

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 20, 2026
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-Chairman Grow, Woodward, Cook, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow
Representatives Co-Chairman Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green
ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Bjerke
CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Grow** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at **8:01 a.m.** with a quorum present.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **General Fund Daily Update Christopher Lehosit, Senior Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO)**
Mr. Lehosit presented the General Fund Daily Update before the Committee (see, attachment 1). He stated the FY 27 base budget and program maintenance costs had been set by JFAC, which helped clarify the overall budget picture moving forward. He noted on page 2 that the Governor's recommendation line for FY 27 Enhancements appeared misleading because budget cuts had been integrated into it, meaning the actual enhancement request was closer to \$60 million rather than the \$20,681,200 shown on the sheet. He reviewed page 3, explaining that agencies without General Fund appropriations were not listed. He stated agencies marked with an asterisk still had enhancement requests pending before the Committee.
He highlighted two policy bills with potential impact on education and Medicaid budgets: H 622 and S 1312. He said H 622 reduced IDLA appropriations by about \$9 million by changing enrollment qualifications, and S 1312 reduced Medicaid General Fund appropriations by about \$21 million by adjusting residential habilitation rates.

DISCUSSION: In response to a Committee question, **Mr. Lehosit** explained that even if an agency's columns on page 3 were fully filled out, the Committee still had the option to make adjustments to its total budget.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **Budget Setting - FY 2026 Military Division: Deficiency Warrants, LBB 6-112 Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO**
Ms. Lippitt presented a FY 26 Military Division Deficiency Warrant before the Committee to request a reimbursement for the Military Division of \$17,800 for hazardous materials expenses in FY 25. She explained the division pays hazardous materials costs through the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund and requests reimbursement from the General Fund for any balance it is unable to recoup from incident originators.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Petzke** for fiscal year 2026, for the Military Division in the Office of Emergency Management Program, a onetime appropriation and transfer of \$17,800 from the General Fund to the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

PASSED: **Ayes: 18**
Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow Representatives Tanner, Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Bjerke

Representative Mitchell

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 Military Division, LBB 6-109 Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO**

Ms. Lippitt presented the Military Division's FY 27 enhancement request before the Committee.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Ward-Engelking**, beginning with FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget, add \$120,000 for enhancement 1 for an increase in indirect cost recovery funds for the Office of Emergency Management, and \$190,800 for enhancement 2 for the State Education Assistance Program. For FY 2027 for the Military Division, an additional \$120,000 from dedicated funds, and an additional \$190,800 from the General Fund for a total additional \$310,800 from all funds; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** spoke in favor of the motion, stating it was important to protect and fund the State Education Assistance Program. She stated the program was put in place in 2021 to assist National Guardsmen in obtaining additional education, the program had been well used, and it was a good recruitment tool.

Representative Petzke spoke in favor of the motion, stating a proposed 2% military budget cut would eliminate the State Education Assistance Program for National Guard members. He stated that since Guard members don't receive full GI Bill benefits, the program helps cover remaining tuition costs after federal aid is used. He stated Idaho already ranks 49th in education support for Guard members, and cutting this funding would put it even further behind neighboring states that offer free public tuition.

In response to a question from **Representative Miller** about whether the proposal added \$190,000 in General Funds to the budget, **Ms. Lippitt** confirmed yes. **Representative Miller** asked where the additional \$190,000 in General Funds would come from and what part of the budget would be reduced to cover it.

Senator Ward-Engelking stated the budget currently shows about \$200 million remaining, which should be more than enough to cover the \$190,800 increase. She said the state can afford the expense to support service members.

Senator Galloway stated her father served in the Idaho Air National Guard as a pilot. She stated she had concern about procedural issues in the Committee, including delayed and conflicting information. She said she would like to support the budget but cannot responsibly vote yes without clearer and more timely information.

Senator Wintrow expresses concern about the budget process, saying members were previously assured they could adjust budgets later but are now facing resistance to doing so.

Representative Miller stated that although the budget currently shows a large surplus, they have seen in past years how early spending erodes those funds, leaving the state short by the end of the session. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a responsible carryover balance for the next fiscal year, especially with known upcoming costs like supplementals and wildfire expenses.

Senator Zuiderveld questioned where the funding would come from and agreed with Representative Miller that adding items back into the budget undermined budget reductions. She asked whether the agency could have found \$190,000 to cut elsewhere, such as delaying a vehicle.

Representative Harris stated he agreed with Senator Galloway, stating it seemed very irresponsible to make a decision without having all the information.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Harris** to hold the FY 27 Military Division budget at the call of the chair; seconded by **Senator Carlson**.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Carlson stated the Committee is trying to right-size the budget and stay within its means. She said she agreed with concerns about adding too many enhancements early, warning it could lead to overspending by the end of the process. She stated some items may need to be restored later, but emphasized the need for caution and careful spending.

Senator Ward-Engelking stated that much of the military budget relies on federal matching funds, limiting where cuts can be absorbed. She expressed concern about the idea that restoring funding would require cutting elsewhere, especially given the projected \$200 million surplus, and said this was not her understanding of how maintenance budgets would be handled.

Senator Zuiderveld emphasizes that the budget is based on revenue forecasts, which are uncertain. She stated since there's no guarantee the state will meet those projections, she said the Committee needed to be cautious and responsible with every dollar, especially given financial uncertainties.

Co-Chair Tanner stated the budget was not as flush as some believed. He stated many actions hadn't yet been taken, policy decisions from other committees were pending, and interest transfers were unrealized. He stated that the Governor planned to add back \$13 million, so the Committee was actually operating with a very tight bottom line, not a large surplus.

Representative Petzke spoke against the substitute motion, stating there was no guarantee to address the budget again as it would be at the discretion of the chair.

Senator Woodward stated he wanted to provide the perspective that the Committee was voting on \$190,000 to support the education of those who have taken an oath to give their lives for America.

AT EASE:

The Committee went at ease at **8:36 a.m.** and was back in order at **8:38 a.m.**

**AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Moved by **Senator Woodward**, beginning with the fiscal year 2027 JFAC program maintenance budget, add \$120,000 for Enhancement 1 for an increase in indirect cost recovery funds for the Office of Emergency Management, and add \$190,900 for Enhancement 2 for the State Education Assistance Program. For fiscal year 2027 for the Military Division, an additional \$120,000 from dedicated funds and an additional 190,900 from the General Fund for a total additional \$310,900 from all funds; seconded by **Senator Wintrow**.

DISCUSSION:

A point of order was raised by **Representative Harris**. He stated the amended substitute motion was the same as the original motion. **Co-Chair Grow** stated the amount of the amended substitute motion was \$100 different from the original motion. Co-Chair Grow stated the Committee would move to a vote and asked the motion makers to confirm the motion amounts. Upon confirmation, the vote commenced.

**FAILED (AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION):**

Ayes: 7

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

Nays: 11

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

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Bjerke

Representative Manwaring

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

**PASSED
(SUBSTITUTE
MOTION):**

Ayes: 11

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

Nays: 7

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

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Bjerke

Representative Manwaring

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed. **Chairman Grow** stated the original motion would be held in committee at the call of the chair.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Budget Setting - FY 2027 PERSI, LBB 6-115 Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 27 enhancement requests for PERSI. First, the division requested the fifth and final year of their pension software upgrade for \$2 million. Second, the division requested \$227,300 to implement a continuity of operations plan for disaster recovery. And finally, the division requested \$372,100 in replacement items, primarily IT equipment.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Galloway**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$2,000,000 onetime for enhancement 1 for a pension software upgrade; add \$227,300 for enhancement 2 for a continuity-of-operations plan; and add \$372,100 for replacement items. For FY 2027, for PERSI an additional \$2,599,400 from dedicated funds; seconded by **Representative Miller**.

PASSED:

Ayes: 17

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

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

Nays: 1

Senator Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 2

Senators Bjerke, Wintrow

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 Division of Veterans Services, LBB 5-093 Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 27 enhancement request budget items before the Committee. The division requested \$40,900 in new equipment for state veterans homes and a reduction of \$51,000 in federal funds as an IT licensing cost adjustment, \$702,700 in dedicated funds for replacement items, and \$220,000 in federal funds for IT hardware.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Green**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$40,900 from dedicated funds for enhancement 1 for new equipment for veterans homes; reduce \$51,000 from federal funds for enhancement 2 for reduced IT licensing costs; add \$702,700 from dedicated funds for replacement items; and add \$220,000 from federal funds for IT hardware. For FY 2027, for the Division of Veterans Services an additional \$743,600 from dedicated funds and \$169,000 from federal funds, for a total of \$912,600, and to provide reappropriation authority for federal construction grant funding to replace the state veterans home in Boise and renovate the state veterans home in Lewiston; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

DISCUSSION: **Ms. Lippitt** asked to the motion maker to confirm the numbers on the screen. **Representative Green** confirmed the motion was correct.

PASSED:

Ayes: 18

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

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

Nays: 1

Senator Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

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**

DISCUSSION: **Ms. Lippitt** presented proposed language for the Division of Veterans Services enhancements bill. She stated the language provided it is the intent of the legislature to add \$36,200 ongoing from the General Fund to the division's FY 28 appropriation for maintenance of veteran cemeteries in Boise and Blackfoot.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: Requested by **Representative Green** to accept the language on the screen.

OBJECTIONS: Committee members objected to the unanimous consent request.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Green** to accept the language as shown on the screen; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

LANGUAGE: General Fund Appropriation for Cemetery Maintenance. It is the intent of the Legislature to add \$36,200 ongoing from the General Fund to the division's FY 2028 appropriation for maintenance of the veterans cemeteries in Boise and Blackfoot. The division shall submit an enhancement request in its FY 2028 budget submission.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Woodward** questioned the reason for the proposed language.

Representative Miller spoke in favor of the motion. He stated the Division of Veterans Services budget was being supplemented with one-year funds, and the work group felt they had stretched resources as far as possible. He stated the language encouraged the Committee to look at the budget again the following year.

Senator Cook spoke in favor of the motion. He stated the FY 26 and 27 cuts would result in losing federal funds. He stated the workgroup did not want to lose track of the maintenance costs, so although FY 26 and 27 cuts would proceed, the language stated it was the intent of the Committee to reinstate the funds.

AT EASE:

The Committee went at ease at **8:57 a.m.** and was back in order at **9:00 a.m.**

DISCUSSION:

Representative Petzke stated he did not believe the Committee could bind the intent of a future legislature.

Representative Price stated it was not the intent of the working group to bind a future legislature, but to keep eyes on the funding for the next budget setting.

FAILED:

Ayes: 7

Senators Woodward, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow
Representatives Miller, Price, Green

Nays: 12

Senators Grow, Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway
Representatives Tanner, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Bruce,
Harris

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

Chairman Grow stated having failed to achieve a majority in the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the motion has failed.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Budget Setting - FY 2027 Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, LBB 6-053 Brooke Dupree, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Dupree presented the FY 27 enhancement requests for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She stated there were two requested enhancements, the first being \$62,700 from the Rehabilitation and Refunds Fund and \$65,000 onetime for vehicles from the Adaptive Aids and Appliances Fund.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Harris** Beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$62,700 for a client service increase and \$65,000 onetime in operating expenditures from the Adaptive Aids and Appliances Fund to minimize General Fund rescission impacts. For FY 27, for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, an additional \$127,700 from dedicated funds; seconded by **Senator Galloway**.

PASSED:

Ayes: 18

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

Nays: 1

Senator Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

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**.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Dupree presented clear language directing the Commission to prioritize services for sight restoration.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

Requested by **Representative Harris**, granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

LANGUAGE:

Section_. SERVICE PRIORITIZATION. It is hereby the intent of the Legislature that the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired prioritize funding provided in section 1 of this bill to provide sight restoration services to preserve, stabilize, and restore vision for eligible individuals.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:

Budget Setting - FY 2027 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, LBB 1-131 Brooke Dupree, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Dupree presented the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation FY 27 enhancement budget before the Committee. She stated the request included \$2,100 for a lease increase for the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and a program transfer.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Hart**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$2,100 for a new lease increase for the Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For FY 2027, for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, an additional \$2,100 from the General Fund; seconded by **Representative Price**.

DISCUSSION:

In response to a Committee question, **Ms. Dupree** stated the motion does not include a program transfer. In response to a Committee question, Ms. Dupree stated the motion does not add back the funding that was reduced related to the federal match for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. In response to a Committee question, Ms. Dupree stated the motion relates to signing of a new lease instead of a scheduled increase to an existing lease, so it was more appropriate as an enhancement item rather than in the maintenance budget. **Senator Galloway** commented that the new lease on Explorer Drive was less expensive than a lease would be at the Idaho Chinden campus, which would require \$400,000 of tenant improvements.

PASSED:

Ayes: 18

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

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

Nays: 1

Senator Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

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 State Tax Commission Supplemental: Federal Tax Conformity Implementation; Christopher Lehosit, Senior Analyst, LSO

Mr. Lehosit presented a FY 26 supplemental for the Idaho State Tax Commission before the Committee. He stated the Idaho Tax Commission is made up of five budgeted programs including: General Services, Audit, Compliance, Revenue Operations, and Property Tax. He stated the supplemental funding request from the Tax Commission was for federal tax conformity implementation costs. He stated that the Tax Commission had sent a letter to the Committee and germane tax policy committees that indicated additional funding would be needed to implement tax conformities for H 559. He stated the Tax Commission reported that an additional \$210,300 would be required to maintain seasonal tax processing employees. The total amount for the supplemental request before the committee is \$765,300 from the General Fund.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Galloway**, for fiscal year 2026, for the State Tax Commission, the onetime addition of \$765,300 from the General Fund for Federal Tax Conformity Implementation; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

PASSED:

Ayes: 19

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

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

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**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

Budget Setting- FY 2027 State Tax Commission, LBB 6-183 Christopher Lehosit, Senior Analyst, LSO

Mr. Lehosit presented the Tax Commission FY 27 enhancement requests before the Committee. He stated the agency requested five enhancement items. The first enhancement request was for additional funding for property tax education programs. The second enhancement request was for addition funding to automate processes the software used to process tax filings. The third enhancement request was for personnel costs from dedicated funds for the Chief Operating Officer's salary. The fourth enhancement request was for replacement items. The fifth and last enhancement request was for OITS hardware replacement items. He stated all five enhancement requests were transmitted by the Governor's office.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Galloway**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$50,000 from dedicated funds for enhancement #1 Property Tax Education; add \$400,000 onetime from dedicated funds for enhancement #2 System Automation; add \$209,900 from dedicated funds for enhancement #3 Personnel Costs from Dedicated Funds; add \$550,000 onetime from the General Fund for enhancement #4 FAST Tax Collection Services; add \$353,000 onetime from the General Fund for enhancement #5 Seasonal Tax Employees; add \$229,400 from dedicated funds onetime for replacement items; and add \$762,000 from dedicated funds onetime for OITS hardware. For FY 2027, for the Idaho State Tax Commission an additional \$903,000 from the General Fund and \$1,651,300 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$2,554,300; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

PASSED:

Ayes: 15

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

Nays: 4

Senators Hart, Zuiderveld
Representatives Price, Bruce

Ab/Ex: 1

Senator Bjerke

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**.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Lehosit stated there was additional language associated with the motion that was requested by a legislator that was working on this agency's budget. The language would direct the agency to only use the \$550,000 for FAST Tax collection vendor payments. Any amount not utilized for those vendor payments would be reverted back to the General Fund and reported to the legislative services office.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Galloway**, granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

LANGUAGE:

USE OF APPROPRIATIONS: Of the moneys appropriated from the General Fund in section __ of this bill, \$550,000 may only be used for FAST Tax Collection vendor payments. Any portion of this appropriation not utilized for this purpose shall revert to the General Fund and be reported to Legislative Services Office.

**LSO
PRESENTATION:**

Budget Setting - FY 2027 Maintenance Bill Language, Office of the State Board of Education and Legislature Technical Corrections Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO

Ms. Jessup presented FY 27 maintenance budget bill language before the Committee. She stated the maintenance bills had been adopted in 10 separate sections, and the actions being taken affected two of those including: the Legislature maintenance bill and the State Board of Education maintenance bill. She stated the language had originally been adopted by unanimous consent, and the corrections in the packet were also unanimous consent actions. She stated the corrections ensured the language included transfers between expense classes and programs, added a citation to the relevant code section for program transfers, and included legislative technology, which had been inadvertently omitted.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Furniss**, granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

LANGUAGE:

Section 2. EXEMPTIONS FROM EXPENSE CLASS AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. The Legislative Services Office, Legislative Technology, and Ofce of Performance Evaluations are hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511 (1), (2), and (3), Idaho Code allowing unlimited transfers between expense classes and between programs for all moneys appropriated to them for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Jessup stated there were four distinct corrections before the Committee. She stated the first two sections were in regards to student tuition, impacting the budgets for the College and Universities and Health Education Programs. She stated the correction that would be requested was to provide for the correct years. She stated for the third and fourth section, the previous language reappropriated to the State Board of Education when it needed to reappropriate to this Department of Education.

AT EASE:

The Committee went at ease at **9:27 a.m.** and was back in order at **9:28 a.m.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Miller**, granted by unanimous consent, the following language was adopted:

LANGUAGE:

Section __. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 – COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3516(2), Idaho Code, the Division of Financial Management may approve the expenditure of dedicated state funds pursuant to the noncognizable process for student tuition and fees during scal year ~~2028~~ 2027 for College and Universities. Each of the institutions' budget requests for scal year ~~2027~~ 2028 shall reflect all adjustments so approved by the Division of Financial Management."

Section __. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 – HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3516(2), Idaho Code, the Division of Financial Management may approve the expenditure of dedicated state funds pursuant to the noncognizable process for student tuition and fees during scal year ~~2028~~ 2027 for Health Education Programs. Each of the program' budget requests for scal year ~~2027~~ 2028 shall reflect all adjustments so approved by the Division of Financial Management.

Section __. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO MILLENNIUM INCOME FUND – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is hereby reappropriated to the State Department of Education any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the ~~State Board~~ Department of Education from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund for fiscal year 2026 to be used for nonrecurring expenditures for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The Ofce of the State Controller shall confrm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Ofce prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

Section __. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE IDAHO CAREER READY STUDENTS FUND – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. There is hereby reappropriated to the State Department of Education any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the ~~State Board~~ Department of Education from the Idaho Career Ready Students Fund for scal year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 from the Idaho Career Ready Students Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the Idaho Career Ready Students Program for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The Ofce of the State Controller shall confrm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Ofce prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at **9:30 a.m.**

Senator Grow
Chair

Linsy Heiner
Secretary