

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 2026

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

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

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representative(s) Furniss

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: **1. FY 2027 Health Education Programs, LBB 1-091– Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO)**
Mr. Campbell presented the FY 27 Health Education Programs budget before the Committee. He stated the requested budget included four psychiatry residents at the Eastern Idaho Medical Residency, one additional family medicine resident in Burley, an OB-GYN fellowship in Pocatello, six family medicine residents in Nampa, and five child psychiatry residents at the University of Utah Medical Education Program. It also included a zero-dollar FTP adjustment for the Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Utah veterinary education program

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Galloway**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$240,000 for psychiatry residents, as requested; add 1.00 FTP and \$60,000 for a new Burley resident in Family Medicine Residencies, as requested; add \$60,000 for a new Family Medicine/OB fellowship in Family Medicine Residencies, as requested; add \$360,000 for new family medicine residents in Family Medicine Residencies, as requested; add \$180,000 for new child psychiatry residents in the University of Utah Medical Education program, as requested; add 1.50 FTP for an FTP adjustment in the Washington-Idaho-Montana-Utah (WIMU) veterinary education program, as requested. For Health Education Programs for FY 2027, an additional \$900,000 from the General Fund and an additional 2.50 full-time equivalent positions, seconded by **Representative Harris**.

CARRIED:

Ayes: 17

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

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

Nays: 1

Senator Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Woodward

Representative Furniss

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. Campbell stated there was language associated with the motion. He stated the language shifts the funding of the Graduate Medical Education Residencies and Fellowship from the General Fund to the Rural Health Transformation Program if those funds become available before July 1st, 2026, in which case the General Funds that would have been used for the GME program would then be used for undergraduate medical education seats required by H 368 of the 2025 session.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Senator Galloway requested unanimous consent to accept the proposed language. **Senator Cook** objected to the unanimous consent request.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Galloway**, seconded by **Representative Harris** to accept the following language:

LANGUAGE:

SECTION . RHTP FUNDING FOR NEW GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of the Legislature to fund 15.00 new GME residencies and fellowships requested for fiscal year 2027 from the Rural Health Transformation Project.

1. When such funds become available, the 15.00 new GME residencies and fellowships requested for FY 2027 GME shall be expended from the Rural Health Transformation Fund.
2. Subject to legislative oversight, the State Board of Education shall calculate, using the time of the award and the appropriation, any amounts that should be transferred from the Rural Health Transformation Fund to the General Fund to reimburse costs incurred for GME residencies in FY 2027. The Executive Director for the State Board of Education shall include a supplemental request to transfer as part of the 2028 budget submission for affected programs.
3. Subject to legislative oversight, any General Fund moneys initially appropriated to the Health Education Programs for graduate medical education residencies and fellowships in FY 2027 but no longer utilized for that purpose due to the availability of funding from the Rural Health Transformation Fund, shall then be used for new undergraduate medical education seats in compliance with House Bill 368 (2025).

4. It is not the intent of the Legislature to create an unsustainable funding structure beyond the term of the Rural Health Transformation Project.

The Department of Health and Welfare and the Office of the State Board of Education shall provide a report of compliance with this provision of law to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee no later than December 1, 2026. Methodology, content, and format of the report shall be determined in consultation with the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Cook spoke against the motion. He stated the Health Transformation Funds were intended for rural healthcare but were being misused on residencies and fellowships. He stated many rural Idaho hospitals were barely profitable or operating at a loss, and said redirecting the money away from struggling small communities shortchanged rural areas and also claimed the use of funds was outside the intended scope.

In response to a question from **Senator Woodward**, **Co-Chairman Grow** stated he believed a Rural Health Transformation committee was being established by Senate and House leadership.

Representative Manwaring stated that if Rural Health Transformation funds became available, the funds would support a maintenance budget with an additional \$900,000 for residency and fellowship programs. He stated the programs create a pipeline of physicians who could eventually serve rural Idaho, addressing provider shortages. He acknowledged uncertainty around funding decisions but said this approach acted as a trigger mechanism to expand both graduate and undergraduate medical education, aligning with prior commitments.

Representative Petzke stated the proposed language did not actually change appropriations and would not function as intended. He explained that any real implementation would require shifting funds—reducing General Funds and increasing Federal Funds—and would likely be revisited later.

Senator Woodward stated that if the intent is to create a pipeline, a commitment to graduate medical education is an ongoing commitment.

Senator Galloway acknowledged many unknowns but said it was an effort to support medical education and move the budget forward. She expressed support for training more doctors in Idaho, particularly in rural areas like Burley and Pocatello, and argued that despite uncertainty, it was worth trying as the best available approach.

Senator Cook stated a senate bill was advancing to create a committee to decide how the funds would be used, and expressed concern that the current proposed language would override that committee by mandating how the money "shall" be spent. He questioned whether places like Burley and Pocatello qualified as rural compared to more vulnerable areas like Arco, and emphasized that funding should be directed specifically toward truly rural Idaho communities.

CARRIED:

Ayes: 15

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

Nays: 4

Senators Woodward, Cook, Zuiderveld
Representative Petzke

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

Both committees having voted in the majority, the motion has passed and the languages was adopted with a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

2. FY 2027 Office of the State Board of Education, LBB 1-083– Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, LSO

Mr. Campbell presented the FY 27 budget for the State Board of Education before the Committee. He stated the Office of State Board for Education budget request had three line items including the Canvas LMS renewal, the transfer of risk managers to the institutions, and the Improvement of Secondary Education federal grant. He stated all items had been recommended by the Governor.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Petzke**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$998,400 for enhancement #1, the Canvas LMS Renewal, as requested; reduce 4.00 FTP and \$510,500 for enhancement #2, Transfer Risk Managers to Institutions, as requested, and; add \$4,000,000 onetime from federal funds for the Improvement of Secondary Education Grant, as recommended by the Governor. For FY 2027, for the Office of the State Board of Education, an additional \$487,900 from the General Fund and an additional \$4,000,000 from federal funds for a total of \$4,487,900 and a reduction of 4.00 FTP; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED:

Ayes: 14

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

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

Nays: 4

Senator Zuiderveld

Representatives Price, Bruce, Harris

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Hart

Representative Furniss

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**.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **3. FY 2027 College & Universities, LBB 1-063 – Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, LSO**

Mr. Campbell presented the FY 27 College & Universities budget before the Committee. He stated the budget consisted of Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis Clark State College, and the University of Idaho. There were three line items including Canvas LMS, the transfer of risk managers to institutions, and the endowment fund adjustments.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Harris**, Beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: reduce \$752,900 for enhancement #1, the Canvas LMS, as requested; add \$510,500 for enhancement #2, the transfer of risk managers from OSBE, as recommended by the Governor, and; add \$1,909,700 for enhancement #3, the endowment funds adjustment, as requested. For FY 2027, for the College and Universities, a reduction of \$242,400 from the General Fund and an additional \$1,909,700 from dedicated funds for a total of \$1,667,300; seconded by **Senator Carlson**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by **Senator Ward-Engelking**, Beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: reduce \$752,900 for enhancement #1, the Canvas LMS, as requested; add \$510,500 for enhancement #2, the transfer of risk managers from OSBE to institutions, as recommended by the Governor, add \$1,909,700 for enhancement #3, the endowment funds adjustment, as requested, and; add \$7,541,000 from the General Fund for enhancement #4, restore the FY 2027 additional rescission. For FY 2027, for the College and Universities, an addition of \$7,298,600 from the General Fund and an addition of \$1,909,700 from dedicated funds for a total \$9,208,300; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Ward-Engelking** spoke in favor of the substitute motion. She said about \$8.7 million could be transferred from the School District Building Fund to the General Fund. She explained the funds would help offset over \$25 million in cuts, which had led to program limits, staffing concerns, and enrollment challenges. She added that the money could ease pressure on tuition and access to in-demand programs, emphasizing that education was vital to the state's economy.

In response to a question from **Co-Chairman Grow**, **Mr. Campbell** stated the motion only pulls from the General Fund, and the School District Building Fund transfer would be a separate action. **Co-Chairman Grow** asked for confirmation that a separate bill would need to be passed to allow to pull money from the School Facility Fund. **Mr. Campbell** confirmed yes.

Representative Petzke spoke in favor of the substitute motion. He stated the motion was not related to transferring funds from the School Buildings Fund, which was a separate issue. He expressed concern about repeated budget cuts to universities, noting they had taken the largest share of recent reductions and risked becoming underfunded and less competitive. Although the proposal was not exactly how he would have structured it, he supported it as a product of the working group.

Senator Zuiderveld stated she would support the motion.

Representative Bruce stated there are K-12 buildings all over the state that need repair.

**FAILED
(SUBSTITUTE
MOTION):**

Ayes: 9

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

Nays: 9

Senators Bjerke, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway
Representatives Tanner, Miller, Price, Bruce, Harris

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Hart

Representative Furniss

Chairman Grow stated having failed to reach a majority in both Committees, the substitute motion fails.

**CARRIED
(ORIGINAL
MOTION):**

Ayes: 15

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

Nays: 3

Senators Ward-Engelking, Wintrow

Representative Green

Ab/Ex: 2

Senator Hart

Representative Furniss

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:**

4. FY 2027 Community Colleges, LBB 1-075 – Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, LSO

Mr. Campbell presented the FY 27 Community Colleges budget before the Committee. He stated the budget included one line item, the Canvas Learning Management System, which was recommended by the Governor.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Miller**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: reduce \$245,500 for enhancement #1 the Canvas Learning Management system, as requested, and; add \$1,368,700 onetime from the General Fund for enhancement #2, Restore the Additional FY 2027 Rescission. For FY 2027, for the Community Colleges, an addition of \$1,123,200 from the General Fund; seconded by **Senator Woodward**.

DISCUSSION: **Representative Miller** spoke in favor of the motion, stating it was a modest increase. He stated community colleges were among the most effective educational investments, as they helped students quickly gain skills, find jobs, and remain in the state. He emphasized that cutting faculty positions would drive away experienced instructors who were motivated by passion rather than pay and would be difficult to replace due to competition from other sectors like K-12 education. He concluded that he struggled with the cuts, wished more could be done, and commended the colleges for stretching their resources effectively.

Senator Woodward spoke in favor of the motion. He stated it was a restoration of a rescission. He stated the Committee had made previous cuts and was now adding funds back, and effectively trying to give community colleges the same amount as the prior year, and it was not an addition to their budget.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by **Representative Harris**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: reduce \$245,500 for enhancement #1 the Canvas Learning Management system, as requested. For FY 2027, for the Community Colleges, a reduction of \$245,500 from the General Fund.; seconded by **Senator Carlson**.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Zuiderveld** spoke in favor of the substitute motion, stating the Idaho Constitution only requires funding for K-12 schooling and the University of Idaho.

AT EASE: The Committee went at ease at **8:40 a.m.** and was back in order at **8:42 a.m.**

FAILED (SUBSTITUTE MOTION):

Ayes: 8

Senators Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld
Representatives Tanner, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris

Nays: 11

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

Representatives Miller, Petzke, Manwaring, Green

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

Co-Chair Grow stated having failed to achieve a majority in the senate, the motion failed and the Committee would move to the original motion.

CARRIED (ORIGINAL MOTION):

Ayes: 12

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

Representatives Tanner, Miller, Petzke, Manwaring, Green

Nays: 7

Senators Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld

Representatives Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

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: 5. FY 2026 Career Technical Education Supplemental – Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, LSO

Mr. Campbell presented a FY 26 Career Technical Education Supplemental before the Committee. He stated the budget was a supplemental request and would restore \$957,600 for the 1% rescission in FY 26 onetime from the Career Ready Students Fund.

MOTION: Moved by **Representative Petzke**, for FY 2026, for the Secondary Programs of the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, \$957,600 onetime from the Career Ready Students Fund; seconded by **Senator Carlson**.

DISCUSSION: In response to a question from **Senator Wintrow**, **Representative Petzke** stated these dollars are the interest earnings on the Career Ready Students Fund. He stated the workgroup felt it was an appropriate place for the funds. In addition, he stated the Superintendent had requested from this fund to go to other programs that are dependent upon policy and those policy bills did pass, the Committee would have to find a different source of funding for those policy bills at that time

CARRIED:

Ayes: 17

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

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

Nays: 2

Senators Hart, Zuiderveld

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

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: 6. FY 2027 Career Technical Education, LBB 1-099 – Kevin Campbell, Principal Analyst, LSO

Mr. Campbell presented the FY 27 Career Technical Education budget before the Committee. He stated there were no budget requests submitted by the agency.

MOTION: Moved by **Senator Carlson**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$1,877,300 from the Career Ready Students Fund for Secondary Programs. For FY 2027, for the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, an additional \$1,877,300 onetime from the Career Ready Students Fund; seconded by **Representative Price**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Moved by **Representative Petzke**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$1,877,300 from the General Fund for Secondary Programs. For FY 2027, for the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, an additional \$1,877,300 from the General Fund.; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

DISCUSSION:

Representative Petzke stated he intended to support both motions and appreciated the workgroup's effort to reach consensus on prioritizing CTE, especially in K–12. He noted that the main difference was in how to restore the 2% cut, expressing support for using career-ready student funds but concern about relying on onetime money to address an ongoing funding gap. He added that this approach would likely require revisiting the issue the following year.

In response to a question from **Representative Bruce**, **Representative Petzke** stated he made the motion ongoing because he believed there was no meaningful difference between using onetime General Funds and the career-ready students fund, since both would require backfilling the following year. He argued that if General Funds were used, they should be ongoing to solve the problem immediately and avoid revisiting it, while using Career Ready funds could serve as a one year backfill.

**FAILED
(SUBSTITUTE
MOTION):**

Ayes: 6

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

Nays: 13

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

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

Chairman Grow stated having failed to reach a majority in both Committees, the substitute motion fails.

**CARRIED
(ORIGINAL
MOTION):**

Ayes: 17

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

Nays: 2

Senators Ward-Engelking, Wintrow

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

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:

Senator Wintrow stated she was pleased with the support for career technical education but emphasized that the career-ready pipeline also included higher education. She stated that failing to consider the full continuum of learning could disrupt the pathway into careers. She added that universities had been doing a great job and expressed hope that their efforts would be recognized.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

**7. FY 2027 Department of Administration, LBB 6-005 – Frances Lippitt,
Senior Analyst, LSO**

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 27 Department of Administration budget before the Committee. She stated the Department of Administration had submitted its FY 27 enhancement requests, which included four items. She said the first would shift utility costs from the General Fund to a dedicated fund supported by rent receipts. The second would add staff and funding to support Medicaid procurement and contract management, partially funded through a federal match. The third and fourth involved program transfers to create a training position and an administrative support role. She added that the department also requested increased appropriations from dedicated funds for utility inflation and IT hardware replacements. Finally, she noted a calculation error that resulted in an additional \$2,000 being removed from a General Fund appropriation for a vacant position.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Cook**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: reduce \$365,000 from the General Fund and add \$365,000 from dedicated funds for enhancement 1 for aligning utilities costs to rent revenue; add 3.00 FTP and \$397,300 from dedicated funds for enhancement 2 for Medicaid procurement staff; include requested program transfers for enhancements 3 and 4 for an agency-wide training position and an administrative support position; add \$276,100 from dedicated funds for enhancement for an inflationary increase for utilities costs; add \$344,400 from dedicated funds for IT hardware; and add \$2,000 from the General Fund to adjust prior rescissions. For FY 2027, for the Department of Administration, a reduction of \$363,000 from the General Fund and an additional \$1,382,800 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$1,019,800, and an additional 3.00 fulltime equivalent positions.; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

AT EASE:

The Committee went at ease at **9:01 a.m.** and was back in order at **9:02 a.m.**

DISCUSSION:

Senator Galloway spoke against the motion. She stated that most of the budget was acceptable and she had looked forward to supporting it in a future vote, but she had concerns about a specific line related to Medicaid procurement staff. She explained that she had been working with the Director of the Department of Administration and the Medicaid Director to address the issue, but it had not yet been fully resolved. She noted that the proposal allocated just under \$400,000 for three positions to manage a \$6 billion managed care contract, which raised concerns given past procurement challenges in Idaho. She emphasized the importance of setting up the staff and protocols correctly to ensure proper implementation. She stated she would vote no on the budget for now, while continuing to work with the relevant departments to find a solution and support a successful contract process in the future.

Senator Cook spoke in favor of the motion. He stated there was a clear need for more procurement agents, especially for Medicaid and contract work. He explained that past challenges, particularly with MMIS, had stemmed from a lack of procurement personnel, which had caused delays and required fixes. He stated procurement was in a critical situation and needed support to manage current and upcoming contracts.

FAILED:

Ayes: 10

Senators Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow
Representatives Tanner, Petzke, Bruce, Green

Nays: 9

Senators Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway
Representatives Miller, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Harris

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

Co-Chair Grow stated that having failed to reach a majority in the House Committee, the motion fails.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

8. FY 2027 Permanent Building Fund, LBB 6-021– Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 27 Permanent Building Fund budget before the Committee. She stated the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council had recommended one enhancement for FY 27, which would provide \$890,100 as the state's match to design a National Guard Readiness Center in Bonneville County. She noted that the legislature had previously approved funding to establish utility connections near the site. She also explained that the replacement items line included various alteration, repair, and maintenance projects recommended by the council.

MOTION:

Moved by **Senator Galloway**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$890,100 for enhancement 1 for the design of a readiness center in Bonneville County and add \$71,617,200 for replacement items, which includes \$31,422,500 for alteration and repair projects, \$34,028,700 for building maintenance projects, \$4,666,000 for statewide Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and \$1,500,000 for facilities maintenance at the Capitol Mail and Chinden Campus. For FY 2027, for the Division of Public Works from the Permanent Building Fund, an additional \$72,507,300 from dedicated funds; seconded by **Representative Bruce**.

Senator Ward-Engelking spoke against the motion, stating she did not agree with some of the items which had previously been funded being removed.

CARRIED:

Ayes: 15

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

Nays: 4

Senators Zuiderveld, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow
Representative Green

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

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**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:
REQUEST
LANGUAGE:**

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

SECTION __. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS. Moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act, or so much thereof as in each case may be necessary, shall be used for the purpose of paying the cost of any land, building, or equipment, or for the rebuilding, renovation, or repair of buildings, installations, facilities, or structures, at the places, institutions, and agencies, or their successors, including those listed in this section. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council is hereby authorized and directed to anticipate revenues accruing to the Permanent Building Fund for the purpose of undertaking the construction, renovation, repair, and acquisitions therein authorized, without delay, and to determine the priority of construction pursuant to which the work hereunder will be undertaken.

SECTION __. UTILIZATION OF MATCHING FUNDS. Moneys appropriated in this act may be made available for matching any allocation of moneys now in existence or hereafter made available by agencies of the United States and/or private donations; and the Division of Public Works is authorized to expend, for the purpose of paying the cost of any land, building, or equipment, or for the rebuilding, renovation, or repair of buildings, moneys appropriated for public works to various agencies as part of the respective agency operating budgets, provided the express approval by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council is granted to make application for such moneys in each instance.

SECTION __. REALLOCATION OF PROJECT SAVINGS. The Division of Public Works may have the flexibility to allocate any savings or unused appropriation from any project to any other requested and funded project. The reallocation of such appropriation must be approved by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council prior to the funds being spent. SECTION __. CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS. Appropriations made pursuant to this act are subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions specified in this act.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT:
LANGUAGE:**

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

SECTION __. REPORTING. The Division of Public Works shall provide a report to the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on the status of capital projects, statewide deferred maintenance, alterations and repairs, Capitol Mall and Chinden Campus facilities maintenance, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance projects, and asbestos abatement. The report will identify completed projects, total expenditures and commitments by capital project, and estimated costs for each capital project for the current fiscal year. The report will also provide a narrative explanation for any capital project for which construction has not started, or that the Division does not anticipate will start, within 24 months of its initial appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund. The report will identify all capital projects for which construction activity has not begun in the four years from its initial appropriation and provide an accounting of any unexpended and unencumbered appropriation balance remaining for a completed capital project, and any unexpended and unencumbered appropriation balance remaining for alterations and repairs, facilities maintenance, asbestos

abatement, or Americans with Disabilities Act projects five years from the initial appropriation. Such report shall be provided to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and Budget & Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office no later than November 15, 2026.

SECTION __. NEW APPROPRIATION FOR UNREALIZED CAPITAL PROJECTS. Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary, any appropriation from the Permanent Building Fund for a capital project for which construction activity has not begun in the four years from its initial appropriation shall be available for consideration for new appropriation. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council and Division of Public Works shall identify such funds and make a recommendation for their use in its budget submission in November 2026.

SECTION __. NEW APPROPRIATION FOR REMAINING BALANCES. Notwithstanding the provision of any law to the contrary, any unexpended and unencumbered appropriation balance remaining for a completed capital project, and any appropriation for alterations and repairs or facilities maintenance with an unexpended and unencumbered balance remaining five years from its initial appropriation, shall be available for new appropriation. The Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council shall identify such funds and make a recommendation for their use in its budget submission in November 2026.

**LSO STAFF
PRESENTATION:**

9. FY 2027 Idaho State Lottery, LBB 5-079 – Frances Lippitt, Senior Analyst, LSO

Ms. Lippitt presented the FY 27 Idaho State Lottery budget before the Committee. She said the department requested \$25,800 in replacement items for desktops, laptops, and Apple products that are used in the design of their scratch games.

MOTION:

Moved by **Representative Bruce**, Beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget: add \$25,800 for replacement items. For FY 2027, for the State Lottery, an additional \$25,800 from dedicated funds; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

CARRIED:

Ayes: 15

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

Representatives Tanner, Petzke, Manwaring, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green

Nays: 4

Senators Grow, Zuiderveld

Representatives Miller, Mitchell

Ab/Ex: 1

Representative Furniss

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**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at **9:18 a.m.**

Senator Grow
Chair

Linsy Heiner
Secretary