

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Agenbroad, Crabtree, VanOrden (Bair), Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Ward-Engelking, and Nye

Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Amador, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green, and Nash

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Cook

CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Agenbroad** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:01 a.m.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU), Kevin Satterlee, President; Janet Jessup, Legislative Services Office (LSO) Senior Budget and Policy Analyst**

Ms. Jessup explained the multiple budgets included in the higher education college and university appropriation looked at earlier by the Committee, included ISU. She detailed the health education programs appropriation and the special programs appropriation for the Idaho Museum of Natural History. She explained that all the programs on the agenda are centered at ISU and its Pocatello, Idaho campus, even though they are budgeted separately.

President Satterlee highlighted ISU's accomplishments in the last year, and its strategic priorities going forward, focusing on career readiness, relevant research, health and human experience, and be student centered (see attachment 1). He explained the new Navigate software they are implementing to increase their graduation rates by identifying students who academically are at risk before they realize they are at risk, providing intervention from an academic advisor or tutor. **President Satterlee** detailed ISU's proposed line item requests, including the high demand workforce of \$773,100, student retention and completion of \$420,700, and the ISU and University of Idaho Joint Nuclear Proposal of \$1.1 million. He shared that the Governor recommended funding, as a separate budget unit, to build a bridge between the ISU campus in Idaho Falls and the Idaho National Laboratory campus, to create a connection between the university and the lab. **President Satterlee** noted the Governor's other recommendations, including projects through the permanent building fund, and the five percent change in employee compensation which is needed due to staffing shortages and high turnover rates. He pointed out that ISU serves Idaho students, with 90 percent of students being Idaho residents. **President Satterlee** stressed the initiatives and projects ISU is working on, making a difference for the state, and helping students better their lives through education.

In response to questions from the Committee, **President Satterlee** discussed ISU's actions to reduce spending on diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice programing and policies, as well as their academic advising and intervention program.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: IDAHO DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (IDEP), Jeff Ybarguen, DDS, Program Director; Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Budget and Policy Analyst

Ms. Jessup explained that the IDEP and the University of Utah School of Medicine have a working relationship and are housed within ISU, being distinctly appropriated programs within the appropriation for Health Education Programs. She stated the budget for Health Education Programs includes eight distinct programs, four of which provide medical education programming prior to a student receiving their medical degree. **Ms. Jessup** detailed that the medical education programs are 56 percent of the appropriation (see attachment 2). She emphasized state support versus student cost between fiscal year (FY) 2018 and FY 2022, with state support supplementing tuition and thereby reserving a certain amount of seats for Idaho students. **Ms. Jessup** informed that University of Utah's School of Medicine provides medical education for students in Salt Lake City and oversees psychiatry residents in eastern Idaho.

Dr. Ybarguen explained that IDEP does not have a brick and mortar dental school in Idaho and is a contract between the State of Idaho, Idaho State University, and Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He informed that first year students attend ISU, and then attend Creighton University in Nebraska for the remaining three years. **Dr. Ybarguen** highlighted that the program is able to provide dental education at about 40 percent of the cost it would be with a brick and mortar dental school, making it a good investment for Idaho (see attachment 3). He detailed that historically, greater than 65 percent of their applicants return to Idaho to practice. **Dr. Ybarguen** discussed IDEP's reappropriation request and the reason for it being a consequence of COVID-19 staffing issues, and that IDEP's FY 2023 budget items were normal maintenance, only addressing inflationary concerns.

In response to questions from the Committee, **Dr. Ybarguen** discussed the 65 percent graduate retention rate, urban versus rural dentistry, and the \$1.4 million supplemental request.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: IDAHO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (IMNH), Leif Tapanila, Director; Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Budget and Policy Analyst

Ms. Jessup informed that IMNH is a distinctly appropriated program housed at the ISU campus, appropriated separately from ISU's appropriation.

Mr. Tapanila appeared virtually to discuss IMNH's budget and stated the Governor's recommendations added no real structural change, with the major line item request being \$11,500 for replacement of outdated computer equipment used for archiving and data storage. He mentioned IMNH supported the Governor's requested five percent change in employee compensation. **Mr. Tapanila** reflected since 1934, IMNH's mission is preserving the natural objects that represent the heritage of Idaho. He informed that IMNH has over 1.2 million objects they take care of, keeping them safe and secure for future generations. He detailed IMNH's future plans (see attachment 4).

AGENCY PRESENTATION: UNIVERSITY OF UTAH MEDICAL EDUCATION, Benjamin Chan, MD, MBA, MEd, Associate Dean of Idaho Affairs; Janet Jessup, LSO Senior Budget and Policy Analyst

Ms. Jessup explained that the next three presentations were the health education programs, first being the hybrid program within the University of Utah, with students on their campus in Salt Lake City, also the overseeing of the psychiatry education residents that are in eastern Idaho. She discussed the Family Medical Residency program, which includes three distinct sub-programs headquartered in Boise, Coeur d’Alene, and ISU. **Ms. Jessup** mentioned the final program, the Eastern Idaho Medical Residency Program based in Idaho Falls, is a residency program, educating students in the hospitals and clinics in Idaho communities.

Dr. Chan testified virtually from Salt Lake City, sharing that as a child and adolescent psychiatrist, he and his colleagues’ services have been in extremely high demand, to the point of almost overwhelming, as burnout, stress and exhaustion have impacted youth. He conveyed the program has created a robust pipeline through Idaho high schools and universities, getting students interested in and prepared for medicine. **Dr. Chan** summarized the program has reserved 10 of the 125 seats at the medical school for Idaho students, and have over 400 graduates practicing medicine in Idaho. He described their programs to get students back to Idaho by creating clinical and other training opportunities. He reviewed the FY 2023 Governor’s Recommendations (see attachment 5).

Dr. Beth Botts addressed the Committee virtually, being the Training Director for the ISU Psychiatry Residency Track program, and explained the program is a collaboration between the University of Utah and ISU aimed at training psychiatrists in the southeast Idaho area. She provided details about the students and what the partnership is providing the state, especially in rural locations.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: FAMILY MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS, Kim Stutzman, MD, Program Director at Nampa

Dr. Stutzman expressed that the three year old Nampa program has 18 new resident doctors who serve the population and are learning in Canyon County. She reported that collectively, their programs have graduated 580 family doctors that serve the entire state and region providing millions of outpatient visits, delivering babies, providing hospital care, working in emergency rooms, and performing procedures. **Dr. Stutzman** explained these programs collectively have 69 residents training in seven different fellowships, and each family physician supports 12 additional jobs, bringing in over \$1 million of additional academic activity. She outlined the budget request for one additional class member, expanding from 11 to 12 residents per class, and the other request for an addiction medicine fellowship. **Dr. Stutzman** reported that Idaho is, and has been, in a health professional shortage.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **EASTERN IDAHO MEDICAL RESIDENCIES, Patricia Howell, MD, Chief Medical Officer, John Grider, DO, Internal Medicine Program Director**

Dr. Grider briefed that he was an internal medicine physician in Idaho Falls, and this was a new program promoting in state graduate medical education, producing ten board eligible internists every June. He informed that the need for internal physicians in Idaho is immense. **Dr. Grider** detailed the Governor’s recommendation for FY 2023 budget request of \$312,600 for six additional family medicine residents in Idaho Falls, consistent with the ten year graduate medical education plan by the Board of Education. He outlined the details of the first graduating class from June, and the success of the program.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman** Agenbroad adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Senator Agenbroad
Chair

Erin Miller
Secretary