

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 06, 2026

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-Chairman Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Co-Chairman Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, 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.** with a quorum present.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **General Fund Daily Update - Christopher Lehosit, Senior Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO)**  
**Mr. Lehosit** provided a General Fund Update ‘green sheet’ before the Committee (see, attachment 1). He explained how pages two and three worked together to show the fiscal year 2027 impacts of JFAC decisions, with page two providing the overall General Fund schedule and page three showing agency-level detail and pending actions. He summarized bills listed on page four, including H503, H556, H559, and the newly added H578, outlining their fiscal impacts and when those impacts would appear in the green sheet. He also explained how legislative changes would be reflected on pages one and two as bills advanced.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **BUDGET SETTING - FY 2026 Budget Recissions Act, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**  
**Mr. Bybee** presented a FY 2026 Idaho Budget Recissions Act packet before the Committee (see, attachment 2). He outlined three FY 2026 appropriation reduction scenarios including: 1) the Governor's recommendation, 2) an additional 1% reduction plan, and 3) an additional 2% reduction plan. He explained that each scenario was built from decision units including agency-specific reductions from Executive Order 2025-05, long-term vacant positions, unallocated CEC from S1110 of 2025, and the Governor's recommended rescissions.

**DISCUSSION:** **Chairman Grow** stated the additional 1% and 2% reduction options did not include further cuts to public schools, Medicaid, corrections, or state police; reductions for those agencies were contained in the Governor’s recommendation.

**Senator Cook** stated Committee members had already spent months reviewing budgets line by line to find thoughtful, targeted cuts that would not harm services or create larger downstream costs. He stated he did not support across-the-board 1% or 2% reductions as it was imprecise and dismissive of the Committee's efforts.

**Co-Chair Grow** emphasized the proposed reductions were intended as overall targets to help address structural imbalance and revenue uncertainty, not to override workgroup decisions. He stated letters sent to agencies followed past precedent during tight fiscal years and were meant as a courtesy to gather suggestions. He stressed the Committee retained full authority to adjust budgets up or down, and workgroups would still make detailed decisions. He underscored the need for structural balance, ongoing revenue alignment, and fiscal caution given uncertainty around tax conformity and revenue projections.

**Co-Chair Tanner** stated the goal was to provide workgroups with a realistic structural framework so they could balance the budget responsibly. He noted the shift from a large ongoing surplus the prior year to a current structural deficit under the Governor's proposal.

**Co-Chair Grow** emphasized the constitutional duty to pass a balanced budget and said the proposed reductions were meant to give workgroups a baseline to work within, not to override their authority.

**Representative Furniss** expressed concern the Committee was not consulted before the letter requesting 1% and 2% reduction plans was sent to agencies. He argued some agencies may warrant deeper cuts while others may warrant none, and that it should be the Committee's job to determine that agency by agency. He also voiced concern about past decisions—such as provider cuts and elimination of mental health programs—where he felt the Committee lacked sufficient input, warning that insufficient involvement could lead to mistakes.

**Senator Woodward** clarified for the public that the vote concerned whether to adopt additional rescissions in the current fiscal year (FY 2026), not future ongoing funding. He explained the decision would affect the ending fund balance, which becomes the starting point for the next year. He highlighted that all proposals still involved reductions to areas like public schools, Idaho State Police, and the Tax Commission. He raised concerns about cutting State Police amid recruitment challenges and reducing Tax Commission funding while implementing complex tax conformity changes. He contrasted current efforts to build a large ending balance with the much smaller balances during the Great Recession and cautioned against changing funding levels without corresponding policy changes.

**Senator Carlson** sought clarification that even if the Governor's recommendation were approved, the Committee would still retain the authority to adjust individual items within that recommendation.

**Co-Chair Grow** confirmed that Committee flexibility to make budget adjustments remained.

**Senator Galloway** stated the projected ending balance for FY 2026 was about \$32 million, which would not be enough to cover the cost of tax conformity, suggesting that additional changes were necessary.

**Senator Woodward** reiterated that the action under discussion was a rescission for the current fiscal year only and did not represent an ongoing funding reduction in future years.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Senator Woodward**, for FY 2026, to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$116,161,300, reduce dedicated fund appropriations by \$9,097,700, and reduce federal fund appropriations by \$52,236,600 for a total rescission of the FY 2026 appropriation of \$177,495,600. This motion also includes a reduction in fulltime equivalent positions of 96.36; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Moved **Co-Chair Tanner**, for FY 2026, to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$131,321,800, reduce dedicated fund appropriations by \$9,097,700, and reduce federal fund appropriations by \$52,236,600 for a total rescission of the FY 2026 appropriation of \$192,656,100. This motion also includes a reduction in fulltime equivalent positions of 110.05; seconded by **Co-Chair Grow**.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Senator Ward-Engelking** spoke against the substitute motion. She expressed concern about eliminated programs, potential furloughs, lack of raises, and increased insurance costs for state employees. She attributed the budget situation to large prior tax cuts rather than an economic downturn and urged agency-by-agency review instead of uniform reductions.

**Senator Woodward** spoke in favor of the original motion, reiterating it proposed a 3% rescission for the current fiscal year only, not an ongoing cut, and acknowledged it still reduced funding for areas including public schools and state police.

**Co-Chair Tanner** emphasized that the additional 1% option excluded further reductions to Medicaid, K–12 education, corrections, and state police. He said lawmakers were making difficult but modest adjustments to maintain a structural balance and preserve a small cushion amid revenue uncertainty and new legislation affecting the budget.

**Senator Galloway** supported moving forward with the vote, describing it as setting both a goal and a consequence. She said the reduction created accountability for work groups to find more strategic, thoughtful savings and believed that if lawmakers succeeded in making smart adjustments, the additional cut could ultimately become unnecessary.

**Representative Petzke** supported the original motion but opposed going further, criticizing across-the-board cuts as an “easy button” approach. He argued the additional \$16 million reduction would cause harm without meaningfully improving structural balance and suggested lawmakers instead examine major legislative priorities passed in recent years.

**Senator Bjerke** said he respected the concerns raised but viewed the interim reductions by the Governor’s office as responsible groundwork. He emphasized that key areas he cared about—such as Medicaid, public safety, and medical education—were not facing additional cuts under the proposal and saw the vote as building on prior difficult decisions, particularly in light of tax conformity impacts.

**Senator Zuiderveld** spoke in favor of the substitute motion, urging members to consider working families facing inflation and noting significant state government growth in recent years. She argued modest additional cuts were reasonable and necessary given reduced federal funding and long-term fiscal sustainability.

**Representative Bruce** echoed that perspective, saying constituents struggling to afford basic expenses expected fiscal restraint.

**Senator Woodward** questioned revenue comparisons in the budget scenarios, suggesting the state could absorb tax conformity within existing projections and warning that a 1% rescission late in the fiscal year would have a larger practical impact than it appeared.

**Senator Cook** stated he supported cutting spending but opposed uniform reductions, arguing the Committee's role was to make targeted decisions rather than apply blanket percentages.

**Vice Chair Miller** supported the substitute motion, saying setting a clear target was necessary to guide workgroups and prepare for future fiscal challenges.

**Senator Hart** clarified that all agency budgets would return to the Committee for review and possible enhancements.

**Representative Green** raised concerns about Medicaid provider cuts and the broader impact of repeated reductions on programs previously prioritized by the legislature.

**Senator Wintrow** stated earlier tax cuts had created the structural problem and that further reductions risked undermining services relied upon by working families.

**Chairman Grow** stated the Committee was ready to vote on the substitute motion on the table. He stated there was a modification from how the Committee voted, referencing a November, 2025 JFAC letter (see, attachment 5). Approval would now require a majority of the Senate members present and a majority of the House members present, rather than a majority of the full Senate Finance Committee and the full House Appropriations Committee. He added that while the change did not affect the current vote since all members were present, it would apply going forward.

**CARRIED  
(SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION):**

**Ayes: 14**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway,  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price,  
Bruce, Harris

**Nays: 6**

Senators Woodward, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Petzke, Green

**Ab/Ex: 0**

Both committees having voted in the majority, the substitute motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Co-Chair Tanner**, the appropriation and transfer of \$22,366,500 from the Public School Income Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable; seconded by **Representative Bruce**.

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 17**

Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow

Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Bruce, Green

**Nays: 3**

Senator Zuiderveld

Representatives Price, Harris

**Ab/Ex: 0**

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2027 Statewide Decisions- Ongoing General Fund Base Reductions, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** presented the statewide decisions packet before the Committee (see, attachment 3). He explained statewide decisions apply across all agency budgets and include items such as personnel benefit cost adjustments, contract inflation, statewide cost allocation, and changes in employee compensation. He emphasized that given the current budget situation, the Committee also needed to decide on base reductions. He stated each decision would be voted on separately so staff could incorporate the approved figures into the maintenance budgets and allow work groups time to focus on clear language and final details. For ongoing General Fund base reductions, three options were presented: the Governor's recommended 3% reduction, an additional 1% reduction for a total of about 4%, or an additional 2% reduction for a total of about 5%.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Co-Chair Tanner**, to reduce Base budgets for selected state agencies by approximately 5%. This results in a reduction of \$143,121,000 from the General Fund, with FTP reduced by a total of 227.12; seconded by **Chairman Grow**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Woodward**, to reduce Base budgets for selected state agencies by approximately 3%. This results in a reduction of \$112,157,500 from the General Fund, with FTP reduced by a total of 149.93; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Petzke**; to reduce Base budgets for selected state agencies by approximately 4%. This results in a reduction of \$129,345,700 from the General Fund, with FTP reduced by a total of 169.92. seconded by **Representative Manwaring**.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Senator Ward-Engelking** expressed strong opposition to making ongoing base cuts, saying cuts would harm Idahoans by reducing university capacity, eliminating jobs, cutting services for vulnerable populations, and decreasing education funding. She expressed disappointment about cuts to public education, emphasizing prior commitments by proponents of the education tax credits that there would not be cuts to public education.

**Representative Manwaring** supported the 1% reduction option to preserve flexibility for workgroups. He emphasized wanting the ability to adjust cuts agency by agency rather than being locked into across-the-board reductions, seeking assurance that members could reallocate reductions within maintenance budgets.

**Co-Chair Tanner** spoke in favor of the motion. supported the reduction, arguing it was a modest additional step beyond prior cuts and necessary for structural balance. He pointed to rising Medicaid and corrections costs, supplementals, one-time fund transfers, and new bills with fiscal impacts as reasons for caution. He stressed that this vote set a baseline and that significant work remained to ensure long-term stability.

**Senator Cook** voiced concern about the workload and risk of unintended cuts to critical programs if reductions were applied broadly.

**Representative Petzke** spoke in favor of the amended substitute motion, stating the 1% compromise was as a middle-ground approach—less severe than a 2% cut—while still maintaining structural balance and a healthy ending fund balance.

**FAILED (AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION):**

**Ayes: 5**

Senators Woodward, Cook  
Representatives Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring

**Nays: 15**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway,  
Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**Ab/Ex: 0**

**Chairman Grow** stated the amended substitute motion has failed to achieve the majority of each committee and will not go forward.

**FAILED  
(SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION):**

**Ayes: 3**

Senator Woodward, Cook, Manwaring

**Nays: 17**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway,  
Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Mitchell, Price, Bruce,  
Harris, Green

**Ab/Ex: 0**

**Chairman Grow** stated having failed to achieve a majority in either the Senate Finance Committee or the House Appropriations Committee, the substitute motion has failed and the Committee will go to the original motion.

**CARRIED  
(ORIGINAL  
MOTION):**

**Ayes: 13**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris

**Nays: 7**

Senators Woodward, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Petzke  
Representatives Manwaring, Green

**Ab/Ex: 0**

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2027 Statewide Decisions - Personnel Benefit Cost Increases, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** presented adjustment options for personnel benefit cost increases. This would include adjustments for increases in the cost of maintaining a range of employer paid benefits for state and school district employees, such as health insurance, social security, PERSI, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and sick leave. Budgets were structured this year to include a 14.4% increase for health insurance.

**DISCUSSION:**

In response to a question from **Senator Woodward** asking for clarification about the term “agency-specific filled rate” in the motion, **Mr. Bybee** explained that it refers to each agency’s five-year average percentage of filled full-time positions and the portion of personnel funds actually spent. He stated the rate would be used to adjust the incremental increase in health insurance funding, ensuring agencies are not overfunded for positions that remain vacant. He stated goal is to reduce excess “salary savings” while still funding actual insurance costs.

In response to a concern raised by **Senator Woodward** that workforce conditions can change and agencies like Idaho State Police might fill more positions than projected, potentially leaving them short, **Mr. Bybee** stated the adjustment only applies to the incremental insurance increase and agencies would need to be fully staffed all year to face a shortfall.

**Senator Ward-Engelking** expressed concern that recommendations affecting employee compensation were being advanced without review by the Change in Employee Compensation Committee, which traditionally handles such matters. She said she would reluctantly support the Governor’s recommendation but was troubled by the process.

**Representative Furniss** questioned whether changing funding assumptions would affect actuarial calculations for insurance rates and suggested postponing action to allow actuaries to adjust projections. In response, **Mr. Bybee** stated that if positions remain vacant, the unused insurance funds stay with the agency as salary savings and agencies can use salary savings for needs such as employee payouts or operational costs. Mr. Bybee noted the broader policy question is how tightly the legislature wants to budget agencies regarding vacant positions and personnel funds.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Harris**, to adopt the DOGE Working Group’s FY 2027 recommendation for funding an amount for an agency specific filled rate recommended for agencies with 125.00 FTP or more and funding the full amount recommended for health insurance and other variable rate changes by agency, which result in increases of approximately \$62,041,100 from the General Fund, \$14,058,500 from dedicated funds, and \$4,983,000 from federal funds, for a total increase of \$81,082,600; seconded by **Representative Manwaring**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Co-Chair Grow** asked why there were only slight funding differences among the proposals, particularly across fund types like the General Fund and federal funds. **Mr. Bybee** explained that the differences stem from applying each agency’s average filled position rate to the incremental increase in health insurance funding. Instead of fully funding the insurance adjustment for all authorized positions, the proposal funds only the percentage historically filled. For example, if an agency like Idaho State Police has a roughly 90% fill rate, it would receive about 90% of the requested insurance increase rather than 100%. Because this adjustment applies only to the incremental change—and only to the portion tied to filled positions—the resulting funding differences are relatively small and marginal rather than large reductions.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Ward-Engelking**, to adopt Governor’s FY 2027 recommendation for funding health insurance and other variable rate changes by agency, which result in increases of \$62,491,400 from the General Fund, \$14,801,100 from dedicated funds, and \$6,008,400 from federal funds, for a total increase of \$83,300,900; seconded by **Representative Green**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** spoke in favor of the substitute motion. She expressed concern that the motions were coming from a working group rather than the usual joint committee that thoroughly reviews state employee pay and benefits. She questioned the research behind the proposals and was troubled that the process was departing from past practice, especially given the impact on recruitment and retention.

**Representative Harris** spoke in favor of the original motion, stating The DOGE Task Force is an official, legislatively approved group, not just a working group. The recommendation focuses solely on controlling how insurance funding is allocated—whether agencies get full discretion or the legislature maintains tighter oversight.

**Senator Ward-Engelking** stated as a clarification that the Senate voted not to fund and not to have an interim DOGE committee.

**Co-Chair Grow** stated the Committee was ready to proceed with a vote, starting with the substitute motion, which was the Governor’s recommendation.

**FAILED  
(SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION):**

**Ayes: 3**  
Senators Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representative Green

**Nays: 17**  
Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld,  
Galloway  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell,  
Price, Bruce, Harris  
**Ab/Ex: 0**

**Chairman Grow** stated the substitute motion has failed to achieve the majority in each committee and will not go forward.

**CARRIED  
(ORIGINAL  
MOTION):**

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2027 Statewide Decisions - Contract Inflation, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** stated contract inflation includes adjustments for operating expenditures and capital outlay for ongoing increases defined in contracts such as lease rates.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Co-Chair Tanner**, to include the Governor's FY 2027 recommendation for contract inflation for an increase of \$2,115,000 from the General Fund, \$706,000 from dedicated funds, and \$1,787,900 from federal funds, for a total of \$4,608,900; seconded by **Representative Miller**.

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 20**  
Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld,  
Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell,  
Price, Bruce, Harris, Green  
**Nays: 0**  
**Ab/Ex: 0**

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2027 Statewide Decisions - Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP), Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** stated SWCAP covers adjustments to federally approved indirect costs such as Attorney General fees, audits, state controller/treasurer fees, risk management, administrative hearings, and IT.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Furniss**, to include the Governor’s FY 2027 recommendation adjusting Attorney General fees, State Controller fees, State Treasurer fees, risk management costs, Office of Administrative Hearing costs, and costs for the Office of Information Technology Services, for an increase of \$6,505,400 from the General Fund, \$3,173,300 from dedicated funds, and \$1,186,600 from federal funds, for a total of \$10,865,300; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 20**

Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow

Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 0**

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2027 Statewide Decisions - Military Compensation Schedule, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** stated the next budget item was to provide an adjustment that ensures the Military Division's state employees maintain pay parity with their federal counterparts. He stated the Military Division is statutorily required to determine pay schedules comparable to those used for federal civil service employees of the National Guard.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Manwaring**, for FY 2027, to include the Governor’s revised recommendation to provide funding for the Military Division to stay on the federal salary schedule. The totals for this motion include \$284,000 from the General Fund, \$401,100 from dedicated funds, and \$1,298,400 from federal funds for a total of \$1,983,500; seconded by **Representative Harris**.

**Senator Wintrow** stated the Committee could easily do the same thing and provide pay increases for all state employees.

**Co-Chair Grow** stated that for the Military Division, the state is required to conform with federal pay.

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 20**

Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 0**

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**BUDGET SETTING - FY 2026 and FY 2027 Cash Transfers to the General Fund, Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget & Policy Analysis, LSO**

**Mr. Bybee** presented the 2026 and 2027 General Fund Cash Transfers packet (see, attachment 4), which addresses transferring money into the General Fund to help balance the budget in fiscal year 2026 and in fiscal years 2027. He stated the first transfer before the Committee would be from the Strategic Initiatives Program Fund, which was created by H312 of 2015. The Strategic Initiatives Program Fund is where almost \$2 billion of General Fund dollars have been deposited to go out for grants and for road improvement. The Committee action would transfer \$45 million out of the Strategic Initiatives Program Fund back to the general fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Representative Green** stated she would vote no as it would take \$45 million away from general services for transportation. She stated it would contribute to a \$300 million hit to Idaho transportation projects and harm small local roadwork companies that depend on that funding.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Senator Hart**, the appropriation and transfer of \$45,000,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable; seconded by **Co-Chair Tanner**.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Senator Hart** I first served in the legislature in 2005 to 2012. We never used to use general fund money for transportation. This is a recent phenomenon and I think it's better we go back to using the funds that are dedicated for transportation,

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 16**

Senators Grow, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell,  
Price, Bruce, Harris

**Nays: 4**

Senators Woodward, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representative Green

**Ab/Ex: 0**

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO  
PRESENTATION:**

**Mr. Bybee** presented a recommendation to transfer \$3 million from the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Fund to the General Fund. The Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Fund consists of monies appropriated to the account by the legislature, monies contributed to the account from other sources, and earnings on all such monies. He stated monies placed in the account and interest are continuously appropriated for the Idaho opportunity scholarship program.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Co-Chair Tanner**, the appropriation and transfer of \$3,000,000 from the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship Fund to the General Fund as soon as practicable; seconded by **Representative Mitchell**.

**CARRIED:**

**Ayes: 20**

Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld,  
Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow  
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell,  
Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

**Nays: 0**

**Ab/Ex: 0**

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and without objection will carry a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**AT EASE:**

The Committee went at ease at **10:24 a.m.** and was back in order at **10:24 a.m.** **Co-Chair Tanner** stated the House was requesting house members to attend a vote on the House floor.

**ADJOURNED:**

**Co-Chair Grow** stated additional agenda items would be taken up at the next Committee. There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at **10:25 a.m.**

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Senator Grow  
Chair

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Linsy Heiner  
Secretary