to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

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**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**PERMANENT BUILDING FUND, Maggie Smith, Senior Analyst**

**MOTION 1:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Senator Cook** for the Department of Administration, in the Division of Public Works, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$18,606,200 in dedicated funds for statewide alteration and repair projects, found on the Replacement Items line.

Also included are the following line items: line item 1 provides \$800,000 for the design phase of an Idaho State Police Facility in Idaho Falls; line item 2 provides \$3,200,000 to replace a 24-bed facility at the Juvenile Corrections Center in St. Anthony; line item 3 provides \$5,429,600 for a Military Readiness Center in Twin Falls, and line item 4 provides \$7,000,000 for the College of Eastern Idaho's Future Tech Facility.

The total for this motion for FY 2022 is \$35,035,800 in onetime dedicated funds, seconded by **Representative Horman**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**MOTION 2:**

Original Motion

Moved by **Senator Cook** that there is hereby appropriated, and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$7,000,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, seconded by **Representative Horman**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19** Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye  
Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Nate, and Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Amador

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 Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT 1:**

Requested by **Senator Cook** to include the following sections of additional language in the Permanent Building Fund's fiscal year 2022 appropriation bill, as shown on the screen.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION \_\_. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. Moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act, or so much thereof as in each case may be necessary, shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of any land, building, or equipment, or for the rebuilding, renovation, or repair of buildings, installations, facilities, or structures at the places, institutions, and agencies, or their successors, including those listed in this section. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council is hereby authorized and directed to anticipate revenues accruing to the Permanent Building Fund for the purpose of undertaking the construction, renovation, repair, and acquisitions therein authorized, without delay, and to determine the priority of construction pursuant to which the work hereunder will be undertaken.

SECTION \_\_. UTILIZATION OF MATCHING FUNDS. Moneys appropriated in this act may be made available for matching any allocation of moneys now in existence or hereafter made available by agencies of the United States and/or private donations; and the Division of Public Works is authorized to expend, for the purpose of paying the cost of any land, building, or equipment, or for the rebuilding, renovation, or repair of buildings, moneys appropriated for public works to various agencies as part of the respective agency operating budgets, provided the express approval by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council is granted to make application for such moneys in each instance

SECTION \_\_. REALLOCATION OF PROJECT SAVINGS. The Division of Public Works may have the flexibility to allocate any savings or unused appropriation from any project to any other requested and funded project. The reallocation of such appropriation must be approved by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council prior to the funds being spent.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT 2:**

Requested by **Senator Cook** that the language regarding reappropriation be included in the Permanent Building Fund's fiscal year 2022 appropriation bill, as shown on the screen.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION \_\_. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Division of Public Works any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the Division of Public Works from the Permanent Building Fund for fiscal year 2021, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT 3:**

Requested by **Senator Cook** that the language regarding timing of the use of Permanent Building Funds be included in the Permanent Building Fund's fiscal year 2022 appropriation bill, as shown on the screen.

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION \_\_. USE OF PERMANENT BUILDING FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act, \$7,000,000 for the College of Eastern Idaho in the Permanent Building Fund may be expended only after the College of Eastern Idaho president has secured pledges for funding equaling \$7,000,000 for the Future Tech facility. Verification of such pledges shall be confirmed by a signed attestation letter from the president of the College of Eastern Idaho to the Division of Public Works in the Department of Administration.

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**ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

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Senator Bair  
Chair

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Denise B. McNeil  
Secretary