

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

Co-Chairman Youngblood called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, presented the FY 2023 original budget for the Board of Tax Appeals.

MOTION: **Sen. Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Bundy**, for FY 2023, for the Board of Tax Appeals, 4.00 FTP and \$626,100 from the General Fund, which includes personnel benefits and replacements costs, change in employment compensation, and line items.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a vote of 18 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 18.** Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green. **NAYS: 0. ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.** Amador, Nash.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

Mr. Hibbard presented the FY 2023 original budget for the State Tax Commission.

MOTION: **Sen. Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Bundy**, for FY 2023, for the State Tax Commission, 446.00 FTP and \$40,396,600 from the General Fund, \$8,790,900 from dedicated funds, and \$189,500 from federal funds, for a grand total of \$49,377,000, which includes personnel benefits and replacements costs, change in employment compensation, and line items.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a vote of 18 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 18.** Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Giddings, Nate, Green. **NAYS: 0. ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.** Amador, Nash.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

Mr. Matt Farina, Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, presented the FY 2023 original budget for the Commission for Libraries.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Stephanie Bailey-White**, State Librarian and Director of the Idaho Commission for Libraries, stated the agency's mission is to build the capacity of libraries to better serve their communities. As such, all funds allocated to the agency benefit the libraries and citizens of Idaho.

MOTION:

Rep. Horman made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Ward-Engelking**, for FY 2023, for the Idaho Commission for Libraries, 37.50 FTP, \$4,774,800 from the General Fund, \$70,000 from dedicated funds, and \$6,668,900 from federal funds, for a grand total of \$11,513,700, which includes personnel benefits and replacements costs, change in employment compensation, and line items.

Rep. Nate spoke against the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by a vote of 17 AYES, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 17. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1.** Amador.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

Mr. Farina explained the intent language for this motion. Reappropriation authority requires legislative approval.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Rep. Horman requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language.

INTENT LANGUAGE:

SECTION_. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries from the American Rescue Plan Fund for fiscal year 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. 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.

Mr. Farina explained a FY 2022 supplemental request from the Workforce Development Council. This supplemental appropriation requests funding for childcare expansion grants, which will be targeted to business owners willing to build new childcare facilities or to expand existing facilities to increase the number of available childcare slots.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Rep. Troy requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2022 budget for the Workforce Development Council was reopened.

MOTION:

Rep. Troy made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Lent**, for FY 2022, for the Workforce Development Council, the appropriation of \$15,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund and that this action be placed in its own appropriation bill.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Wendi Secrist**, Executive Director, Idaho Workforce Development Council, stated this funding would benefit only organizations directly providing childcare.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by a vote of 17 AYES, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 17. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1.** Amador.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

Mr. Farina explained the intent language for this motion. Reappropriation authority requires legislative approval.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Rep. Troy requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language.

INTENT LANGUAGE:

INTENT: SECTION __. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to use onetime American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys to make investments that expand high quality childcare capacity, including grants to offset start up costs for employers providing on site care and providers, to expand the number of children served. The Workforce Development Council will provide quarterly reporting to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee and the Legislative Services Office.

Mr. Farina presented the FY 2023 original budget for the Workforce Development Council.

MOTION:

Sen. Lent made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Syme**, for FY 2023, for the Workforce Development Council, 9.00 FTP, \$125,000 from the General Fund, \$8,534,300 from dedicated funds, and \$25,909,800, for a grand total of \$34,569,100, which includes personnel benefits and replacements costs, change in employment compensation, and line items.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Farina** stated the funding for workforce training in line item 51 of the FY 2023 budget is ongoing with available ARPA funding, which is projected to be four to five years. Once APRA monies are no longer available, the 2.0 FTP and associated funding would be removed from this budget.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by a vote of 17 AYES, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 17. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green, Nash. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1.** Amador.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

Mr. Farina explained the intent language for this motion. Reappropriation authority requires legislative approval.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:

Sen. Lent requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language.

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION __. CNA CERTIFICATION STUDY. The Workforce Development Council shall solicit and execute a contract to evaluate the certification pipeline for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and provide a report to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2022. The report shall include at a minimum: Recommendations to provide an effective regulatory process such that a pipeline of CNAs are developed in alignment with the needs of employers; Recommendations to provide readily accessible education for the profession statewide; and Recommendations as to how a uniform disciplinary process could be implemented for reports of abuse and neglect.

SECTION __. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY. There is hereby reappropriated to the Workforce Development Council any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Workforce Development Council for Childcare Infrastructure Grants from the American Rescue Plan Fund for fiscal year 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for Childcare Infrastructure Grants for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. 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.

Ms. Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, explained the FY 2022 supplemental request from the Department of Administration for the Permanent Building Fund. This supplemental contains capital projects recommended by the Governor for the Division of Veterans Services and the Department of Correction, as well as an office buildout on the first floor and garden level of the Capitol for the House of Representatives, and an additional \$3,000,000 for the CEI Future Tech Facility, for a onetime General Fund transfer to the Permanent Building Fund and appropriation to the Department of Administration of \$251,000,000. The Department of Correction projects include a 100-bed community re-entry center in Pocatello, medical annex complex improvements that include a 280-bed, two story unit at the Idaho State Correctional Institution, and an 848-bed female prison. The funding for Veterans Services will support the conversion of shared rooms to private rooms at veterans homes in Boise, Pocatello, and Lewiston and add a parking structure to the Boise Veterans Home. Veterans Services has submitted, or is in the process of submitting, VA grant applications through the VA State Home Construction Grant Program, and the \$75,000,000 requested would comprise the State's 35% match for those grants.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Sen. Lent requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2022 budget for the Department of Administration was reopened.

MOTION:

Sen. Lent made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Grow**, for FY 2022, the appropriation and transfer of \$251,000,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund.

Rep. Nate spoke against the motion.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by a vote of 16 AYES, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 16. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy, Green. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2.** Amador, Nash.

Chairman Youngblood put the committee at ease.

Chairman Youngblood resumed the meeting.

Mr. Keith Bybee, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, explained in the previous motion, the ballot on the screen was incorrect and did not match the motion made by **Sen. Lent**. He advised the Committee to withdraw the previous action. He stated the FY 2022 budget remained opened and it was not necessary to repeat that motion.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Sen. Lent requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to withdraw the previous motion.

MOTION:

Sen. Lent made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Grow**, for FY 2022, the appropriation and transfer of \$251,000,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by a vote of 15 AYES, 2 NAYS, 3 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 15. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3.** Amador, Green, Nash.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

MOTION:

Sen. Lent made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Grow**, for FY 2022, for the Department of Administration, an additional \$251,000,000 in onetime capital outlay from the Permanent Building Fund, which is to be used for the following capital projects: \$75,000,000 for veterans' homes private room conversions; \$12,000,000 for a re-entry center in Pocatello; \$37,600,000 for a medical annex center; \$112,400,000 for an 848-bed female prison; \$11,000,000 for renovating office space for the Idaho legislature; and \$3,000,000 for the College of Eastern Idaho's Future Tech Facility.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Motion carried by a vote of 15 AYES, 2 NAYS, 3 ABSENT/EXCUSED. AYES: 15. Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Woodward, Lent, Riggs, Cook, VanOrden (Bair), Ward-Engelking, Nye, Youngblood, Troy, Horman, Syme, Bundy. **NAYS: 2.** Giddings, Nate. **ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3.** Amador, Green, Nash.

The majority having voted in the affirmative and without objection the legislation will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Youngblood**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Representative Youngblood
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary