DATE: Friday, March 22, 2024
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Co-chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, and Green
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Senators Adams
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 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL – PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT (OPERATIONS), Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 24 supplemental budget request before the Committee. The request is to reallocate funds currently appropriated in the Administrators Division, Teachers Division, and Operations Division that have no vehicle to go out because of fewer average daily attendance support units. The budget submission was about $165 million and current estimates are closer to $145 million of a shortfall of moneys that were appropriated in the current year that will not go out.

MOTION: Moved by Representative Petzke, for FY 2024, for the Public School Support Program from the Public School Income Fund that $7,699,500 from the Administrators Division, $61,206,800 from the Operations Division, and $36,093,700 from the Teachers Division be reallocated to the Operations Division to provide an additional $105,000,000 for onetime discretionary fund allocations that will be distributed by the State Department of Education as an additional distribution separate from any other, ongoing discretionary funds as appropriated and allocated in Section 4 of Senate Bill 1206 from the 2023 legislative session. Funds shall be distributed pursuant to Sections 33-1018, and 33-1003A Idaho Code; seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking.

DISCUSSION: Representative Petzke stated the goal of the working group was to make sure all dollars for FY 24 went out to schools. With the challenge of a moving target due to a change in support units, the working group’s approach was to utilize a supplemental for FY 24 to make sure all dollars going out during FY 24 to public schools.
CARRIED:  AYES: 18
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2
Senators Burtenshaw and Adams
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 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT, LBB 1-3– ADMINISTRATORS/ OPERATIONS/ CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS/ IDLA, Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 25 Public Schools Support budget before the Committee. He provided the Division of Administrators, Division of Operations and Division of Children's Programs combined maintenance of current operations budget and summarized enhancement requests.

MOTION:  Moved by Representative Horman, for the Public School Support Program, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget for the Administrators, Operations, and Children's Programs Divisions: add $99,957,700 for the final year of ESSER III and children experiencing homelessness funding; then reduce $62,985,800 for nondiscretionary adjustments for the Administrators and Operations Divisions; then add $1,642,500 to address the new funding formula for the Idaho Digital Learning Academy; $8,003,700 for the additional 2% CEC for administrators and classified staff recommended by the Legislatures CEC Committee; $63,567,300 for additional discretionary funding and endowment fund adjustments. For FY 2025 an additional $2,270,300 from the General Fund, $7,957,400 from dedicated funds, and $99,957,700 from federal funds for a total of $110,185,400 and that the Administrators Division, Operations Division, and Children's Programs Division be combined into a new Student Support Division with the current three divisions being reorganized as programs within Student Support, with the exception of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy as it will be its own division and appropriation bill; seconded by Senator Van Orden.

DISCUSSION:  Co-Chairman Horman stated the Committee’s commitment to advance all money out to schools and the supplemental represents an estimate at this time with the change in support units.

CARRIED:  AYES: 15
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green.
NAYS: 3
Senator Herndon
Representatives Lambert and Tanner
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2
Senators Burtenshaw and Adams
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:** Mr. Tatro stated the Intent Language as to amend Section 33 — 1004E Idaho Code to update the minimum salary for Administrators and Classified Positions.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Co-Chairman Horman** and granted by unanimous consent, to amend Section 33–1004E (6) & (7), Idaho code and the following language was adopted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:**

33-1004E. DISTRICT’S SALARY-BASED APPORTIONMENT. Each district shall be entitled to a salary-based apportionment calculated as provided in this section.

Subsections (1) – (5) and (8) are excluded from the packet for readability and simplicity. (6) To determine the apportionment for district administrative staff, first determine the district average experience and education index by placing all eligible certificated administrative employees on the statewide index provided in section 33-1004A, Idaho Code. The resulting average is the district index. If the district does not employ any administrative staff, the district administrative index shall equal the statewide average index for purposes of calculating administrative salary-based apportionment. On and after July 1, 2023, 2024. The district administrative staff index shall be multiplied by the base salary of forty-three thousand one hundred fifty-one dollars ($43,151) forty-four thousand four hundred forty-six dollars ($44,446). The amount so determined shall be multiplied by the district staff allowance for administrative staff determined as provided in section 33-1004(4), Idaho Code. The resulting amount is the district's salary-based apportionment for administrative staff.

(7) On and after July 1, 2023, 2024, to determine the apportionment for classified staff, multiply thirty-eight thousand eight hundred two dollars ($38,802) thirty-nine thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars ($39,966) by the district classified staff allowance determined as provided in section 33-1004(5), Idaho Code. The amount so determined is the district's apportionment for classified staff.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Tatro provided additional information on intent language, stating the increase to discretionary funds of 20% is a result of a lot of moving parts. Setting a budget based on 694 estimated fewer support units and adding to discretionary even though there are fewer estimated support units.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Co-Chairman Horman** and granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following language:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** Section . That Section 13 of House Bill 460, if enacted by the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, it is estimated that the appropriation of state funds to the Public Schools Educational Support Program's Division of Operations as part of the Student Support Division will result in total discretionary funds of $23,472 per support unit that are to be used at the discretion of the school district or charter school.
Section_. That Section 14 of House Bill 460, if enacted by the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

HEALTH BENEFIT AND INSURANCE FUNDS. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, it is estimated that the appropriation of state funds to the Public Schools Educational Support Program's Division of Operations as part of the Student Support Division will result in total health benefits or insurance and health benefits-related funds of $21,854 $20,150 per support unit to be used to offset the costs of health, vision, and dental benefits or insurance offered to school employees. If the distribution provided for health, vision, and dental benefits or insurance is in excess of the individual school district's or charter school's actual costs, the excess funds may then be used at school district's or charter school's discretion. Further, the State Department of Education shall work with the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division and the Division of Financial Management to determine the information that the State Department of Education shall collect on school districts' and charter schools' health, vision, and dental benefits or insurance plan information and costs, including but not limited to actual insurance premium costs, premium percentage increases, and health insurance revenues and expenditures from all fund sources.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Tatro provided a summary of intent language, stating it will ensure that all moneys will go out to school before the start of next school year. In addition, with the consolidation of FY 25 into Student Support, it ensures all same dollars used.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT:
Requested by Co–Chairman Horman and granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

SECTION_. PUBLIC EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND DEPOSITS. Notwithstanding Section 33-907, Idaho Code, and any other provision of law to the contrary, no moneys appropriated for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, shall be deposited into the Public Education Stabilization Fund from the Public School Income Fund.

SECTION_. REAPPROPRIATION. Any moneys remaining in the Public School Income Fund after the transfers in Section 2 of this act have been made are hereby reappropriated for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for the purpose of distributing moneys on a onetime basis pursuant to the criteria outlined in Section 33-1018, Idaho Code, using the average daily attendance counts provided for in Section 33-1003A, Idaho Code, from the 2023-2024 school year, and shall be distributed as soon as practicable. Any moneys reappropriated in this section shall be considered expended in the Public School Support Program in fiscal year 2024 to be consistent with prior years and to ensure the General Fund cash reconciliation is accurate.

SECTION_. OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION. The State Department of Education shall withhold the November payment for any school district that is not in compliance with the provisions of Section 33-1409, Idaho Code, until such time that a school district becomes compliant.

SECTION_. DIVISION REALIGNMENT. Any moneys appropriated to the
Public Schools Educational Support Program's Divisions of Administrators, Operations, and Children's Programs for fiscal year 2025 shall be considered the same as if appropriated in the Student Support Division.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Tatro provided a summary of the proposed intent language, which requires 2 separate motions. He stated $40 million is transferred from public school income fund, with $20 million transferred to the School District Facilities Fund, and the other $20 million transferred to the Career Ready Students Program Fund.

Co-Chair Horman stated that the language allows funds to stay in public education in ways that will still benefit Idaho students.

MOTION: Moved by Co-Chairman Horman, seconded by Senator VanOrden, the appropriation and transfer of $20,000,000 from the Public School Income Fund to the School District Facilities Fund established in Section 33-911, Idaho Code and the following associated language:

SECTION _. PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND TRANSFERS. After the State Department of Education has reconciled the appropriation to actual disbursements for public schools for the 2023-2024 school year, the State Department of Education shall notify the Office of the State Controller, and the State Controller shall transfer as soon as practicable a total $40,000,000 from the Public School Income Fund with $20,000,000 being transferred to the School District Facilities Fund established in Section 33-911, Idaho Code, and $20,000,000 transferred to the Career Ready Students Program Fund established in Section 33-2214, Idaho Code. If there is insufficient money to meet the $40,000,000 transfer, the State Controller shall adjust each transfer proportionately.

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

NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Adams
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 Co-Chairman Horman, seconded by Senator VanOrden, the appropriation and transfer of $20,000,000 from the Public School Income Fund to the Career Ready Students Program Fund established in Section 33-2214, Idaho Code and the following associated language:

SECTION _. PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND TRANSFERS. After the State Department of Education has reconciled the appropriation to actual disbursements for public schools for the 2023-2024 school year, the State Department of Education shall notify the Office of the State Controller, and the State Controller shall transfer as soon as practicable a total $40,000,000 from the Public School Income Fund with $20,000,000 being transferred to the School District Facilities Fund established in Section 33-911, Idaho Code, and $20,000,000 transferred to the Career Ready Students Program Fund
established in Section 33-2214, Idaho Code. If there is insufficient money to meet the $40,000,000 transfer, the State Controller shall adjust each transfer proportionately.

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

**NAYS: 0**
**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**
Senator Adams

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:  Senator Herndon provided information on his motion related to Digital Content.

MOTION:  Moved by Senator Herndon, seconded by Co-Chairman Horman to accept the following language:

Section__ That Section 24 of House Bill 460, if enacted by the Second Regular Session of the Sixtyseventh Idaho Legislature, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIGITAL CONTENT. Of the funds appropriated in Section 4 of this act, $1,600,000 shall be distributed by the State Department of Education to school districts and public charter schools to purchase digital content and curricula of their choice. Funding will be distributed based on a formula prescribed by the State Department of Education that includes a base amount and an amount based on the number of midterm support units, subject to Section 33-4804(2), Idaho Code.

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

**NAYS: 3**
Senators Just and Ward-Engelking
Representative Green

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**
Senator Adams

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 PRESENTATION:  **FY 2025 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT, LBB 1-3 – TEACHERS**
Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented FY 25 Public Schools Support Teachers budget before the Committee. He stated that the budget is not a reduction to teachers, but a result of fewer estimated support units. It does not change the eligibility or distributions with the Career Ladder.
MOTION: Moved by Representative Bundy, for the Teachers Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget reduce $42,527,100 for nondiscretionary adjustments. Totals for the Teachers Division a reduction of $42,527,100 from the General Fund; seconded by Senator Ward-Engelking.

DISCUSSION: Representative Bundy stated that the Career Ladder implementation is in the maintenance budget and has already been approved.


NAYS: 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1 Senator Adams 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 PRESENTATION: FY 2025 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT, LBB 1-3 — FACILITIES, Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 25 Public Schools Support — Facilities budget before the Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Senator Lent, for the Facilities Division, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget reduce $1,300,500 for nondiscretionary adjustments; add $106,201,500 for the funding approved through H292 from 2023; then reduce $54,581,700 for base adjustments and related to passage of H521; then add $76,777,200 for facility funds in H521; and $20,000,000 for the onetime FY 2024 moneys being reserved and carried forward into FY 2025 for facility fund distributions. For the Facilities Division for FY 2025, a reduction of $2,475,800 from the General Fund, and an additional $149,572,300 from dedicated funds, for a total of $147,096,500; seconded by Representative Bundy.

DISCUSSION: Representative Bundy stated that this motion does not include the $1 billion of state issued bonds as that fund is continuously appropriated. This motion includes all moneys appropriated through the "H292" per student distribution. The H521 impacts are displayed separate to show the base adjustments related to Bond Levy Equalization and Facilities Maintenance Match being removed from Idaho Code. Lottery funds are restored to the division to account for the new per student distribution and for the additional $26M of sales tax distribution.*Lottery Money is not new money- it already exists in the Base appropriation. Maintenance Match and charter school facility funding that was recommended by the governor could not be included because those funds were also supported by the governor for use in H521.

Mr. Tatro stated that the $106 million is a distribution amount that went out in the current year, and is the current best estimate for what will go out in the next round of distributions.

Co-Chair Horman stated the motion represents a 280% increase on dedicated funds for school facilities and even though there are fewer students, the legislature is making a heavy investment in school facilities.
CARRIED: AYES: 18
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, and Green.
NAYS: 1
Representative Lambert
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1
Senator Adams
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: Mr. Tatro stated that a spreadsheet for FY 25 Original Appropriation Public Schools Support Program will be included in the Session Record (see, attachment 1).

LSO PRESENTATION: FY 24 SUPPLEMENTAL- DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Jared Tatro,
Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis
Mr. Tatro presented the FY 24 Supplemental for the Department of Education before the Committee. He stated it was a request for $2 million in one time funds to implement a program that will assist individuals with disabilities in accessing opportunities for education, vocational rehabilitation and employment. These dollars have been awarded to Idaho and the Department is just awaiting appropriation to expand. These are not direct service dollars but are dollars where the Department of Education will coordinate and work with vocational rehabilitation, independent living, schools, and other state educational agencies to ensure that when it comes to this population, dollars are expended in the maximum way possible with minimal duplication.

MOTION: Moved by Representative Miller, for FY 2024 for the Department of Education, an additional $2,000,000 onetime from the Federal Grant Fund in trustee and benefit payments; seconded by Senator Herndon.

CARRIED: AYES: 18
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, Handy, and Green.
NAYS: 0
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2
Senator Adams
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 PRESENTATION: FY 25 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LBB 1-121, Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis
Mr. Tatro presented the FY 25 Department of Education budget before the Committee.
MOTION: Moved by Senator Lent, for the State Department of Education, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add 1.00 FTP and $86,000 for a new auditor position; $350,000 for Suicide Prevention, 1.00 FTP and $151,700 for a regional director position; $800,000 for a portion of the office remodel costs; add $150,000 ongoing from dedicated funds for the standards review and adoption; add $26,500 for the professional standards commission, add 0.5 FTP and $60,000 onetime for the summer EBT program; $1,395,800 for ESSER administration; $537,800 for children experiencing homelessness; $1,205,800 for private school support; $299,000 for the farm to school grant; $2,000,000 for the disability innovation partnership; 0.5 FTP and $302,000 onetime for the underperforming charter schools, $43,400 for replacement items from dedicated funds; $212,700 for the 2% CEC; then add $20,000,000 onetime for the Idaho Career Ready Students Program; and provide reappropriation up to $15,000,000 of unobligated moneys from the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Fund. For the State Department of Education for FY 2025, an additional $1,884,000 from the General Fund, $20,256,000 from dedicated funds, and $5,480,700 from federal funds for a total of $27,620,700, and 3.00 additional full-time equivalent positions; seconded by Representative Petzke.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by Senator Herndon, for the State Department of Education, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add 1.00 FTP and $86,000 for a new auditor position; $350,000 for Suicide Prevention, 1.00 FTP and $151,700 for a regional director position; $800,000 for a portion of the office remodel costs; add $150,000 ongoing from dedicated funds for the standards review and adoption; add $26,500 for the professional standards commission; $1,395,800 for ESSER administration; $537,800 for children experiencing homelessness; $1,205,800 for private school support; $299,000 for the farm to school grant; $2,000,000 for the disability innovation partnership; 0.5 FTP and $302,000 onetime for the underperforming charter schools, $43,400 for replacement items from dedicated funds; $212,700 for the 2% CEC; then add $20,000,000 onetime for the Idaho Career Ready Students Program; and provide reappropriation up to $15,000,000 of unobligated moneys from the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Fund. I move for the State Department of Education for FY 2025, an additional $1,824,000 from the General Fund, $20,256,000 from dedicated funds, and $5,480,700 from federal funds for a total of $27,560,700, and 2.50 additional full-time equivalent positions; seconded by Representative Lambert.

DISCUSSION: Senator Herndon spoke in favor of the substitute motion, stating the only difference was leaving out the $60,000 for the EBT program. He stated the EBT program is outside of scope education and public schools.
Senator VanOrden spoke in favor of the original motion, stating it is onetime funding and did not include the full requested amount.
Senator Ward-Engelking spoke in favor of the original motion and stated it provides a a half time person to coordinate with health and welfare and other administrations
Senator Herndon stated a federal summer foods program already exists.
FAILED:  
AYES: 5  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, and Herndon  
Representatives Lambert and Tanner  

NAYS: 14  
Senators Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green.  

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1  
Senator Adams  

CARRIED (ORIGINAL MOTION):  
AYES: 15  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green  

NAYS: 3  
Senator Herndon  
Representatives Lambert and Tanner  

ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2  
Senators Cook and Adams  
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 Lent and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:  

SUMMER EBT PROGRAM. Of the moneys appropriated for the Summer EBT program in Section 1 of this act, all moneys are appropriated one-time and should be expended and accounted for as such. This program oversight and communication in the future should be conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare. The State Department of Education in cooperation with the Department of Health and Welfare shall report on Summer EBT expenditure data to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee by December 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.  

SUICIDE PREVENTION. The State Department of Education shall provide a report on the utilization and implementation of funds appropriated for suicide prevention in schools. The report shall be submitted to Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division, no later than December 1, 2024.  

STANDARDS REVIEW AND ADOPTION PROGRAMS. Notwithstanding Section 49-308, Idaho Code, of the amounts appropriated in Section 1 of this act and any other appropriation provided by law from the Drivers Training Fund, no more than $150,000 shall be used for standards review and adoption programs.  

LSO PRESENTATION:  
H614 – GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY FUND, Janet Jessup, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis  
Ms. Jessup provided information to the Committee related to Trailer bill for H 614. She stated H 614 had already passed the Senate and House.
MOTION: Moved by Representative Raybould, and seconded by Senator Burtenshaw to accept the following language:

CASH TRANSFERS TO THE GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY FUND. The Office of the State Controller shall transfer any moneys identified pursuant to Section 38-1704, Idaho Code for the good neighbor authority program to the Good Neighbor Authority Fund within the Department of Lands on July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

CARRIED: AYES: 17 Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, and Handy NAYS: 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3 Senator Adams Representatives Tanner and Green 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 PRESENTATION: DEPARTMENT OF LANDS – ADJUSTMENT FOR TIMBER PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS, Janet Jessup, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Jessup stated this action provides parity between CPTPA and other firefighters including those at the Department of Lands and the Southern Idaho TPA.

MOTION: Moved by Senator Burtenshaw, for fiscal year 2025, for the Department of Lands in the Forest and Fire Protection Program an appropriation of $175,000 from the General Fund for enhancements to the Clearwater-Potlach Timber Protective Agency; seconded by Representative Miller.

CARRIED: AYES: 17 Senators Grow, Bjerke, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Petzke, and Handy NAYS: 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED: 3 Senator Adams Representatives Tanner and Green 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 PRESENTATION: H 633 – POSTPARTUM CARE, Alex Williamson, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Williamson presented the budget detail before the Committee, stating in amends the state plan to 12 months to make sure women do not have a gap in postpartum coverage. The fiscal impact of this bill is to transfer from basic Medicaid to expansion plan.

MOTION: Moved by Representative Furniss, in FY 2025, for the Expansion Medicaid Plan Program, an additional $5,500,000 from the General Fund, and $49,500,000 from federal funds for a total of $55,000,000; seconded by Senator VanOrden.

CARRIED: AYES: 14 Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy
NAYS: 2 Representatives Tanner and Lambert
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 4 Senators Adams, Cook and Herndon Representative Green

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 Furniss, in FY 2025, for the Basic Medicaid Plan Program, a reduction of $5,500,000 from the General Fund, and $49,500,000 from federal funds for a total reduction of $55,000,000; seconded by Senator VanOrden.

CARRIED: AYES: 14 Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy
NAYS: 2 Representatives Tanner and Lambert
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 4 Senators Adams, Cook and Herndon Representative Green

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 PRESENTATION: H494 HUMAN TRAFFICKING FY 25, Tim Hibbard, Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hibbard presented the FY 25 Trailer appropriation for H 494. He stated the fiscal impact is one FT position and $239,500.

MOTION: Moved by Representative Petzke, for the Office of the Attorney General an additional $239,500 from the General Fund and an additional 1.00 full-time equivalent position for fiscal year 2025; seconded by Senator Bjerke.
CARRIED: AYES: 14
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, VanOrden, and Just
Representatives Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner and Petzke
NAYS: 2
Senator Ward-Engelking
Representative Handy
ABSENT/EXCUSED: 4
Senators Adams, Cook and Herndon
Representative Green
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 9:24 a.m.

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Senator Grow             Linsy Heiner
Chair

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