

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS: Senators Co-Chair Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow
Representatives Co-Chair Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Green
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Ms. Alex Williamson, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy, presented a revised FY 2027 program maintenance budget for Health & Human Services, encompassing the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) and the State Independent Living Council. She explained the original Health & Human Services program maintenance budget, **S 1375**, failed on the Senate Floor. The revised budget incorporated the fiscal impact of **H 863**, legislation related to a reduction in residential habilitation provider rates.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Sen. Zuiderveld** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Bruce**, beginning with the FY 2027 base, to include \$5,279,700 for benefit costs and \$2,661,300 for contract inflation; then add \$1,573,800 for statewide cost allocation; then reduce \$21,008,900 from the General Fund and \$43,954,300 from federal funds for the fiscal impact of **H 863**. This motion included, for FY 2027, \$1,161,328,100 from the General Fund, \$882,895,100 from dedicated funds, and \$3,618,948,800 from federal funds, for a total of \$5,663,172,000, and capped full-time equivalents positions at 2,942.77.

Sen. Zuiderveld expressed concern about uncertainty in federal funding, noting the department relied heavily on federal dollars. She emphasized the need to make careful reductions now to avoid more urgent decisions in the future.

Sen. Wintrow expressed opposition to the motion, stating it included significant cuts to the residential habilitation program. She also noted the absence of funding for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams, Peer Support, and other essential programs.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Sen. Cook** made a substitute motion, seconded by **Sen. Wintrow**, beginning with the FY 2027 base, to include \$5,279,700 for benefit costs and \$10,504,500 for contract inflation; then add \$1,573,800 for statewide cost allocation; then reduce \$10,504,500 from the General Fund and \$21,977,200 from federal funds for the fiscal impact of **H 863**. This motion included, for FY 2027, \$1,171,832,500 from the General Fund, \$882,895,100 from dedicated funds, and \$3,640,925,900 from federal funds, for a total of \$5,695,653,500, and capped full-time equivalence positions at 2,942.77.

Sen. Cook stated the substitute motion would cut residential habilitation provider rates by about 6–7% instead of the 10% reduction in the original motion. He said smaller cuts would reduce the risk of provider closures and higher costs to the State. **Sen. Cook** added the department should address problem providers and supported finding savings through fair, careful cuts across programs.

Sen. Zuiderveld noted the program had grown from 97 to 254 homes over four years. She expressed concern about the lack of audits and noted the program’s significant growth, suggesting a need for further review of costs and program oversight.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Substitute motion failed by a total vote of 5 AYES, 15 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Woodward, Cook, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: Grow, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris.

The majority having failed to vote in the affirmative in both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the motion failed.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
ORIGINAL
MOTION:**

Original motion carried by a total vote of 14 AYES, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Green.

Ms. Williamson presented sections of standard language associated with the FY 2027 enhancement budget.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Sen. Zuiderveld requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to adopt the following language:

LANGUAGE:

SECTION 3. GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS. As appropriated, the Office of the State Controller shall periodically make transfers from the General Fund to the Cooperative Welfare Fund as requested by the director of the Department of Health and Welfare and approved by the Board of Examiners.

SECTION 4. TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, funds appropriated in the trustee and benefit payments expense class shall not be transferred to any other expense classes during fiscal year 2027.

SECTION 5. PROGRAM INTEGRITY. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Welfare shall be required to provide those services authorized or mandated by law in each program, only to the extent of funding and available resources appropriated for each budgeted program.

SECTION 6. EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. The Department of Health and Welfare shall be responsible for the educational needs of school-age children placed in its custody by the Judicial Branch for either child protective issues or mental health issues. If the department places a child in a licensed residential treatment facility that includes a non-public accredited school and it is determined by the department that it is in the best interests of the child to be educated at the residential treatment facility, then it is the responsibility of the department to pay for such education per student, per educational day. Other Idaho state agencies shall not be precluded from exercising their responsibility to ensure a free and appropriate education for these students within the requirements of federal disability law. The fiscal impact of this section is included within existing department base appropriations.

SECTION 7. CHILD ABUSE PROTECTION TREATMENT ACT FUNDS. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act from the Cooperative Welfare (Federal) Fund, a minimum of \$42,000 of federal Child Abuse Protection Treatment Act (CAPTA) funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare shall be provided to the public health districts each year. Funds for each public health district shall be distributed at one-seventh (1/7) of the total amount, which shall be used for the citizen review panels pursuant to Section 16-1647, Idaho Code.

SECTION 8. MEDICAID TRACKING REPORT. The Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid and Division of Indirect Support Services shall deliver a report that compares the Medicaid appropriation, distributed by month for the year, to the actual expenditures and remaining forecasted expenditures for the year on a monthly basis to the Legislative Services Office and the Division of Financial Management. The report shall also include a forecast, updated monthly, of the next fiscal year's anticipated trustee and benefit expenditures. The format of the report and the information included therein shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office and the Division of Financial Management.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, funding provided for the trustee and benefit payments expense class in the Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid may be transferred in excess of ten percent (10%) among the Coordinated Medicaid Plan, Enhanced Medicaid Plan, Basic Medicaid Plan, Expansion Medicaid Plan, and the Medicaid Administration and Medical Management Programs, but shall not be transferred to any other budgeted program or expense class within the Department of Health and Welfare during fiscal year 2027.

SECTION 10. MEDICAID MANAGED CARE IMPLEMENTATION. The Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid shall provide a report to the Legislative Services Office and the Division of Financial Management on progress in integrating managed care approaches into the state Medicaid system. The format of the report and information contained therein shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office and the Division of Financial Management. The report shall be submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

SECTION 11. COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT. The Department of Health and Welfare shall implement cost-sharing in the Division of Medicaid, as required by Section 56-257, Idaho Code, to the maximum extent that is federally allowable for the expanded population of children whose families' gross taxable income exceeds one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) but does not exceed three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty limit (FPL), for Medicaid-eligible services as identified in House Bill No. 43, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.

SECTION 12. CASH TRANSFER. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund, there is hereby appropriated and the Office of the State Controller shall transfer \$640,000 from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund to the Rural Physician Incentive Fund on July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the Department of Health and Welfare for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 13. BUDGET INTEGRITY. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and consistent with its cost containment strategy, the Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid shall submit its budget request in accordance with applicable Idaho law as of the date of submission. This section does not prohibit the agency or Governor from making requests of the Legislature that would impact any portion of the department's budget. However, any proposed changes to Idaho Code with an anticipated budgetary impact shall be identified in the agency budget request and Governor's budget recommendation in narrative form only, without numerical entries. Further, the department shall submit its budget request based on the forecasted amount for the most recent month available from the report identified in Section 8 of this act and for the estimated needs of maintaining operations of the division.

SECTION 14. SMOKING CESSATION. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act, \$2,100,000 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund shall be distributed to the public health districts for the purpose of prevention and cessation programs for tobacco, vape, and other substances as funds allow. These moneys shall be distributed to each district based on the approved formula of the board of trustees of the Idaho district boards of health as provided in Section 39-411(6), Idaho Code.

SECTION 15. PROJECT FILTER ALLOWABLE USES. Of the amount appropriated in Section 1 of this act, \$2,406,000 from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund shall be expended for the purposes of prevention and cessation programs from tobacco, vape, and other substances as funds allow. No moneys for Project Filter from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund shall be used for sponsorships or passive advertising.

SECTION 16. REPORTS ON FACILITY LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS. The Department of Health and Welfare's Licensing and Certification Program shall provide biannual reports to the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division and the Division of Financial Management on the status of facility licensing and certifications as well as staff workload and caseload issues. The format of the report and the type of information included therein shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office and the Division of Financial Management. The first report shall be submitted no later than December 31, 2026, and the second report shall be submitted no later than June 30, 2027.

SECTION 17. LIMITING TRANSFER OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-3511, Idaho Code, Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund moneys appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare's Divisions of Mental Health Services and Psychiatric Hospitalization may be transferred between divisions but shall not be transferred to any other division or program within the Department of Health and Welfare without legislative approval.

SECTION 18. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTERS. The seven behavioral health community crisis centers shall submit records that indicate the levels of funding support by fund source. The format of the report and the information included therein shall be determined by the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division. The contents of these reports shall aid in providing a clearer understanding of the financial situations of the behavioral health community crisis centers. These reports shall be submitted by the Department of Health and Welfare to the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division no later than December 31, 2026.

SECTION 19. STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT. Funds available for naloxone shall be available only to first responders for distribution in the state of Idaho.

SECTION 20. IDAHO MILLENNIUM INCOME FUND. Of the funds appropriated from the Idaho Millennium Income Fund in Section 1 of this act, \$250,000 shall be used by Idaho Drug Free Youth to support its various programs, including its annual youth summit, program chapters, and drug free school coordinators. Idaho Drug Free Youth shall provide to the Department of Health and Welfare a document that demonstrates operational and fiscal accountability for the supported programs. Idaho Drug Free Youth shall work collaboratively with the Department of Health and Welfare and shall sign an attestation letter or equivalent document that ensures funds will be used in accordance with this section, with Section 21 of this act, and with any other applicable rule or law and accounted for using generally accepted accounting principles.

SECTION 21. IDAHO DRUG FREE YOUTH OVERSIGHT.

(1) The Department of Health and Welfare shall provide oversight for the funds provided in Section 20 of this act for Idaho Drug Free Youth. The Department of Health and Welfare shall:

- (a) Provide four distributions of \$62,500 for a total distribution of \$250,000. Distributions shall occur no later than July 15, 2026, October 15, 2026, January 15, 2027, and April 15, 2027;
- (b) Receive and compile two reports from Idaho Drug Free Youth and transmit each report to the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office on behalf of the Joint Millennium Fund Committee by December 30, 2026, and by June 30, 2027, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. The format of the report and the content therein shall be determined by the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office;
- (c) Withhold or recover distributions pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection if Idaho Drug Free Youth is not operating or has indicated it intends to no longer operate prior to the close of the fiscal year, if it does not provide any of the required reports, or otherwise as needed to address legal or fiscal concerns of funds provided to Idaho Drug Free Youth; and
- (d) Assist Idaho Drug Free Youth, as needed, to ensure services are being provided as intended by this act and to meet the needs of program participants.

(2) The Department of Health and Welfare shall not have the authority to directly manage Idaho Drug Free Youth or direct Idaho Drug Free Youth to perform functions not required in this section or Section 20 of this act. The Department of Health and Welfare shall assist Idaho Drug Free Youth to ensure funds are used in accordance with this act. If the Department of Health and Welfare has reason to believe funds are misused in violation of this section or Section 20 of this act, or any rule or law, the Department of Health and Welfare may withhold funds until Idaho Drug Free Youth is in compliance with this act and applicable law. The Department of Health and Welfare shall immediately notify the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office on behalf of the Joint Millennium Fund Committee of any misused or perceived misuse of funds. The Department of Health and Welfare shall work collaboratively with Idaho Drug Free Youth to develop an appropriate corrective action plan.

SECTION 22. EXEMPTIONS FROM PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS.

The Community Hospitalization Program is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(2), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers into the Community Hospitalization Program from other programs within the Department of Health and Welfare for all moneys appropriated to it for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

SECTION 23. ACQUISITIONS.

(1) Consistent with the provisions of Chapter 92, Title 67, Idaho Code, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is encouraged to engage in open, competitive acquisition processes. For all acquisitions during the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for property, services, or settlement valued at more than \$1,000,000, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare shall make a report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee when the acquisition process includes:

- (a) Any targeted requests for information or questions conveyed on behalf of external stakeholders by the Office of the Governor; or
- (b) Facilitation or coordination of meetings or communications with potential or actual bidders by the Office of the Governor.

(2) Such report shall be made by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division within 30 business days of such contact and include:

- (a) The nature and purpose for contact from the Office of the Governor;
- (b) The amount of the contract for property, services, or settlement subject to the acquisition process;
- (c) The duration of the contract for property, services, or settlement;
- (d) The parties involved;
- (e) The subject; and
- (f) Whether the acquisition was part of or awarded as a result of an open, competitive acquisition process or a sole source or other noncompetitive procurement pursuant to Section 67-9221, Idaho Code.

SECTION 24. ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS. Funds specifically identified in statute or in an appropriation act as intended for a certain purpose may be used only for that purpose. Funds provided in this act are subject to accountability reports and management reviews in accordance with Section 67-702, Idaho Code, provided the Legislative Services Office auditor has sufficient resources to conduct those reports. State agencies who are authorized to contract for outside audits shall submit those reports to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee when those reports become available.

SECTION 25. CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS.

Appropriations made pursuant to this act are subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions specified in this act.

SECTION 26. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2026.

Ms. Williamson presented a new section of language associated with the FY 2027 enhancement budget requiring the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to submit a report to JFAC by the end of the calendar year. The report would identify rule sections based on Idaho Code, 56-202, and explain how each rule complied with that authority. If a rule lacked justification, the department would provide an alternative statutory basis or begin repealing the rule.

In response to committee questions, **Co-Chair Tanner (14)** explained the language responded to concerns raised by DHW regarding authority in the Child Care Program. It required DHW to review its programs and confirm it has proper statutory authority to expend funds. The intent was to ensure all rules and actions align with statute and to prevent future issues.

MOTION: **Sen. Zuiderveld** made a motion, seconded by **Rep. Bruce**, to accept the following language:

LANGUAGE: SECTION __. REQUIRING A REPORT ON RULES.

- 1.) The Department of Health and Welfare shall submit a report to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee by December 31, 2026, identifying each rule section adopted pursuant to Section 56-202, Idaho Code.
- 2.) For each rule section identified, the department shall specify how the rule section fulfills a duty outlined in Section 56-202, Idaho Code. In such cases where the department cannot explain how an identified rule section expressly fulfills a duty outlined in Section 56-202, Idaho Code, the department shall determine:
 - a) steps to update the rule section to reflect the proper section of Idaho Code that provides authority to sustain the rule; or
 - b) steps to repeal the rule section.
- 3.) Where a rule section is identified as needing to be repealed, the department shall not expend any appropriation in the exercise of the rule.
- 4.) The format and content of this report will be determined in consultation with the Budget and Policy Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office.

In response to a committee question, **Co-Chair Tanner (14)** explained the language's intent was for the department to review the identified sections, identify any conflicts, and return to JFAC with recommendations. Any issues would then be addressed through rule or statutory changes as needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 15 AYES, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** **Senators voting in favor** of the motion: **Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway.** **Senators voting in opposition** to the motion: **Ward-Engelking, Wintrow.** **Representatives voting in favor** of the motion: **Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris.** **Representatives voting in opposition** to the motion: **Petzke, Manwaring, Green.**

Ms. Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy, presented two sections of additional language for the Department of Water Resources (DWR). One section related to filing fees affecting the agency's adjudication process; the second provided reappropriation authority for the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:**

Rep. Miller requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following language:

LANGUAGE:

SECTION __. FILING FEES. Notwithstanding Section 42-1414(1)(c), Idaho Code, it is the intent of the Legislature that moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act, for Idaho's general stream adjudications from the General Fund, count toward the filing fees required under Section 42-1414(1)(a) and Section 42-1414(1)(b), Idaho Code, for water right claims filed in Idaho's general stream adjudications by the Idaho Water Resource Board and the Governor of the State of Idaho based on instream flow, public lake level maintenance or recreation. If the General Fund appropriation exceeds the amount required for the Idaho Water Resource Board's and the Governor's filing fees in the current fiscal year, the excess shall be counted toward future filing fees required for those same purposes. If the General Fund appropriation does not meet or exceed the fee required for claims of the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Director of the Department of Water Resources shall grant an extension of time to the Idaho Water Resource Board or the Governor of the State of Idaho to file the claim, and the General Fund appropriation for the following fiscal year shall be counted toward the balance of the filing fee.

REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. There is hereby reappropriated to the Department of Water Resources any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the Department of Water Resources in the Planning and Technical Services Program from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to water infrastructure projects for fiscal year 2026 for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount, by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

Ms. Brooke Dupree, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy, presented the FY 2027 enhancement budget for the Workforce Development Council. She explained the request included consolidation of the STEM Action Center into the budget, with the related germane bill having passed the House and awaiting final consideration in the Senate. The request also included an ongoing expenditure category transfer of \$400K from personnel costs and \$750K from operating expenditures into trustee and benefit payments, due to lower-than-expected administrative costs.

MOTION:

Rep. Petzke made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Ward-Engelking**, beginning with the FY 2027 JFAC Program Maintenance Budget, to add 6.00 FTP and \$3,007,800 for enhancement 1 to consolidate the STEM Action Center and the Workforce Development Council; to reduce \$400,000 from personnel costs and \$750,000 from operating expenditures from the In-Demand Careers Fund; to increase \$1,150,000 for trustee and benefits payments from the In-Demand Careers Fund for a budget neutral appropriation adjustment; and to add \$33,100 onetime in operating expenditures and \$43,300 onetime in trustee and benefit payments from the General Fund for STEM Action Center Contract Payments. This motion included, for FY 2027, for the Workforce Development Council, an additional \$3,084,200 from the General Fund and an additional 6.00 full-time equivalent positions.

Rep. Petzke stated the changes reflected net-zero transfers, including funding shifts from a consolidating agency, adjustments between expense categories, and movement of funds between fiscal years related to the consolidation.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 15 AYES, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: Zuiderveld. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Manwaring, Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris.**

Ms. Dupree presented a FY 2026 supplemental request from the STEM Action Center.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Ward-Engelking**, for FY 2026, for the STEM Action Center, a reduction of \$33,100 in operating expenditures and \$43,300 in trustee and benefit payments, for a total reduction of \$76,400 from the General Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 20 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: None. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Manwaring, Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: None.**

Ms. Dupree presented the FY 2027 enhancement budget for the STEM Action Center.

MOTION: **Rep. Petzke** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Ward-Engelking**, for FY 2027, for the STEM Action Center, a reduction of 7.00 FTP, \$3,060,000 from the General Fund, and \$2,929,900 from dedicated funds, for a total reduction of \$5,990,500.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 20 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Woodward, Cook, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: None. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Furniss, Petzke, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Manwaring, Green. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: None.**

Ms. Janica Bisharat, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy, presented a section of language for the FY 2027 enhancement budget for the Office of the Attorney General. She reminded the committee the Attorney General requested to restore \$980,000, or approximately 3% of the 5% rescission, for FY 2027. The language presented would increase the Attorney General's appropriation from the Consumer Protection Fund. Current Idaho Code limits use of these funds to activities under the Consumer Protection Act; the proposed language would allow broader use for duties authorized under Idaho law.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) put the committee at ease at 8:50 a.m.

Co-Chair Tanner (14) resumed the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Bruce** made a motion, seconded by **Sen. Bjerke (Bjerke)**, to adopt the following language:

LANGUAGE: SECTION __. CONSUMER PROTECTION FUND APPROPRIATION.
Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in addition to the moneys already appropriated from the Consumer Protection Fund, \$980,000 from the Consumer Protection Fund is hereby appropriated each fiscal year for the furtherance of the Attorney General’s duties and activities under Idaho law for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by a total vote of 14 AYES, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Senators voting in favor of the motion: Grow, Woodward, Bjerke (Bjerke), Hart, Carlson, Zuiderveld, Galloway. Senators voting in opposition to the motion: Cook, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Representatives voting in favor of the motion: Tanner (14), Miller, Mitchell, Price, Bruce, Harris, Manwaring. Representatives voting in opposition to the motion: Furniss, Petzke, Green.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Representative Tanner (14)
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary