

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 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-Chair Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Green
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

Co-Chair Horman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, explained the Department of Education requested a reduction and transfer of \$5,330,000 to the Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) for the Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant Program. The reduction from the Department includes \$3,430,000 from the General Fund and \$1,900,000 from the Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Herndon**, for FY 2025, for the State Department of Education, from trustee and benefit payments, a reduction of \$3,430,000 from the General Fund and a reduction of \$1,900,000 from the Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 20 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: None. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: None.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman**.

MOTION: **Rep. Bundy** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Herndon**, for FY 2025, for the Office of the State Board of Education from trustee and benefit payments, an additional \$3,430,000 from the General Fund and \$1,274,000 from the Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 20 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: None. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: None.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman**.

Ms. Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy, explained **H 592** provides compensation to livestock owners and producers who have experienced livestock losses from grizzly bears and wolves. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game and the Office of Species Conservation, will manage the fund and will be the authorized agency for compensation to livestock owners and producers.

MOTION: **Sen. Burtenshaw** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Raybould**, for FY 2025, for the Department of Agriculture, \$225,000 from the Depredation of Livestock and Prevention Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 17 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** **Senators voting in favor** of the motion: **Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, Just.** **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Herndon.** **Representatives voting in favor** of the motion: **Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, Green.** **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **Lambert, Tanner.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman.**

Co-Chair Horman explained trailer bills are contingent upon the passage of the underlying policy bills.

MOTION: **Sen. Burtenshaw** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Raybould**, for FY 2025, the appropriation and transfer of \$225,000 from the General Fund to the Depredation of Livestock and Prevention Fund within the Department of Agriculture.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 17 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** **Senators voting in favor** of the motion: **Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Ward-Engelking, Just.** **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Herndon.** **Representatives voting in favor** of the motion: **Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, Green.** **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **Lambert, Tanner.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman.**

Mr. Keith Bybee, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, presented the FY 2025 Cash Transfer from the Public Defense Fund to the General Fund.

MOTION: **Co-Chairman Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Miller**, to transfer \$36,000,000 to the General Fund from the Public Defense Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 20 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** **Senators voting in favor** of the motion: **Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just.** **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **None.** **Representatives voting in favor** of the motion: **Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, Green.** **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **None.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman.**

Mr. Bybee presented a piece of language associated with the Budget Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Co-Chairman Grow** requested, and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following language:

LANGUAGE: FY 2025 CASH TRANSFER. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 57-814, Idaho Code, which limits the allowable balance in the Budget Stabilization Fund to fifteen percent (15%) of total General Fund receipts for the fiscal year just ending, and requires the Office of the State Controller to transfer excess moneys in the Budget Stabilization Fund back to the General Fund, and any other provision of law to the contrary, the Office of the State Controller shall not transfer funds from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the General Fund for the period June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Ms. Christine Otto, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy, presented a technical correction for language associated with the Idaho Transportation Department.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Sen. Cook** requested unanimous consent to change the effective date for the language for the Idaho Transportation Department, revoking the sale of the State Street property, to upon passage and approval.

Senator Just objected.

MOTION: **Senator Cook** make a motion, seconded by **Rep. Handy**, to change the effective date for the language for the Idaho Transportation Department, revoking the sale of the State Street property, to upon passage and approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 17 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: Ward-Engelking, Just. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: Green.**

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 **Co-Chair Horman**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Representative Horman
Chair

Anna Rose Byers
Secretary