

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 09, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

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

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BOARD OF TAX APPEAL; Keith Bybee, Deputy Division Manager**

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Grow** for the Board of Tax Appeals, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, include \$1,500 for benefit costs, include \$1,300 for inflationary adjustments, include a \$200 reduction for statewide cost allocation, and include \$8,000 for change in employee compensation. There are no line items requested. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 5.00 FTP and \$644,400 from the General fund, seconded by **Representative Amador**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Grow** commented that this budget is a 1.6 percent increase above the FY 2021 original appropriation, primarily due to the employee compensation, and is a maintenance of the current operations budget.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; Keith Bybee, Deputy Division
Manager**

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Syme** for the Department of Commerce, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, include \$12,900 for benefit costs, include a reduction of \$800 for statewide cost allocation, and include \$70,300 for change in employee compensation. Also included is line item 1, which provides \$35,000 for a Rural Idaho Study. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 43 FTP, \$6,036,200 from the General fund, \$20,267,200 from dedicated funds, and \$11,294,000 from federal funds for a grand total of \$37,597,400, 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 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 Bair**.

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; Rob Sepich, Senior
Analyst**

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Nash** for the Department of Environmental Quality, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$126,800 for benefit costs, \$66,500 for statewide cost allocation and \$620,600 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides \$2,119,600 for operations at the Bunker Hill Central Treatment Plant; line item 2 transfers \$1,500,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation (Triumph Mine) Fund. Line item 3 provides \$560,200 onetime to clean up the Triumph mine; line item 4 includes \$980,400 onetime to repair the Triumph Mine tunnel; Line item 5 adds \$573,200 onetime for the Lake Coeur d'Alene study; line item 6 transfers 2.00 FTP and \$248,900 in the General Fund from the Water Quality Program to the Administration and Support Services Program; line item 7 transfers \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Agricultural Best Management Practices Fund; line item 8 transfers \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Pollution Control Fund and provides a onetime \$2,000,000 appropriation from the same fund for projects around Lake Coeur d'Alene; and line item 9 transfers \$6,181,700 from the General Fund to the Water Pollution Control Fund for assistance to disadvantaged communities.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 379.00 FTP, \$22,388,500 from the General Fund, \$20,773,200 from the dedicated funds, and \$28,594,100 from federal funds for a grand total of \$71,755,800, seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18** 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: 0

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 Nash**, granted by unanimous consent to add the language on the screen to the FY 2022 appropriation bill.

INTENT LANGUAGE: Section A: CASH TRANSFER FOR TRIUMPH MINE. There is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation (Triumph Mine) Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to be used for remediation, maintenance, and monitoring of conditions at the Triumph Mine.
Section B: REMEDIATION PROJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Moneys deposited into the Environmental Remediation (Basin) Fund shall be used for remediation of the Coeur d'Alene Basin in accordance with the Superfund contract with the Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of Environmental Quality shall file an annual report with the Governor, Legislature, and Coeur d'Alene Basin Environmental Improvement Project Commission on the remediation progress and the expenditures involved.
Section C: USES OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND. The appropriation of moneys from the Water Pollution Control Fund in this act shall specifically supersede the provisions of Section 39-3630, Idaho Code.
Section D: CASH TRANSFER FOR AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act, there is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$279,000 from the Department of Environmental Quality (General) Fund to the Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Representative Nash**, granted by unanimous consent to add the language on the screen to the FY 2022 appropriation bill.

INTENT LANGUAGE: Section E: CASH TRANSFER FOR AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. There is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
Section F: CASH TRANSFER TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FUND. There is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$8,181,700 from the General Fund to the Water Pollution Control Fund on July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
Section G: CASH TRANSFER FOR AGRICULTURAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. There is hereby appropriated and the Office

of the State Controller shall transfer \$284,700 from the Department of Environmental Quality (General) Fund to the Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP) Fund as soon as practicable for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Section H: An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section G of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.

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**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; Rob Sepich, Senior Analyst

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Lent** for the Department of Parks and Recreation, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, an increase of \$42,800 for benefit costs, \$4,039,900 for replacement items, \$84,300 for statewide cost allocations, and \$178,900 for change in employee compensation.

Also included are the following line items: line item 1, which provides 2.00 FTP and \$113,600 for additional park rangers; line item 2 for \$80,000 to provide for increased operating costs; \$100,000 to modernize the registration system; \$3,800,000 onetime to build-out the campground at Billingsley Creek; and \$600,000 onetime for visitor center exhibits at Billingsley Creek.

The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 159.39 FTP, \$3,488,600 from the General Fund, \$35,249,500 from dedicated funds, and \$8,048,100 from federal funds for a grand total of \$46,786,200, seconded by **Representative Green**.

DISCUSSION:

Questions from the Committee were answered by **Mr. Sepich**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 18 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: 0

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 Lent**, granted by unanimous consent to approve the standard bill language as shown on the screen for the Department of Parks and Recreation for FY 2022.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511(2), Idaho Code, trustee and benefit payments appropriated for grants in the Management Services Program may be transferred to capital outlay in the Capital Development Program or to capital outlay in the Park Operations Program to reflect grants awarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation 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.

REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Parks and Recreation any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Capital Development Program for fiscal year 2021 to be used

for nonrecurring expenditures in the Capital Development Program 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:**

ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD; Rob Sepich, Senior Analyst

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Cook** for the Endowment Fund Investment Board, beginning with the FY 2022 Base, and increase of \$2,300 for benefit costs, \$2,700 for inflationary adjustments, \$2,000 for replacement items, \$100 for statewide cost allocation, and \$10,200 for change in employee compensation. Also included is line item 1, which provides an additional appropriation of \$20,000 in personnel costs and shifts \$20,000 from operating expenditures to personnel costs to give a raise to the manager of investments. The totals for this motion for FY 2022 are 4.00 FTP and \$788,800 from dedicated funds, seconded by **Representative Troy**.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Cook discussed salaries of similar positions. Questions regarding the permanent corpus were answered by **Mr. Sepich** from LSO.

CARRIED:

AYES: 18 Senators Bair, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, Ward-Engelking and Nye.

Representatives Youngblood, Troy, Amador, Syme, Nate, Giddings, Bundy, Green, and Nash.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2

Senator Grow, Representative 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 Bair**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Cook**, granted by unanimous consent to include the two section of standard language as shown on the screen.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

Section X: CONTINUOUS APPROPRIATION. The Endowment Fund Investment Board is hereby granted continuous appropriation authority for consulting fees, custodial fees, investment manager fees, and other portfolio-related external costs for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Section Y: TRANSFERS FROM EARNINGS RESERVE FUNDS. For fiscal year 2022, it is hereby appropriated and the Endowment Fund Investment Board shall transfer \$88,076,500 as follows: \$54,798,000 from the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund to the Public School Income Fund; \$1,660,000 from the Agricultural College Earnings Reserve Fund to the Agricultural College Income Fund; \$6,179,000 from the Charitable Institutions Earnings Reserve Fund to the Charitable Institutions Income Fund; \$5,487,500 from the Normal School Earnings Reserve Fund to the Normal School Income Fund; \$2,689,500 from the Penitentiary Earnings Reserve Fund to the Penitentiary Income Fund; \$5,735,500 from the Scientific School Earnings Reserve Fund to the Scientific School Income Fund; \$6,425,000 from the Mental Hospital Earnings Reserve

Fund to the Mental Hospital Income Fund; and \$5,102,000 from the University Earnings Reserve Fund to the University Income Fund.

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ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Senator Bair
Chair

Denise B. McNeil
Secretary