MINUTES

JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, February 09, 2026
TIME:	8:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Room C310
MEMBERS:	Senators Co-Chair Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow Representatives Co-Chair Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None

Co-Chair Tanner (14) called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Keith Bybee, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy, explained the committee would take up the remaining actions from the previous JFAC meeting. He presented the FY 2026 cash transfer from the Permanent Building Fund to the General Fund. He stated this cash transfer was specifically related to cancelled projects originally funded by the Permanent Building Fund.

MOTION: **Co-Chair Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Mitchell**, for the appropriation and transfer of $33,745,000 from the Permanent Building Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Bybee** stated funds were associated with cancelled capital projects, including the Carnegie Library purchase and renovation; Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections facility additions; Idaho State Police District 2 facility construction; Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) connection and intervention station housing; the IDOC North Idaho Reentry Center; and the Idaho State University (ISU) pedestrian crossing over the railway tracks connecting ISU and the Idaho National Laboratory.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Lori Wolff**, Administrator, Division of Financial Management, discussed the cancelled projects.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 18 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED**. **Senators voting in favor of the motion**: **Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking**. **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Wintrow**. **Representatives voting in favor of the motion**: **Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris**. **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **Green**.

Mr. Bybee presented the FY 2026 cash transfer from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the General Fund.

MOTION: **Co-Chair Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Harris**, for the appropriation and transfer of $15,000,000 from the Water Pollution Control Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

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, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway**. **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Ward-Engelking, Wintrow**. **Representatives voting in favor of the motion**: **Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris**. **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **Green**.

Mr. Bybee presented the FY 2026 cash transfer from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund.

In response to a committee question regarding eligible students on the waiting list, **Mr. Bybee** stated approximately $94M was available, with $84M obligated, resulting in less demand for funds than cash available.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Zuiderveld**, for the appropriation and transfer of $10,000,000 from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 18 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED**. **Senators voting in favor of the motion**: **Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway**. **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Ward-Engelking, Wintrow**. **Representatives voting in favor of the motion**: **Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green**. **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **None**.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) put the committee at ease at 8:16 a.m.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) resumed the meeting at 8:17 a.m.

Mr. Bybee presented the FY 2027 cash transfer from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund. He explained this $10M would be in addition to the $10M included in the previous motion.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Bybee** explained the motion provided for a $10M transfer to the General Fund only if awards were reconciled and obligated and funds remained available, indicating the transfer would not reduce funds available to students.

Sen. Cook provided clarifying remarks, explaining the $10M referenced in the previous motion consisted of unclaimed or returned funds resulting from changes in student eligibility or circumstances. He stated these motions preserved accountability by awarding all available funds and transferring only unused amounts remaining in the fund, consistent with statutory requirements to transfer excess funds to the General Fund.

MOTION: **Co-Chair Grow** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Bruce**, for FY 2027, the appropriation and transfer of $10,000,000 from the In-Demand Careers Fund to the General Fund once awards have been obligated and reconciled on December 31, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 18 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED**. **Senators voting in favor of the motion**: **Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway**. **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Ward-Engelking, Wintrow**. **Representatives voting in favor of the motion**: **Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green**. **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **None**.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) put the committee at ease at 8:25 a.m.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) resumed the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Mr. Bybee stated the committee had begun finalizing the FY 2027 maintenance budget Conditions, Limitations, and Restrictions (CLR) language. He noted the standard language did not include a summary of recent budget reductions, which were still being finalized. He added agency budgets contained correct figures for review during workgroup meetings and identified the ten maintenance budgets under consideration: Public School Support, State Board of Education, Health and Human Services, Public Safety, Judicial Branch, Natural Resources, Economic Development, General Government, Legislature, and Constitutional Officers.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bybee** explained the maintenance budget CLR language included important but less controversial provisions, especially for agencies not requesting FY 2027 budget enhancements. He confirmed the CLR language reflected current law.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

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Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

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Alyson Jackson
Secretary