

AGENDA  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
12:00 P.M. or Upon Adjournment  
Room C310  
Thursday, February 06, 2025

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS 32236</a>	Cybersecurity and Resiliency Fund	Rep. Horman
<a href="#">RS 32264</a>	Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind	Rep. Horman

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Horman  
Vice Chairman Miller  
Rep Furniss  
Rep Handy  
Rep Petzke

Rep Tanner (14)  
Rep Manwaring  
Rep Mitchell  
Rep Price  
Rep Galaviz

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 06, 2025  
**TIME:** 12:00 P.M. or Upon Adjournment  
**PLACE:** Room C310  
**MEMBERS:** Chair Horman, Vice-Chair Miller, Representatives Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Tanner(14), Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Galaviz  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.  
**Chair Miller** called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.  
**RS 32236:** **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 32236**, proposed legislation regarding a Cybersecurity and Resiliency Fund.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to introduce **RS 32236**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**  
**RS 32264:** **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 32264**, proposed legislation regarding the Idaho Education Services for the Deaf and the Blind.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to introduce **RS 32264**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Representative Miller  
Chair

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Alyson Jackson  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
9:00 A.M. or Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee  
Room C310  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 168</a>	Cybersecurity and resiliency fund	Rep. Horman
<a href="#">H 169</a>	Ed srvcs, deaf, blind, budget	Rep. Miller

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M. or Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee
- PLACE:** Room C310
- MEMBERS:** Chair Horman, Vice-Chair Miller, Representatives Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Tanner(14), Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Galaviz
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Galaviz
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
- MOTION:** **Chair Horman** called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.
- Rep. Price** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chair Horman** turned the gavel over to **Vice-Chair Miller**.
- H 168:** **Rep. Horman** presented **H 168**, legislation regarding a Cybersecurity and Resiliency Fund. The fund created by this bill is intended to support both agency-specific IT systems and centralized operations managed by the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS), with the goal of enhancing cyber protection and addressing infrastructure vulnerabilities. The 3% budget cap has made it difficult for agencies to prioritize IT needs, resulting in security issues. This bill aims to resolve these challenges by establishing a dedicated fund for future IT expenses.
- Mr. Alberto Gonzalez**, Administrator and Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology Services, spoke **in support** of the fund. The fund will address growing cyber threats by focusing on critical hardware replacement and necessary software to protect state infrastructure and citizen data. It aims to streamline IT requests through OITS, improving efficiency. With recent cyber attacks on Idaho's systems, the fund is essential for safeguarding against future threats. The bill includes accountability measures, requiring annual reports on fund usage and outcomes.
- Committee members inquired about management of the fund and tracking the fund expenses. They also expressed concerns about cash transfers and ongoing appropriation into the fund without oversight.
- Ms. Lori Wolff**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, clarified the fund would operate similar to the Permanent Building Fund (PBF); projects would require JFAC approval.
- Rep. Horman** recognized the confusion in the bill's Statement of Purpose and Fiscal Note. Initially, she believed the fund was meant to be a onetime cash transfer, which was reflected in the original Fiscal Note. However, when she realized it needed ongoing funding incorporated into the base, she changed "onetime" to "ongoing" but overlooked removing the word "transfer." She acknowledged there is no such thing as an ongoing cash transfer of funds.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Gonzalez** confirmed the fund would focus on network and firewall infrastructure, with some technology items remaining in agency budgets.

Committee members made further inquiries about project prioritization, how the fund would be managed, the role of oversight, and ensuring agency needs were adequately met without redundancy.

**Chair Horman** made closing remarks. She explained while continuous appropriation was not her preferred approach, it is necessary for addressing critical IT needs quickly, similar to infrastructure projects. She assured transparency in fund usage and prioritization of IT protection. Chair Horman requested support for **H 168** and committed to addressing the Fiscal Note later.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** made a motion to send **H 168** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Petzke** stated his support of the technology fund but his opposition to the continuous appropriation, so he intended to vote nay.

**Rep. Mitchell** stated he would vote aye in committee but reserved the right to vote nay on the House Floor, pending a list of proposed computer equipment purchases.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 168** in committee for one week, until March 5, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice-Chair Miller** turned the gavel over to **Chair Horman**.

**H 169:** **Rep. Miller** presented **H 169**, proposed legislation regarding the Idaho Education Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB).

**Mr. Jared Tatro**, Deputy Division Manager of LSO Budget & Policy, stated this bill amends Idaho Code to allow IESDB to submit its budget as originally proposed. Currently, the State Board of Education has the authority to override IESDB, although it never has. Additionally, the entire budget will be allocated immediately.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Handy** made a motion to send **H 169** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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Representative Horman  
Chair

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Alyson Jackson  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
2:30 P.M.  
Room C310  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>RS 32664</u></a>	Cybersecurity and Resiliency Fund	Alberto Gonzalez, Administrator and Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services
<a href="#"><u>S 1116</u></a>	State agencies, billing	Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy
<a href="#"><u>S 1148</u></a>	Commissioner compensation	Keith Bybee, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy
<a href="#"><u>H 325</u></a>	Housing, finance assoc, fed grants	Rep. Rasor

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025

**TIME:** 2:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS:** Chair Horman, Vice Chair Miller, Representatives Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Tanner(14), Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Galaviz

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chair Horman** called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**RS 32664:** **Mr. Alberto Gonzalez**, Administrator and Chief Information Officer of Information Technology Services (OITS), presented **RS 32664**, proposed legislation establishing a Cybersecurity and Resiliency Fund. He explained this revised proposal requires OITS to establish a five-year replacement cycle for information technology equipment. OITS will be required to update its replacement plan annually. OITS will submit the annual plan to the Division of Financial Management and undergo the regular JFAC appropriation process.

In response to committee questions, **Administrator Gonzalez** explained the purpose of this new legislation is to establish the fund, not to appropriate the funding. The Legislature will determine the adequate funding amount. The purpose of the fund is to purchase essential computer equipment to protect state agencies and the information they store.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 32664**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

**S 1116:** **Mr. Jared Tatro**, Deputy Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy, presented **S 1116**, legislation to change the budgeting process as it pertains to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) through the Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP) model. OAH's current billing model, which estimates costs in advance and submits a bill, has not been successful. It will be replaced with a cost-allocation model, similar to the one used by the Attorney General, State Controller, and State Treasurer. This new model will allocate costs based on the percentage of services used.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Manwaring** made a motion to send **S 1116** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Chair Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1148:** **Mr. Keith Bybee**, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy, presented **S 1148**, legislation regarding Commissioner compensation. This bill would align Commissioner salary increases with those given to state employees, specifically for the Public Utilities Commission, State Tax Commission, and Industrial Commission. If passed by the House, the legislation will return to JFAC for funding as a trailer appropriation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Handy** made a motion to send **S 1148** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by a voice vote.** **Rep. Price** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Chair Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 325:** **Rep. Rasor** presented **H 325**, legislation regarding federal grants and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA). The legislation will give JFAC oversight of federal housing funding grants given to IHFA to bring it in line with other federal funds.

The committee discussed the legislation. They noted these federal funds do not go through the State Treasury and expressed concerns about the effects on the Idaho Bond Bank Authority and the Idaho Building Authority.

**Mr. Brady Ellis**, Executive Vice President, Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA), testified **in opposition** to the bill. He pointed out IHFA, an independent body, administers grants directly without state involvement. He stated several federal agencies perform regular audits of IHFA. Mr. Ellis argued the bill would undermine IHFA's independence, potentially harm its bonding activities, may impact the State's credit rating, and risk other entities taking over grant administration, which could negatively affect Idahoans. He stated federal grants are renewed annually, so existing programs wouldn't be grandfathered under the new system.

**Mr. John McDevitt**, General Counsel, IHFA, spoke **in opposition** to the bill. He explained treating IHFA as a state agency could blur its independent status, potentially impact its bond credit rating and violate constitutional debt limits. Mr. McDevitt cautioned linking IHFA to the state's budget process might affect its financial standing and the state's credit rating.

**Rep. Tanner (14)** spoke **in support** of the bill. He emphasized the importance of oversight and accountability for such entities, particularly in regard to new federal grants. He argued the legislation would not interfere with IHFA decisions but would ensure transparency and oversight.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Petzke** made a motion to **HOLD H 325** in committee.

**Rep. Petzke** spoke to his motion. He warned starting to appropriate non-state federal funds could set a dangerous precedent, potentially leading to the appropriation of federal funds for cities, school districts, and others.

The committee discussed using the audit process for accountability.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYES, 5 NAYS. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Manwaring, Galaviz. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Horman, Miller, Tanner (14), Mitchell, Price.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** made a motion to send **H 325** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion failed by a vote of 5 AYES, 5 NAYS. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Horman, Miller, Tanner (14), Mitchell, Price. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Manwaring, Galaviz.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Representative Horman  
Chair

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Alyson Jackson  
Secretary



AGENDA  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
9:30 A.M. or Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee  
Room C310  
Friday, March 21, 2025

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 413</a>	State employee reduction, travel	Rep. Moyle
<a href="#">RS 32718</a>	State Controller, Idaho Housing and Finance Assoc.	Rep. Horman

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**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS:** Chair Horman, Vice Chair Miller, Representatives Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Tanner(14), Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Galaviz

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chair Horman** called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

**Chair Horman** put the committee at ease at 10:13 a.m.

**Chair Horman** resumed the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

**H 413:** **Mr. Keith Bybee** presented **H 413**. This legislation includes two main provisions: Section 1 formalizes the process of reconciling personnel budgets with available fulltime equivalent positions and requires reducing the budget for vacant positions. Section 2 aims to increase transparency in state employee travel expenses by requiring reports on the cost and effectiveness of professional development travel. The bill seeks to improve efficiency and reduce waste in both budgeting and travel spending.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** made a motion to send **H 413** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chair Horman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chair Horman** turned the gavel over to **Vice-Chair Miller**.

**RS 32718:** **Rep. Horman** presented **RS 32718**, proposed legislation regarding the State Controller and the Idaho Housing and Financing Association. This proposal requests reporting requirements to Transparent Idaho also be applied to the Idaho Housing and Financing Association.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner (14)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32718**. **Motion carried by a voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

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Representative Horman  
Chair

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Alyson Jackson  
Secretary

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Upon Adjournment of Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee  
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of minutes	

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**MEMBERS:** Chair Horman, Vice Chair Miller, Representatives Furniss, Handy, Petzke, Tanner(14), Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Galaviz  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chair Miller  
**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.  
**Chair Horman** called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025, and March 21, 2025, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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Representative Horman  
Chair

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Alyson Jackson  
Secretary