

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 15, 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:** **FY 2025 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ,LBB 5-23, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Legislative Services Office (LSO) Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Bybee** presented the FY 25 Department of Commerce budget before the Committee. The Department of Commerce fosters a business friendly environment to aid job creation, support existing companies, strengthen communities, promote innovation, and market Idaho domestically and internationally by offering economic development programs and resources to both new and existing business in Idaho. There were two FY 25 budget requests for the Department of Commerce including: the line item for the Idaho Rural Partnership and the line item to terminate the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission program.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Bundy**, for the Department of Commerce, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$116,900 for Idaho Rural Partnership funding; reduce \$1,000,000 to end funding for the Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission; \$82,000 for the 2% CEC; and create a new budgeted program for Broadband. For FY 2025, a General Fund reduction of \$834,700, \$21,200 from dedicated funds, and \$12,400 from federal funds for a total reduction of \$801,100; seconded by **Senator Burtenshaw**.

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

**NAYS: 1**  
Representative Lambert  
**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**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** **Representative Bundy** requested unanimous consent to include intent language as shown for broadband grants.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Herndon** objected to the unanimous consent request, stating that

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Bundy**; seconded by **Senator Burtenshaw** to accept the following language:

SECTION X. BROADBAND FUNDING FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT (IIJA). It is the intent of the Legislature to provide approximately \$588,000,000 of Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funding for broadband to connect unserved and underserved households in Idaho until the grant is complete. Funds for broadband grants are approved by the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board and administered by the Idaho Office of Broadband.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 15**  
Senators Grow, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green.

**NAYS: 4**  
Senators Bjerke and Herndon  
Representatives Lambert and Tanner

**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:** **FY 2025 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, LBB 6-83, Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Hibbard** presented the FY 2025 budget before the Committee for the Executive Office of the Governor before the Committee, which includes 21 full time positions. The Governor and his staff also houses money for emergencies that the Governor can expend for emergencies that were not foreseeable by the legislature. The FY 25 budget request included one line item, a request for a constituent services management system to modernize the current system.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Petzke**, For the Executive Office of the Governor, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$255,000 for a constituent services management system; and \$36,100 for the 2% CEC. For the Executive Office of the Governor for FY 2025, a total of \$291,100 from the General Fund; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 17**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Raybould, Furniss, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  
**NAYS: 1**  
Representative Lambert  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Senator Lent  
Representative Bundy  
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**.

**AT EASE:** The Committee went at ease at 8:11 am and was called back to order at 8:16 am.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **FY 2025 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE, INDEPENDENT COUNCILS, LBB 2-97, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented before the Committee the FY 25 Department of Health and Welfare, Independent Councils budget, which includes the Developmental Disabilities Council and the Domestic Violence Council.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Cook**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Independent Councils Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$18,500 for the 2% CEC. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Independent Councils Division for FY 2025, \$6,800 from the General Fund, \$800 from dedicated funds, and \$10,900 from federal funds for a total of \$18,500; 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, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  
**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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:** **FY 2024 LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION SUPPLEMENTAL (CONTRACT NURSES), LBB 2-74, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 2024 Licensing and Certification Supplemental (Contract Nurses) budget before the Committee. The request is for a onetime transfer of \$400,000 for personnel costs to operating expenditures for contract nurses to supplement the department staff. This relates to costs for the federally mandated recertification surveys in skilled nursing facilities.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Cook**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Licensing and Certification Division, a onetime, net zero budget impact reducing personnel costs by \$400,000, and increasing operating expenditures by \$400,000, seconded by **Representative Green**.

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

**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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:** **FY 2025 LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, LBB 2-71, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented before the Committee the FY 2025 Budget for the Licensing and Certification Division, which is responsible for licensing and certifying health care facilities that require certification by either state or federal requirements.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Licensing and Certification Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$121,900 for the 2% CEC. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Licensing and Certification Division for FY 2025, an additional \$16,900 from the General Fund, and \$105,000 from federal funds for a total of \$121,900; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

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

**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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: FY 2024 INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL (MPIU), LBB 2-66, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Indirect Support Services Supplemental (MPIU) budget before the Committee. The request is for a onetime transfer of \$400,000 from personnel costs to operating expenditures.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Indirect Support Services Division, from the General Fund the onetime reduction of \$400,000 from personnel costs, and the onetime increase of \$400,000 for operating expenditures for the Medicaid Program Integrity Unit; seconded by **Representative Lambert**.

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

**NAYS: 0**

Senators

Representatives

**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: FY 2024 INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL (INFLATIONARY ITEMS), LBB 2-66, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Indirect Support Services Supplemental budget related to inflationary items before the Committee. This includes a onetime transfer of \$1.3 million from personnel to operating expenditures, related to software license contracts.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Green**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Indirect Support Services Division, a onetime, net zero budget impact reducing personnel costs by \$1,305,200, and increasing operating expenditures by \$1,305,200; seconded by **Senator VanOrden**.

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

**NAYS: 0**

Senators

Representatives

**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: FY 2024 INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES SUPPLEMENTAL (COST ALLOCATION PLAN), LBB 2-66, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Indirect Support Services Supplemental (Cost Allocation Plan) before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Indirect Support Services Division, the onetime addition of \$138,100 from the Cooperative Welfare General Fund and \$158,300 from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund, for a total of \$296,400; seconded by **Representative Green**.

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

**NAYS: 1**  
Representative Lambert

**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: FY 2025 INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES, LBB 2-63, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 25 Indirect Support Services original appropriation budget before the Committee. The Indirect Support Services Division budget was not included in the maintenance appropriation. It provides administrative functions for the Department of Health and Welfare including central policy direction, data processing and IT activities, and financial services.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Green**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Indirect Support Services Division, beginning with the FY 2025 Base: reduce \$139,900 for benefit costs; reduce \$687,400 for statewide cost allocation; add \$252,500 for the 1% CEC; then add \$779,400 for MMIS Operational Data Personnel; add \$6,036,800 for replacement items; and \$489,200 for the 2% CEC. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Indirect Support Services Division for FY 2025, totals of \$23,757,800 from the General Fund, \$3,530,400 from dedicated funds, and \$29,185,500 from federal funds for a total of \$56,473,700 and 262.60 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 17**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  
**NAYS: 2**  
Senator Herndon  
Representative Lambert  
**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**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Representative Tanner** and granted by unanimous consent the following language was adopted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** SECTION\_. DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT POSITIONS. Notwithstanding any transfer limits, the department may transfer up to 3.00 FTP and up to \$397,000 in personnel costs into the Division of Indirect Services from any other Department of Health and Welfare budget to augment department oversight, compliance and other functions to advance legislative intent and direction as determined necessary by the Director.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **FY 2024 MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL, ONETIME RECISSION, LBB 2-40, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Medicaid Supplemental, Onetime Recission before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid, the onetime reduction of \$92,807,600 from the Cooperative Welfare General Fund, and the onetime reduction of \$185,147,100 from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund; 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, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.

**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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:** **FY 2024 MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL (ELECTRONIC RECORDS INCENTIVE PROGRAM), LBB 2-40, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Medicaid Supplemental (Electronic Records Incentive Program) before the Committee. The Electronic Records Incentive program ended in December, 2021.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Bjerke**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Psychiatric Hospitalization Division, the ongoing reduction of \$69,600 from the Cooperative Welfare General Fund, and the onetime reduction of \$17,032,500 from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund for the end of the Electronic Records Incentive Program; seconded by **Representative Green**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 19**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  
**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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:** **FY 2024 MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL (HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT FUND), LBB – 2-41, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 24 Medicaid Supplemental (Hospital Assessment Fund) budget before the Committee. This fund adjustment is related to the passage of S 1350 last session.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, for fiscal year 2024, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid, the reduction of \$80,000,000 from the Cooperative Welfare Dedicated Fund, the addition of \$125,600,000 from the Hospital Assessment Fund, and the addition of \$123,900,000 from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund for hospital assessments; seconded by **Representative Lambert**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 19**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  
**NAYS: 0**  
Senators  
Representatives  
**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: FY 2025 MEDICAID, LBB 2-37, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Williamson** presented the FY 25 Medicaid budget before the Committee. The Division of Medicaid administers plans to finance and deliver health services for individuals at risk due to low income and other factors, including old age, pregnancy, and disability. The division is organized in five budgeting programs.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$3,199,300 and 24.50 FTP for new staff division wide; \$65,859,200 for provider rate adjustments; \$6,313,500 for ICF rate adjustments; \$2,806,800 for MMIS current vendor annual increases; \$4,200,000 for personal care services case management; \$132,378,000 for MMIS procurement; reduce the General Fund by \$12,000,000 ongoing and add \$12,000,000 onetime from the Millennium Income Fund; add \$361,800 for the 2% CEC; and add \$38,094,300 for nondiscretionary adjustments. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid for FY 2025, totals of \$64,069,800 from the General Fund, \$91,222,300 from dedicated funds, and \$97,920,800 from federal funds for a total of \$253,212,900, and an additional 24.50 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Representative Furniss** stated this includes 2% CEC and nondiscretionary adjustments. Includes line items 1, 16, 20, and 22 as recommended by the Governor. Includes provider rate adjustments as recommended by the governor (see line 6), less Adult DD day health and Aged and Disabled day health. Includes 75% of amount requested for line item 10. Includes Millennium fund offset (see line 48) of \$12,000,000.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Tanner**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$2,399,500 and 21.00 FTP for new staff division wide; \$4,209,000 for ICF rate adjustments; \$2,806,800 for MMIS current vendor annual increases; \$132,378,000 for MMIS procurement; \$500,000 for work requirement; reduce \$15,640,000 for Medicaid Claims Payments; add \$361,800 for the 2% CEC; then reduce \$21,741,500 for an enrollment adjustment. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Division of Medicaid for FY 2025, a reduction of \$16,616,800 from the General Fund, an additional \$13,239,300 from dedicated funds, and an additional \$108,651,100 from federal funds for a total of \$105,273,600, and an additional 21.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Herndon**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Representative Tanner** spoke in favor of the substitute motion and outlined the differences between the original and substitute motions. He stated the substitute motion does not include nondiscretionary items and includes half of the amount requested by the agency for provider rate adjustments.

**FAILED:**

**AYES: 6**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Lambert and Tanner

**NAYS: 14**

Senators Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, 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**.

**CARRIED  
(ORIGINAL  
MOTION:**

**AYES: 17**

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

**NAYS: 3**

Senator Herndon  
Representatives Lambert and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 0**

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**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Furniss** and granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

SECTION\_. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare in the Division of Medicaid any unexpended and unencumbered balance appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare in the Division of Medicaid from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund for fiscal year 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in operating expenditures from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund to be used for the state's portion of the workforce requirement cost share for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Office of 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.

SECTION\_. PROVIDER RATE INCREASES. The Division of Medicaid shall deliver a report to the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division no later than December 1, 2024, on how the reimbursement rate increase in Section\_ was allocated by children's developmental disability services providers, adult developmental disability service providers, and aged and disabled service providers. The report shall include detailed information on how the funds were used to increase front-line and direct-care staff compensation, overhead and other business expenses, and compensation changes for other staff positions. All providers of these services shall participate and provide necessary information to the Division of Medicaid in a timely manner for the report to be prepared and published. The format of the report shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis** **FY 2025 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, LBB 2-49, Alex Williamson,**

**Ms. Williamson** presented before the Committee the FY 25 Public Health Services, which includes the Physical Health Services Program, Emergency Medical Services, Laboratory Services, Suicide Prevention and Awareness, and Health Policy Initiatives.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Green**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Public Health Services Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$3,620,600 onetime for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant; \$361,900 for laboratory operating costs; \$136,400 onetime for modernizing laboratory information management; \$439,800 onetime for the State Loan Repayment Program; \$482,800 for Maternal, Infant, and Early Child Home Visiting formula; \$400,000 onetime for data modernization; \$230,000 onetime for vital records modernization; \$400,000 onetime for the Women, Infants and Children Program; \$168,600 onetime for modernization of vital statistics system; \$187,900 for WIC staff; \$1,954,900 onetime for ELC data processing grants; \$4,500,000 onetime for the immunization program; \$5,089,300 onetime for adult vaccine provider support; \$120,700 for childhood lead poisoning prevention; \$944,700 for Alzheimer's and Dementia grants; \$500,000 onetime for the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program; \$6,021,000 onetime for disease investigation and control; \$325,000 for infrastructure grants; \$1,500,000 for the HIV Care program; \$2,400,000 for the Ryan White Part B Supplemental Grant; and \$510,400 for the 2% CEC. For Department of Health and Welfare, in the Public Health Services Division for FY 2025, totals of \$939,400 from the General Fund, \$1,596,600 from dedicated funds, and \$27,758,000 from federal funds for a total of \$30,294,000; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Representative Green** provided the following detail on the motion: includes the 2% CEC; line items 4, 15, 19, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45 and 46 as recommended by the Governor; includes \$4,500,000 TB onetime to be allocated to the seven local public health districts, clinics associated with tribes in Idaho, and some federally qualified health centers (see line 37).

**Representative Green** spoke to the original motion, stating that the budget working groups process was invaluable and provided discussion about differences of opinion, dialogue, and debate. She supports the original motion as it was the consensus of the group until the substitute motion was determined the afternoon prior to the March 15, 2024 JFAC meeting date.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Cook**, for the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Public Health Services Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget reduce 2.50 FTP and add \$3,282,600 onetime for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant; \$361,900 for laboratory operating costs; \$136,400 onetime for modernizing laboratory information management; \$439,800 onetime for the State Loan Repayment Program; \$482,800 for Maternal, Infant, and Early Child Home Visiting formula; \$200,000 onetime for data modernization; \$230,000 onetime for vital records modernization; \$400,000 onetime for the Women, Infants and Children Program; \$168,600 onetime for modernization of vital statistics system; \$187,900 for WIC staff; \$1,954,900 onetime for ELC data processing grants; \$4,500,000 onetime for the immunization program; \$5,089,300 onetime for adult vaccine provider support; \$120,700 for childhood lead poisoning prevention; \$944,700 for Alzheimer's and Dementia grants; \$500,000 onetime for

the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program; \$3,010,500 onetime for disease investigation and control; \$325,000 for infrastructure grants; \$1,500,000 for the HIV Care program; \$2,400,000 for the Ryan White Part B Supplemental Grant; and \$510,400 for the 2% CEC. Then remove 11.50 FTP and \$2,320,500 from the General Fund and \$17,806,300 from federal funds ongoing; add 11.50 FTP and \$2,320,500 from the General Fund and \$17,806,300 from federal funds onetime; remove \$11,400 from federal funds for COVID Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System; remove \$281,200 from federal funds for Personal Resp. Ed Prevention Grant; and remove \$330,800 from federal funds for Sexual Risk Avoidance Ed. Grants. For the Department of Health and Welfare, in the Public Health Services Division for FY 2025, totals of \$939,400 from the General Fund, \$1,596,600 from dedicated funds, and \$23,586,100 from federal funds for a total of \$26,122,100 and remove 2.50 full-time equivalent position(s); seconded by **Representative Tanner**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Cook** spoke in favor of the substitute motion, stating the working groups worked at a fast pace and it was not intentional to surprise any Committee members. He spoke to the importance of being able to show Committee member constituents where money is spent and outlined the budget items moved from the expense categorization of ongoing to one-time (see, attachment 1).

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 16**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, and Lent  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 4**  
Senators Ward-Engelking and Just  
Representatives Furniss 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**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Senator Bjerke**, and granted by unanimous consent the following language was adopted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** SECTION\_. FEDERAL GRANTS. In addition to the requirements in Section 67-3512 and 67-1917, Idaho Code, the Department of Health and Welfare shall notify the chairman of the health and welfare committee in both the senate and house of representatives prior to applying or reapplying for any federal grant. Such notification shall include but is not limited to, grant type, CFDA and DU NSF numbers, title of grant, grant start date, grant end date, and brief description of the grant including the source and long-term impact. This information shall also be sent to the co-chairs of the joint finance and appropriations committee.

SECTION\_. SMOKING CESSATION. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 18 of Session Law chapter 8, as enacted by the second regular session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, and any other provision of law to the contrary, of the moneys appropriated in Section 1 of said bill, \$1,278,900 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund shall be distributed to the public health districts for the purpose of prevention and cessation programs for tobacco, vape, and other substances as I funds allow. The Department of Health and Welfare shall transfer the funds on July 1, 2024 or as II soon as practicable thereafter. The funds shall be distributed to each district based on the approved formula of the board of

trustees of the Idaho districts boards of health as provided in Section 39-411 {6} Idaho Code.

**DISCUSSION:** **Ms. Williamson** provided background on the intent language before the Committee. **Representative Tanner** requested unanimous consent to accept the intent language. **Senator Ward-Engelking** objected to the unanimous consent request.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Tanner**, seconded by **Senator Herndon** to accept the following language:

Section . DIRECTING THE USE OF THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT. Of the funds appropriated in Section\_ of this act for the State Opioid Response Grant, funds available for naloxone shall be available only to first responders for distribution in the State of Idaho.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 11**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Horman, Bundy, Tanner, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Ward-Engelking and Just  
Representatives Raybould, Furniss and Green

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Miller and Lambert  
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:** **Co-Chairman Grow** spoke to budget and work group process used by JFAC during the session and commended the Committee on robust discussion, debate, and voting.

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

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Senator Grow  
Chair

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Linsy Heiner  
Secretary