

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 26, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

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

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Lent, Representative(s) Amador.

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

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – Idaho Public Television LBB 1-95. Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Analyst.**

Ms. Jessup introduced the budget for Idaho Public Television. Idaho Public Television is a Division under The State Board of Education. It includes delivery of information to Idahoans, both over the television and online.

DISCUSSION: The Governor recommended COVID – related spending in FY 22 in the amount of \$489,700. After consulting with IPTV, it was determined that only \$100,000 (\$67,000 in PC, and \$33,000 in OE) in appropriation was necessary to provide sufficient authority to spend federal COVID-related funding. This amount will give the agency the flexibility to manage uncommitted funds and reimbursement.

MOTION: Moved by **Rep. Troy**, seconded by **Sen. Ward - Engelking**, for Idaho Public Television beginning with the FY 2022 base an increase of \$16,800 for benefit costs, \$110,000 from one-time dedicated funds for replacement items \$7,600 for statewide cost allocation, and \$85,200 for a change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items. Line item 1, which provides 50,000 for the fifth year of the federal video production grant; and line item 2, which provides \$100,000 from federal spending authority related to the COVID relief. The totals for this motion in FY 2022 are 70.48 full-time positions, \$2,719,200 from the General Fund, \$6,233,500 from dedicated funds, and \$600,000 from the federal funds for a grand total of \$9,552,700.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Substitute Motion: **Rep. Giddings** moved a Substitute Motion, seconded by **Rep. Nate**, beginning with the FY 2021, Estimated Expenditures, remove \$634,700 for one-time funding and include a base reduction of 14.00 FTP, and \$2,544,400 from the General Fund. Then provide \$16,800 for benefit costs, \$110,000 for one-time replacement items, \$7,600 for statewide cost allocation, and \$85,200 for change in employee compensation also included is one line item which provides \$50,000 for the fifth year of the federal video grant production grant. The totals for this motion for the fiscal year 2022 are 56.48 FTP \$6,274,400 from dedicated funds, and \$500,000 from federal funds for a grand total of \$6,774,400.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

AYES: 2.

Giddings, Nate.

NAYS: 16.

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

Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,

Ward-Engelking, Nye.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.

Amador, Lent.

The majority, having voted in the negative, the motion failed, and without objection, **Chairman Youngblood** moved to hear the Original Motion.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

AYES: 16.

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

Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,

Ward-Engelking, Nye.

NAYS: 2.

Giddings, Nate.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.

Amador, Lent.

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:

SELF-GOVERNING AGENCIES – Idaho Commission for Libraries - LBB 5-69. Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Analyst.

Ms. Jessup introduced the budget for the Commission for Libraries. The Idaho Commission on Libraries oversees and advises the libraries throughout the state.

DISCUSSION:

This Motion provides that line-item 1 be supported from Coronavirus Relief Fund money (CARES Act) for FY 2022 and revisited at a future date for General Fund.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Horman**, seconded by **Sen. Nye**, for The Idaho Commission for Libraries, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, \$8,800 for benefit costs, \$54,000 for inflationary adjustments, 1,000 for statewide cost allocation, and 46,100 for change in employee compensation. Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides \$307,000 one-time for e-book and e-audio service support. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 37.50 FTP, \$4,250,200 from the General Fund, \$70,000 from dedicated funds, \$1,988,400 from federal funds for a grand total of \$6,308,600.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.**
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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: **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired LBB 6-51. Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Analyst.**

Ms. Jessup introduced the budget for the blind and visually impaired, also referred to as BVI. The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired is based in Boise and serves and provides services to Idahoans across the state who are blind and at varying degrees of visually impaired.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Bundy**, seconded by **Sen. Riggs**, for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$9,500 for benefit costs, an increase of \$55,800 one time for replacement items, a decrease of \$20,900 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of \$54,300 for change in employee compensation. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 41.12 FTP, \$1,522,800 from the General Fund, \$399,700 from dedicated funds, and \$3,307,900 from federal funds for a grand total of \$5,230,400.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.** Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash. Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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: **JUDICIAL BRANCH - Court Operations LBB 3-45. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.**

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Judicial Branch who is composed of three budgeted divisions. There are three motions, one for each division. There is also one motion for the standard language regarding retirement contributions. The adjusted budget includes adjustment for benefit costs, a decrease for statewide cost allocation, and a change in employee compensation. The total JFAC adjusted budget is \$72,988,600. There are also two line items originally requested by the governor as required by law.

DISCUSSION: Line-item 1 provides funding to hire two new magistrate judges for the Third Judicial District (Canyon County) to address increasing filings and case loads caused by population growth in the Treasure Valley.
Sen. Nye declared Rule 39H.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Syme**, seconded by **Sen. Nye**, for the Judicial Branch in the Court, Operations Division, beginning with the FY 2022 base an increase of \$97,200 for benefit costs, a decrease of 62,800 for statewide cost allocation, an increase of \$176,300 for annualizations, and \$385,500 for change in employee compensation. Also included in line item 1, which provides 2.00 FTP and 271,700 of which 5,000 is one-time to hire two magistrate judges, for the Third Judicial District. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 49,579,400 from the General Fund, 21,946,500 from the dedicated funds, and 1,910,700 for federal funds, for a grand total of \$73,436,600. This motion also includes lump sum authority.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.** Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash. Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Rep. Syme**, granted by unanimous consent the language regarding retirement contributions was accepted as part of the Supreme Court's FY 2022 appropriation bill.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **JUDICIAL BRANCH - Guardian Ad Litem Program - LBB 3-45. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.**

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Guardian Ad Litem Program. The Agency's original request as well as the Governor's recommendation and the JFAC adjusted budget bring the total JFAC budget to \$1,329,600. There is one item requested by the agency, which was recommended by the Governor, however, at the request of the agency this amount was adjusted downward to reflect some changes individual Guard ad Litem programs.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Sen. Nye**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for the Supreme Court, in The Guardian Ad Litem Program, beginning with FY 2022 Base, the addition of line item 3, which provides \$344,200 for Guardian Ad Litem Program Staff. The total for this motion for FY 2022 is \$1,673,400 from the General Fund. This motion also includes lump sum authority.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.**
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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: **JUDICIAL BRANCH - Judicial Council - LBB 3-45. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.**

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Judicial Branch, Judicial Council division. The Agency's original request, the Governor's recommendations, and the JFAC adjusted budget are all composed of maintenance of the current operations budget.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Sen. Nye**, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for the Supreme Court in the Judicial Council division a total of FY 2022 lump sum appropriation of \$130,800 from the General Fund.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.**
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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: PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION - LBB 5-89. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Public Defense Commission. The original budget request, the Governor's recommendation, and the JFAC adjusted budget include adjustments for benefit costs, statewide cost allocation, and change in employee compensation for a total JFAC adjusted budget of \$11,290,800. There were no line items requested or recommended by the Governor. This constitutes maintenance of the current operations budget.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Sen. Nye**, seconded by **Rep. Troy**, for the Public Defense Commission beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$1,800 for benefit costs, \$2,900 for statewide cost allocation, and \$12,300 for a change in employee compensation. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 7.00 FTP and \$11,290,800 from the General Fund.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18.**
Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,
NAYS: 0.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.
Amador, Lent.

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: ATTORNEY GENERAL - LBB 6-27. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for Attorney General. The agency's original budget request, the Governor's recommendation, and the JFAC adjusted budget include adjustments for benefit costs, a decrease for statewide cost allocation, and a change in employee compensation. The total JFAC adjusted budget is \$26,880,900. There are three line-items requested by the agency.

DISCUSSION: **Sen. Nye** declared rule H39.

MOTION: Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Troy**, seconded by **Sen. Nye**, for the Attorney General, beginning with the FY 2022 base, an increase of \$81,300 for benefit costs, \$129,900 for one-time replacement items, a decrease of 24,600 for statewide cost allocation, and an increase of \$417,000 for change in employee compensation. Also, included are the following line items: line-item 1, which provides \$482,800 for restoration of special litigation funds; line-item 3, which provides 1.00 FTP and \$94,200, of which \$8,200 is one-time, for a civil litigation paralegal; and line-item 4, which provides \$150,000 in one-time operating expenditure from the General Fund for the Special Litigation Program to be used for water adjudication mediation costs in the Coeur d' Alene, Spokane River Basin. The totals for this motion, for FY 2022 are 220.00 FTP, \$25,676,600 from the General Fund, \$847,100 from the dedicated funds, and \$1,214,100 from the

federal funds for a grand total of \$27,737,800. This motion also includes lump sum authority.

CARRIED:

AYES: 16.

Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,

NAYS: 2.

Nate, Giddings.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.

Amador, Lent.

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:**

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS - LBB 6-57. Jared Hoskins, Principal Analyst.

Mr. Hoskins introduced the budget for the Commission on the Arts. The original budget request, the Governor's recommendation, and the JFAC adjusted budget have adjustments for benefit cost, statewide cost allocation, and change in employee compensation. There are no line items requested by the agency or recommended by the Governor included in the proposed motion. This a maintenance of the current operations budget.

MOTION:

Original Motion: Moved by **Rep. Horman**, seconded by **Sen. Ward-Engelking**, for the Commission on the Arts beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$2,200 for benefit costs, and \$3,800 for statewide cost allocation, and \$13,500 for the change in employee compensation. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 10.00 FTP, \$883,400 from the General Fund, \$106,300 from the dedicated funds, and \$1,098,900 from federal funds, for a grand total of \$2,088,600.

CARRIED:

AYES: 16.

Rep. Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash.
Sen. Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Riggs, Cook,
Ward-Engelking, Nye,

NAYS: 2.

Nate, Giddings.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.

Amador, Lent.

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 9:25 a.m.

Representative Youngblood
Chair

Anna Maria Mancini
Secretary