

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just
Representatives Co-chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Green

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **GENERAL FUND UPDATE, Erin Phipps, Legislative Services Office (LSO), Revenue Analyst**
Ms. Phipps presented the General Fund Budget Update green sheet to the Committee (see, attachment 1). She emphasized page 4, where there was an added indication for new bills. She stated that all new bills listed did have an impact on the General Fund and provided further bill status and detail.

DISCUSSION: In response to a question from **Co-Chairman Grow** regarding the refundable tax credit for school choice, **Ms. Phipps** stated that if a bill is held in a committee it is removed from page 4 of the General Fund Update green sheet.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 COMMUNITY COLLEGES, LBB 1-75; Keith Bybee, Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**
Mr. Bybee presented the FY 25 budget for Community Colleges before the Committee. Idaho's community colleges provide two year associate degrees, academic transfer programs, provide training and certification for those entering paraprofessional levels of the labor market, provide skills and knowledge to those seeking professional licensure, and provide adult education and community service programs. There are four established community college districts in the state including College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, College of Western Idaho in Ada and Canyon County, North Idaho College in Kootenai County and College of Eastern Idaho in Bonneville County. The budget included the line item recommended by the Governor for operational capacity funding of \$1.3 million.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Bundy**, for the Community Colleges, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$1,829,800 for operational capacity enhancements; \$150,000 for POST Training Capacity; add \$869,900 for the 2% CEC and a reduction of \$99,800 for nondiscretionary adjustments. For Community Colleges for FY 2025, a total of \$2,749,900 from the General Fund; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking** .

DISCUSSION: **Representative Bundy** stated that included in line item 1, is \$213,400 for the College of Eastern Idaho, \$565,800 for the College of Southern Idaho, \$607,100 for the College of Western Idaho, and \$443,500 for North Idaho College. Included in line item 3, is \$50,000 for the College of Western Idaho and \$100,000 for the College of Eastern Idaho.

In response to a request from **Senator Herndon** for an explanation on the difference in spending between the agency request and the Governor's recommendation for the line item 1 Operational Capacity Enhancement amount of \$1,829,800, **Mr. Bybee** provided a break out of budget detail by community college. In response to a follow-up question from **Senator Herndon**, **Senator Ward-Engelking** stated the \$500,000 spending increase went toward community college salaries.

CARRIED: **AYES: 19**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Representative Tanner

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES, LBB 6–89; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Otto presented the FY 25 Budget for the Division of Human Resources before the Committee, stating the agency requested and the Governor recommended five FTP for human resources support throughout state agencies.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Division of Human Resources, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add 1.00 FTP and 100,100 for an HR Position for Parks and Recreation, 1.00 FTP and \$80,700 for an HR position for the State Public Defender, 1.00 FTP and \$80,700 for an HR specialist for the Department of Health and Welfare, 1.00 FTP and \$110,300 for an HR Supervisor for the Idaho Department of Correction, \$276,800 for the 2% CEC, and 1.00 FTP, and \$100,100 for an HR position for the Office of Information Technology Services. For FY 2025, an additional \$748,700 from dedicated funds, and an additional 5.00 full-time equivalent position for the Division of Human Resources; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Move by **Senator Herndon**, For the Division of Human Resources, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add 1.00 FTP and \$80,700 for an HR specialist for the Public Defender, 1.00 FTP and \$110,300 for an HR unit supervisor for IDOC, and \$276,800 for the 2% CEC. For the Division of Human Resources for FY 2025, an additional \$467,800 from dedicated funds, and an additional 2.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Representative Tanner**.

FAILED:

AYES: 9

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon
Representatives Horman, Miller, Lambert, Tanner, and Handy

NAYS: 11

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Green.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

CARRIED (ORIGINAL MOTION):

AYES: 16

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 4

Senators Adams and Herndon
Representatives Lambert and Tanner

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

Representative Tanner

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:

BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 ATTORNEY GENERAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, TUCKER V PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hibbard presented the FY 24 supplemental appropriation budget before the Committee. the office of the Attorney General in the Special Litigation Program. These are costs associated with a trial on the Tucker versus Public Defense Commission lawsuit and includes a request for \$435,000, to pay for costs associated with the contract for the trial.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Herndon**, for the Office of the Attorney General an additional \$435,000 from the General Fund for FY 2024 for Tucker v. Public Defense Commission trial costs.; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 20

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 ATTORNEY GENERAL, LBB 6–33; Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hibbard presented the FY 25 budget for the office of the Attorney General before the Committee. The Attorney General is the state's chief legal officer and provides legal services on behalf of Idaho state agencies. The budget included four line item requests, replacement items and the 2% CEC.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Petzke**, for the Office of the Attorney General, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget reduce 3.60 FTP and \$440,500 for Fair Hearings; add 1.00 FTP and \$169,200 for Civil Litigation and Constitutional Defense DAGs; 2.00 FTP and \$338,400 for Energy & Natural Resources DAGs; 2.00 FTP and \$319,400 for Transportation Department DAGs; \$104,600 for replacement items; and \$512,500 for the 2% CEC. For the Office of the Attorney General, for FY 2025, totals of \$972,100 from the General Fund, \$12,900 from dedicated funds, and \$18,600 from federal funds for a total of \$1,003,600, and an additional 1.40 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Lent**.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Moved by **Senator Herndon**, For the Office of the Attorney General, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget reduce 3.60 FTP and \$440,500 for Fair Hearings; add 2.00 FTP and \$338,400 for Civil Litigation and Constitutional Defense DAGs; 2.00 FTP and \$338,400 for Energy & Natural Resources DAGs; 2.00 FTP and \$319,400 for Transportation Department DAGs; \$104,600 for replacement items; and \$512,500 for the 2% CEC. For the Office of the Attorney General, for FY 2025, totals of \$1,141,300 from the General Fund, \$12,900 from dedicated funds, and \$18,600 from federal funds for a total of \$1,172,800, and an additional 2.40 full-time equivalent positions.; seconded by **Representative Tanner**.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Herndon and **Senator Petzke** spoke to the differences between the original motion and the substitute motion, including the difference in civil litigation DAGs.

FAILED:

AYES: 10

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, VanOrden, Adams, and Herndon
Representatives Horman, Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

NAYS: 10

Senators Lent, Cook, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

**CARRIED
(ORIGINAL
MOTION):**

AYES: 20

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon,
Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke,
Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,
LBB 6–9; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 25 Department of Administration budget before the Committee. The Department of Administration provides a variety of services to Idaho state agencies, institutions, and state employees. This includes maintaining the Capitol Mall and campus and other state owned buildings, providing security for state facilities, managing the design and construction of capital projects, and securing office space leases for agencies. The Department also houses the Division of Purchasing, provides health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits for state employees, and provides property and casualty insurance for state entities. It also offers centralized postal and copy services for state agencies. The Department of Administration includes five budgeted programs, and it is drawn largely from dedicated funds sourced by payments from agencies for its services. For FY 25, the Department of Administration requested two benefits management positions, three project management positions for purchasing officers, programming costs in order to implement and integrate the new state health insurance plan with LUMA, \$30,000 from the general fund to fund the governor's housing stipend, a janitorial contract increase and a transfer of \$21 million in excess state fiscal recovery funds back to the state.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Tanner**, for the Department of Administration, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add 2.00 FTP and \$143,500 for two benefits management positions; 3.00 FTP and \$278,800 for public works project management positions; 3.00 FTP and \$267,500 for purchasing officers; \$80,000 for ITN implementation; and \$67,000 for a janitorial contract increase; remove \$240,000 to adjust inflationary costs; add \$1,566,400 for replacement items; and add \$188,900 for the 2% change in employee compensation. For the Department of Administration for FY 2025, an additional \$15,300 from the General Fund, \$1,282,600 from dedicated funds, and \$1,054,200 from federal funds for a total of \$2,352,100, and an additional 8.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 20**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Tanner**, for the appropriation and transfer of \$21,054,200 from the Employee Group Insurance Fund to the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 20**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

DISCUSSION: **Representative Tanner** stated that Motion 1 provides replacement items, the additional 2% change in employee compensation, and requested line items other than a General Fund appropriation for the Governor's housing stipend and one purchasing officer. The motion also includes adjustments to correct the pay grade of a Public Works project manager and to reduce inflationary costs provided in House Bill 459 to align with Idaho Power's actual rate increase. Motion 2 transfers ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys from the Employee Group Insurance Fund back to the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for another eligible use.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Tanner**, that the following language be included in the Department of Administration fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

INTENT LANGUAGE: Reimbursement of COVID-19 Medical Costs. Of any remaining balance in the Employee Group Insurance Fund previously transferred from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund as of no later than June 30, 2025, there is hereby obligated the Department of Administration in the Insurance Management Program for fiscal year 2025 shall expend up to \$2,000,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the Gem Plan for medical expenses incurred due to COVID-19, and second, up to \$414,000 for the purpose of reimbursing Ill-A for medical expenses incurred due to COVID-19.

CARRIED: **AYES: 20**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Tanner**, that the following language be included in the Department of Administration fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

INTENT LANGUAGE: SECTION_. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the authority of the Department of Administration to dispose of the state administrative facility and property at 3311 W State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703 is revoked. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, custody and control of the state administrative facility and property at 3311 W State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703 shall be transferred to the Idaho Transportation Board.

CARRIED: **AYES: 14**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, and Herndon
Representatives Horman, Miller, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, and Handy

NAYS: 6

Senators Burtenshaw, Adams, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Bundy and Green

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 PERMANENT BUILDING FUND, LBB
6–25; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 25 Permanent Building Fund budget before the Committee. The Permanent Building Fund includes construction and maintenance costs for state buildings, including for higher education institutions. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council oversees the fund's capital and maintenance projects, approving all planning, design, and construction of state public works projects. Members of the Council are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The budget included the following line items: line item 1 includes \$25 million in additional funding for a new female prison, line item 2 would transfer \$25 million from the General Fund to fund a secure mental health facility, line item three would provide \$345,000 to provide utilities connections at the Orchard Readiness Center, line item 4 would provide \$15 million in additional funding for the Science and Research Building for Boise State University, line item 5 would provide \$7 million to expand facilities for ISU's physician assistant program, line item 6 would provide \$2 million in additional funding for the University of Idaho's Meat Science and Innovation Center, line item 7 would provide an additional \$2 million for the University of Idaho's MOSS Campus, and line item 8 would provide \$6,115,000 for safety upgrades to the Mechanical Technical Building and Whitman Complex at Lewis Clark State College, line item 9 would provide \$6 million for residential cottages at the School for the Deaf and Blind, and line item 10 would provide \$1 million for an insulated bus storage barn for the school for the Deaf and Blind. There are also amounts for replacement items, which include alterations and repairs projects for state agencies, facilities maintenance at the Capital Mall and Sheridan campus, asbestos abatement, and Ada compliance projects.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Lent**, for the Department of Administration, for the Division of Public Works, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, add \$25,000,000 for a new 848- bed female prison; \$25,000,000 for a secure mental health facility; \$345,000 for the National Guard's Orchard Readiness Center; \$13,000,000 for a new Science and Research Building at Boise State University; \$7,000,000 for a remodel or expansion of the physician assistant programs facilities at Idaho State University; \$2,000,000 for the Meat Science and Innovation Center at the University of Idaho; \$2,000,000 for the MOSS Campus at the University of Idaho; \$6,115,000 for safety upgrades to the mechanical technical building and Wittman Complex at Lewis-Clark State College; \$6,000,000 for residential cottages at the School for the Deaf and the Blind; \$1,000,000 for an insulated bus barn at the School for the Deaf and the Blind; and \$87,448,300 for building maintenance and alterations and repairs. For the Department of Administration, for the Division of Public Works for FY 2025, a total of \$174,908,300 in onetime dedicated funds; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 19**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 1
Representative Lambert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Lent**, for fiscal year 2025 the appropriation and transfer of \$23,000,000 from the General Fund to the Permanent Building Fund; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 1
Representative Lambert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Herndon

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Lent**, that the following language regarding the repurposing of appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund be included in the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

INTENT LANGUAGE: SECTION . REPURPOSING OF APPROPRIATION FOR IDOC TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 75, Laws of 2021; Section 2, Chapter 242, Laws of 2019; and any other provision of law to the contrary, \$7,000,000 appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works from the Permanent Building Fund for capital projects for the Idaho Department of Correction shall be repurposed to purchase and renovate the Training and Development Center located at 1090 East Watertower Street, Meridian, Idaho, 83642. Of the appropriation provided in Section 2, Chapter 75, Laws of 2021, \$5,000,000 appropriated for IDOC Connection and Intervention Station Housing shall be repurposed. Of the appropriation provided in Section 2, Chapter 242, Laws of 2019, \$2,000,000 appropriated for the Department of Correction North Idaho Reentry Center shall be repurposed.

CARRIED:

AYES: 19

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 1

Representative Lambert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Miller**, that the following language regarding the repurposing of appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund be included in the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill.; seconded by **Senator Lent**.

INTENT LANGUAGE:

SECTION . REPURPOSING OF APPROPRIATION FOR NORTH IDAHO MINIMUM SECURITY DORM AND ISU PA FACILITIES EXPANSION. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 256, Laws of 2022, and any other provision of law to the contrary, \$12,568,100 appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works from the Permanent Building Fund for deferred maintenance shall be repurposed for new capital projects. Such projects shall include a 100-bed minimum security dormitory at the North Idaho Correctional Institution for the Department of Correction, for which \$10,000,000 shall be utilized; and expanding Idaho State University's facilities for its physician assistant program, for which \$2,568,100 shall be utilized. Of the interest earnings generated in fiscal year 2024 from the Budget Stabilization Fund and Permanent Building Fund that accrue to the Permanent Building Fund, \$12,568,100 shall restore the contingency funds for deferred maintenance projects utilized for such capital projects.

CARRIED:

AYES: 18

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 2

Senator Herndon
Representative Lambert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Lent**, that the following language regarding the repurposing of appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund be included in the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

INTENT LANGUAGE: SECTION . REPURPOSING OF APPROPRIATION FOR CHIN DEN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 256, Laws of 2022, and any other provision of law to the contrary, the \$37,000,000 appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works from the Permanent Building Fund for Chinden Campus improvements shall be used to prepare Building 3 for occupancy by state tenants and to renovate common core spaces throughout the campus.

CARRIED: **AYES: 15**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, and VanOrden
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, and Handy

NAYS: 5
Senators Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking and Just
Representative Green

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: Requested by **Representative Miller**, granted by unanimous consent, that the following language be included in the Department of Administration for the Division of Public Works fiscal year 2025 appropriation bill.

INTENT LANGUAGE: SECTION . REPORTING. The Division of Public Works shall provide a report to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on the status of capital projects, statewide deferred maintenance, alterations and repairs, Capitol Mall and Chinden Campus facilities maintenance, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance projects, and asbestos abatement. The report will identify completed projects, total expenditures and commitments by capital project, and estimated costs for each capital project for the current fiscal year. The report will also provide a narrative explanation for any capital project for which construction has not started, or that the Division does not anticipate will start, within 24 months of its initial appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund. Such report shall be provided to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and Budget & Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than November 15, 2024.

SECTION . NEW APPROPRIATION FOR UNREALIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS. Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary, any appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund for a capital project for which construction activity has not begun in the four years from its initial appropriation shall be available for consideration for new appropriation. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council and Division of Public Works shall identify such funds and make a recommendation for their use in its budget submission in November 2024.

SECTION_. NEW APPROPRIATION FOR REMAINING BALANCES. Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary, any unexpended and unencumbered appropriation balance remaining for a completed capital project, and any appropriation for alterations and repairs or facilities maintenance with an unexpended and unencumbered balance remaining five years from its initial appropriation, shall be available for new appropriation. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council shall identify such funds and make a recommendation for their use in its budget submission in November 2024.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Lent**, granted by unanimous consent, that the following language was adopted:

**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.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 DIVISION OF WELFARE,
SUPPLEMENTAL ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM, LBB 2-32;
Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Williamson presented the supplemental for the Eligibility Verification System for the Division of Welfare within the Department of Health and Welfare before the Committee. The request is for a onetime transfer from personnel costs to operating expenditures to support the hardware and software for the eligibility systems used for the self-reliance program.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Cook**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare, for fiscal year 2024, a onetime, net zero budget impact reducing personnel costs by \$1,082,500, and increasing operating expenditures by \$1,082,500; seconded by **Representative Furniss**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 19**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Lent

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 DIVISION OF WELFARE, SUPPLEMENTAL LIHEAP UTILITY ASSISTANCE, LBB 2-32; Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Williamson presented the supplemental budget before the Committee related to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) within the Division of Welfare.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Furniss**, move for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare, the onetime increase of \$4,289,200 from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund; seconded by **Senator VanOrden**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 18**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 2
Senator Herndon
Representative Lambert

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2025 DIVISION OF WELFARE, LBB 2-29; Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Williamson presented the FY 25 Division of Welfare budget before the Committee. The Division of Welfare provides assistance and support services for eligible families and individuals, with programs including child support, Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho, and aid to the aged, blind, and disabled. In addition, the division determines Medicaid eligibility. The FY 25 budget request includes four line items as well as the 2% CEC.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$1,446,400 for the Federal Data Services Hub Interface; \$11,495,200 for Child Care Subsidies; \$1,090,600 onetime for the Summer EBT program; and \$798,300 for the 2% CEC. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare for FY 2025, an additional \$1,211,300 from the General Fund, and \$13,619,200 from federal funds for a total of \$14,830,500; seconded by **Representative Green**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator VanOrden** spoke to her motion, stating that the Summer EBT program was listed as onetime and differed from the agency request for ongoing.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by **Representative Tanner**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$11,495,200 for Child Care Subsidies; and \$798,300 for the 2% CEC. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Welfare for FY 2025, an additional \$304,400 from the General Fund, and \$11,989,100 from federal funds for a total of \$12,293,500; seconded by **Senator Herndon**.

DISCUSSION: **Representative Tanner** spoke in favor of the substitute motion and provided further detail. The difference in the motions include the Federal Data Service Hub, and the Summer EBT program.

Senator Cook and **Senator Ward-Engelking** spoke in favor of the original motion.

FAILED: **AYES: 7**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams and Herndon
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

NAYS: 13
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking and Just
Representatives Horman, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy and Green

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

CARRIED (ORIGINAL MOTION): **AYES: 16**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 4
Senators Adams and Herndon
Representatives Lambert and Tanner

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Bjerke**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following language was accepted:

SECTION_. To address the childcare needs of Idaho's workforce, the agency is encouraged to pursue and implement innovative solutions and partnerships for maximizing the value of federal funds through the Child Care Development Block Grant program.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Cook**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following language was accepted:

**INTENT
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION_. SUMMER EBT PROGRAM REPORTING. The Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Welfare shall provide a report to the Legislative Services Office Division of Budget and Policy Analysis on the division's plan for assisting qualifying families to improve their education, job opportunities, or income level. The format of the report and the type of information included therein shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office. The report shall be submitted no later than May 30, 2024.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, SUPPLEMENTAL HIV CARE PROGRAM DRUG REBATES, LBB 2-52; Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Williamson presented the supplemental budget before the Committee for FY 24 Public Health Services, Supplemental HIV Care Program Drug Rebates. The request is for \$1.5 million onetime from dedicated funds to allow the agency to purchase medications at a discounted rate for eligible Idahoans living with HIV or Aids. The onetime appropriation is requested to allow the agency to spend rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers that were delayed previously.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Public Health Services, the onetime increase of \$1,500,000 from the Cooperative Welfare Dedicated Fund; seconded by **Senator VanOrden**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 20

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, SUPPLEMENTAL LABORATORY SERVICES RECEIPTS, LBB 2-52; Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Williamson presented the supplemental budget before the Committee for FY 24 Public Health Services, Laboratory Services Receipts. The request was for \$115,900 transferred onetime from personnel costs to operating expenses, to meet annual operating expenses for the Lab Services Program.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Cook**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Public Health Services, from the Cooperative Welfare Dedicated Fund the onetime reduction of \$115,900 from personnel costs, and the onetime increase of \$115,900 for operating expenditures; seconded by **Representative Lambert**.

CARRIED: **AYES: 20**
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BUDGET SETTING, FY 2024 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, SUPPLEMENTAL CENTRAL TUMOR REGISTRY; Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Williamson presented the supplemental budget before the Committee for FY 24 Public Health Services. This supplemental is an accounting technical correction the agency asked for to be able to use funds that were appropriated last year. It is a request for an ongoing transfer from personnel costs to operating expenditures specific to the Central Tumor Registry Fund, a dedicated fund. The Cancer Data Registry for Idaho received \$360,000 through S 1182 of 2023 with the full amount intended to be in operating expenditures. This request is to move funds from trustee and benefit payments into operating expenditures, so the funds can be used to pay for existing contracted services.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Green**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Public Health Services, from the Central Tumor Registry Fund the reduction of \$240,000 from trustee and benefit payments, and the increase of \$240,000 for operating expenditures; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

CARRIED:

AYES: 20

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Handy, and Green

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Senator Grow
Chair

Linsy Heiner
Secretary