

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 17, 2017

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Martin, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye

Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

LSO STAFF PRESENT: Cathy Holland-Smith, Paul Headlee, Janet Jessup, Jared Hoskins, Rob Sepich

CONVENED: **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 7:59 am.

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Senate Education Committee

PRESENTER: **Senator Dean Mortimer, Chairman**

Senator Mortimer began by thanking **Paul Headlee**, Deputy Division Manager of the Budget & Policy Analysis Division in the Legislative Services Office (LSO), for his work to provide the committee with the necessary information to consider the education budget. He then reviewed the following priorities of the Senate Education Committee: 1) continuation of the Career Ladder, 2) health insurance to K-12 state public employees, 3) classroom technology, 4) literacy proficiency, 5) advanced opportunities program, 6) career technical education, 7) professional development, 8) career counseling, and 9) transportation. Senator Mortimer then gave his closing remarks highlighting the efforts toward the Governor's Task Force for Improved Education and ending with remarks from other senators in the education committee.

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House Education Committee

PRESENTER: **Representative Julie VanOrden, Chairman**

Representative VanOrden reviewed the budgetary priorities of the House Education Committee: 1) continued funding for the Career Ladder, 2) health insurance for state public employees, 3) classroom technology, 4) increasing salaries for classified staff, 5) the difference in how the State Department of Education and how the State Board of Education is going to address administrator training since those were line items in both budgets, and 6) address the State Department of Education's intent to award vendors for the Idaho Reading Indicator Assessment and possible changes to that process.

In response to committee questions, **Rep. VanOrden** explained what is most talked about now regarding issues in higher education is adult degree completion scholarships. An item in the Governor's Task Force for Improved Education. Rep. VanOrden also stated there is a house bill sponsored by **Rep. DeMordaunt** regarding the issue of helping schools who want to become a STEM school, or want more STEM classes.

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Senate Resources and Environment Committee

PRESENTER: Senator Steve Bair, Chairman

Senator Bair discussed the industries in which the committee addresses issues and the fledgeling oil and gas industry growing in Idaho. He discussed the main challenge in the oil and gas industry which is Idaho Department of Lands does not have any experts to properly regulate the industry. He also talked about the Snake River Aquifer Recharge Program and the efforts done by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

In response to committee questions, **Sen. Bair** explained the challenge of constructing good legislation regarding the oil and gas industry to make constituencies, land owners, and businessmen happy as well as preserve Idaho's way of life.

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House Resources and Conservation Committee

PRESENTER: Representative Marc Gibbs, Chairman

Representative Gibbs began by stressing the need for expertise in regulating the fledgeling oil and gas industry in Idaho. He outlined the importance for funding the Idaho Department of Water Resources's line item request for a water data collection system which the Governor did not recommend. Lastly, he discussed the progress of draft legislation regarding issues in the Idaho Fish and Game.

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House Agricultural Affairs Committee

PRESENTER: Representative Judy Boyle, Chairman

Representative Boyle outlined the priorities of the committee: 1) methyl bromide project, 2) animal tracking software, 3) a rangeland specialist position in the Idaho Department of Agriculture, 4) invasive species, 5) food safety modernization, 6) brucellosis lab, and 7) animal damage control in relation to predators.

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Senate Agricultural Affairs

PRESENTER: Senator Lori Den Hartog

Senator Den Hartog outlined the priorities of the committee which mimic most of the priorities in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. Those being the issues surrounding invasive species and issues of the total maximum daily load of the Boise River concerning phosphorous reduction.

In response to committee questions, **Sen. Den Hartog** explained there is a ten year time frame in the federal guidelines for phosphorous reduction. People from the Idaho agricultural and water quality community anticipate Idaho could achieve significant reduction in the 30 to 40 percent range within a five to ten year time frame, however, to achieve reduction in the 75 percent range will be difficult to attain.

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Department of Health and Welfare: Division of Welfare: Unfunded FTP Transfer to Medicaid

PRESENTER: Jared Tatro, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Department of Health and Welfare. In FY 2015, the department requested and was approved for an additional 15.00 FTP and \$1,185,000 in ongoing personnel costs and \$940,000 ongoing in dedicated funds to implement work being done with the state-based exchange and Your Health Idaho. With recent changes to the Your Health Idaho contract, the department has identified 5.00 FTP that are no longer needed in the Self-Reliance Operations Programs and can be used in the Medicaid Administration Program. The department requests that these 5.00 FTP be transferred to Medicaid to meet the requirements of the K.W. vs. Armstrong Lawsuit settlement and changes to the Home and Community Based Services Program.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Bair**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Department of Health and Welfare, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Department of Health and Welfare
Reduction of FTP
Supplemental

Moved by **Bair**, seconded by **Malek**, to move to the Department of Health and Welfare, to the Division of Welfare in the Self-Reliance Operations Program, a reduction of 5.00 FTP for fiscal year 2017, ongoing.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 0

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

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Department of Health and Welfare: Psychiatric Hospitalization: Projected Budget Shortfall

PRESENTER: Jared Tatro, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Department of Health and Welfare. After the department completed its first quarter budget review, a shortfall was identified in the Community Hospitalization Program. As a result, the Governor recommends \$500,000 from the General Fund for trustee and benefit payments to cover projected shortfall in the program. Funds in this program are used to pay for patient care once an individual has been committed to state custody, and before a bed is available in one of the two state institutions. The average daily rate for a community bed is about double the cost compared to one at a state hospital.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Tatro** clarified that this request was not made by the agency but was recommended by the Governor after discovering a budget shortfall when performing the first quarter budget review. The agency does agree with the Governor's recommendation. Mr. Tatro stated that with the agency's request in their FY 2018 budget to expand the number of beds in state mental hospitals, it could reduce the need to house state committed mental health patients in private hospitals.

CARRIED:

Original Motion
Department of Health and Welfare
Projected Budget Shortfall
Supplemental

Moved by **Wintrow**, seconded by **Bair**, to move to the Department of Health and Welfare, a transfer of \$500,000 in trustee and benefit payments from the Adult Mental Health Program to the Community Hospitalization Program, from the Cooperative Welfare General Fund, for fiscal year 2017, one-time.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 0

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Department of Health and Welfare: Public Health Services: Prescription Drug Grant

PRESENTER: Jared Tatro, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Department of Health and Welfare. The department requests \$432,400 in federal funds for the Prescription Drug Grant. This grant was awarded to Idaho in September 2016 to help curb the rising opioid abuse issues in Idaho. To implement this grant, the department is going to contract with the Office of Drug Policy (ODP), the Board of Pharmacy, Idaho State University, and the Public Health Districts. The contract with ODP will be to implement the planning and data portion. The overall goal for ODP is to assess and better understand the size and scope of the opioid epidemic in Idaho. This contract is for \$60,000 over the three years. The Board of Pharmacy will facilitate uptake of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Gateway and NarxCheck. The PMP Gateway streamlines prescriber and

dispenser access to PMP data by enabling its integration into electronic medical records and pharmacy dispensing systems. NarxCheck layers in decision support tools to help prescribers and dispensers better analyze and evaluate PMP data. This contract is for \$120,000 over the three years. Idaho State University will contract for the development of an educational toolkit for providers and to evaluate the success of the Board of Pharmacy and Public Health Districts efforts to increase utilization of the PMP. This contract is for \$30,000 over the three years. The Public Health Districts' contract is to educate and train prescribers, and to train physician champions. This contract is for \$214,000 over the three years.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Department of Health and Welfare
Prescription Drug Grant
Supplemental

Moved by **King**, seconded by **Bair**, to move to the Department of Health and Welfare, for the Physical Health Services Program an additional \$232,400 in operating expenditures and \$200,000 in trustee and benefit payments from the Cooperative Welfare Federal Fund, for fiscal year 2017, ongoing.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 0

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Office of the Governor: Office of Drug Policy: Prescription Drug Abuse Grant — Contract

PRESENTER: **Jared Tatro, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Mr. Tatro presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Office of the Governor. The Office of Drug Policy (ODP) requests \$21,000 in operating expenditures to implement the planning and data portion of a federal Prescription Drug Overdose Grant from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The grant was awarded to Health and Welfare, and ODP will be contracted partner. The overall goal for ODP is to assess and better understand the size and scope of the opioid epidemic in Idaho. Responsibilities for ODP are to: 1) perform a needs assessment; 2) convene strategic planning group and develop a strategic plan; 3) implement data-sharing agreements as needed; 4) identify, obtain, and coordinate routine ongoing data collection and analysis; and 5) report to stakeholders. Health and Welfare will be the primary grant contact, the Board of Pharmacy, Public Health Districts, and Idaho State University will handle the prevention in action piece; which is implementation, education, training, and evaluation. The total grant is awarded for three years and provides \$576,000 of federal funds into Idaho. It is expected that the \$21,000 will be removed from the base, upon completion of the grant in FY 2020.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **King**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Office of Drug Policy, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Office of Drug Policy
Prescription Drug Abuse Grant — Contract
Supplemental

Moved by **King**, seconded by **Bair**, to move to the Office of Drug Policy an additional \$21,000 in operating expenditures from the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund, for fiscal year 2017, ongoing.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 0

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Self-Governing Agencies: Medical Boards/Board of Pharmacy: DHW Contract Supplemental

PRESENTER: Rob Sepich, Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Sepich presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Medical Boards Division in Self-Governing Agencies. The Board of Pharmacy is requesting a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$60,000 in operating expenditures from the State Regulatory Fund for the Prescription Monitoring Program. This is to begin work on the contract for services with the Department of Health and Welfare to curb rising opioid abuse in the state. DHW will pass through funds that will help educate pharmacists and provide tools such as Gateway and NarxCheck. This request will allow the board to begin implementation of the program in FY 2017.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Wintrow**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Medical Boards, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Board of Pharmacy
DHW Contract Supplemental
Supplemental

Moved by **Wintrow**, seconded by **Bair**, to move to the Medical Boards the appropriation of an additional \$60,000 in operating expenditures from the State Regulatory Fund for the Board of Pharmacy to carry out Prescription Monitoring Program projects in FY 2017.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 0

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Department of Correction: Management Services: Offender Management System

PRESENTER: **Jared Hoskins, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Mr. Hoskins presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Department of Correction. The department requests \$250,000 in ongoing operating expenditures from the General Fund to contract with an IT project manager to evaluate its offender management system (OMS); identify current requirements and agency needs that are beyond its capabilities; assist in determining the best option for its replacement; and participate in the procurement, development, and deployment of a new OMS. The department's OMS consists of two legacy systems, Reflections and CIS, which are responsible for tracking and recording all offender data regarding all aspects of incarceration and community supervision, from admission through release. According to the department, the current OMS poses a safety risk due to its age, the limited availability of IT staff able to maintain its antiquated technology, the limited available resources in the marketplace, and the lack of an existing plan for modernization. In short, the OMS has outlived its functional life span and cannot keep up with the needs of the department. The evaluation will take place over fiscal year 2017 and the procurement support would take place in fiscal year 2018, if and when the Department of Correction is appropriated funding for a new OMS, at a cost of \$130,000. The total cost would be \$370,000. The department's base will be reduced by \$250,000 in FY 2019.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Youngblood**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Department of Correction, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Department of Correction
Offender Management System
Supplemental

Moved by **Youngblood**, seconded by **Burtenshaw**, to move for the Department of Correction, for fiscal year 2017, in the Management Services Program, an additional \$185,000 in one-time operating expenditures from the General Fund, along with an additional \$185,000 in one-time operating expenditures from the Inmate Labor Fund, for a total of \$370,000.

Ayes: 19

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Souza

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 Bell**.

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Department of Correction: Management Services: Attorney Fees for Balla Lawsuit

PRESENTER: Jared Hoskins, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hoskins presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Department of Correction. This supplemental request is for \$263,500 in one-time operating expenditures from the General Fund to pay various court-ordered fees associated with the Walter D. Balla et al. v. Idaho State Board of Correction court case. Pursuant to a Stipulated Motion to Modify Injunctive Relief, dated May 15, 2012, the department is required to pay the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC) to conduct a final compliance audit to determine whether the department has complied with the applicable modified compliance plans in the Balla lawsuit. There will be an initial audit to be completed by January of 2017, and a final follow-up audit to be completed by June of 2017, at the total cost of \$156,000. Also, the department is required to pay the plaintiffs' attorney fees associated with the ongoing monitoring of the lawsuit. The department was billed \$69,900 for this purpose for monitoring periods in FYs 2015 and 2016. The department encumbered \$33,600 for this purpose but still owes \$36,400. Lastly, in November of 2015, the department was ordered to pay the attorney fees incurred by the plaintiffs in pursuing their motion for sanctions against the department, in the amount of \$332,400. The department appealed that decision in December of 2015, arguing that it did not owe more than \$250,000. As such, the department received \$250,000 as a supplemental appropriation for FY 2016 and eventually encumbered that amount. Ultimately, the parties stipulated to a fee amount of \$321,100, leaving \$71,100 in attorney fees left to be paid for purposes of the plaintiffs' motion for sanctions. However, the judge has since modified his order to only require one evaluation, bringing the total need down to \$185,500.

**CARRIED: Original Motion
Department of Correction
Attorney Fees for Balla Lawsuit
*Supplemental***

Moved by **Anderson**, seconded by **Martin**, to move for the Department of Correction, for fiscal year 2017, in the Management Services Program, an additional \$185,500 in one-time operating expenditures from the General Fund.

Ayes: 19

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Souza

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Department of Correction: County and Out-of-State Placement: County Bed Utilization

PRESENTER: Jared Hoskins, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hoskins presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request for the Department of Correction. The department requests a total of three adjustments, one from each of the following programs: County and Out-of-State Placement, Correctional Alternative Placement, and Medical Services. These adjustments amount to a total decrease of \$936,800 in operating expenditures from the General Fund in FY 2017 in order to align the department's budgets for the three programs with updated offender forecasts and bed utilization counts.

**CARRIED: Original Motion
Department of Correction
County Bed Utilization
*Supplemental***

Moved by **Agenbroad**, seconded by **Youngblood**, to move for the Department of Correction, for fiscal year 2017, the reduction of \$907,300 in operating expenditures from the General Fund in the County & Out-of-State Placement Program; the reduction of \$164,400 in operating expenditures from the General Fund in the Correctional Alternative Placement Program; and the addition of \$134,900 in operating expenditures from the General Fund in the Medical Services Program for a net decrease of \$936,800.

Ayes: 19

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Souza

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 Bell**.

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Idaho State Police: Brand Inspection: Animal Identification Software

PRESENTER: Jared Hoskins, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Hoskins presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Idaho State Police. The Brand Board is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 in one-time capital outlay from the General Fund to purchase and implement an electronic livestock software system. According to the board, the software will be aimed to provide an efficient platform that combines and provides instant, real-time access to information regarding brand inspections, such as ownership information, brand inspection history, pictures of brands, and financial transactions, as well as animal health, identification, and other data pertaining to livestock movements for the Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA). Currently, all brand inspections are processed with handwritten notes that are manually entered on carbon forms and then sent into the main office. Furthermore, transactions are often delayed while brand inspectors return to their offices to conduct research. The goal of the system is to increase the efficiency and transparency of brand inspections. The agency estimates that \$250,000 will cover the cost of purchasing the software

and associated training, but it will not know the exact amount until a vendor is selected. Further, the agency is not able to identify what, if any, maintenance costs will be associated with the software. The agency has indicated that it will absorb any maintenance costs with its existing appropriation. The board also requests carryover authority for the appropriation in order to accommodate the possible overlap of fiscal years.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Burtenshaw**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for Brand Inspection, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Idaho State Police
Animal Identification Software
Supplemental

Moved by **Burtenshaw**, seconded by **Crabtree**, to move, for fiscal year 2017, to Brand Inspection an additional \$250,000 in one-time operating expenditures from the General Fund. This motion also includes carryover authority.

Ayes: 19

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex: 1

Souza

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 Bell**.

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Idaho Department of Agriculture: Animal Tracking Software

PRESENTER: **Ray Houston, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis**

Mr. Houston presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation from the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The department requests \$500,000 from the General Fund for the development of a software program that will facilitate the electronic tracking of animal identification numbers and other data pertaining to livestock movements into and out-of the state. This software will also be able to pass information electronically to the Brand Board for its use, as well as capture relevant data from the Brand Board software. A supplemental is requested because the Division of Purchasing will not allow the distribution of the Request for Proposal (RFP) until a funding source has been approved. No further action can be taken at this time until the funding is secured. The RFP process is about four months which will put the actual award at the end of FY 2017 and the implementation of the software in FY 2018. Because of the timing and process, the department is requesting carryover authority into FY 2018.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: On request by **Crabtree**, granted by unanimous consent, the FY 2017 budget for the Department of Agriculture, was reopened.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Department of Agriculture
Animal Tracking Software
Supplemental

Moved by **Crabtree**, seconded by **Burtenshaw**, to move to the Department of Agriculture, for the Animal Industries Program, for fiscal year 2017, an additional \$500,000 in operating expenditures from the General Fund, one-time, with carryover.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex:

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Idaho Department of Agriculture: Plant Industries: Methyl Bromide Project

PRESENTER: Ray Houston, Principal Budget Analyst, Division of Budget and Policy Analysis

Mr. Houston presented the FY 2017 supplemental appropriation request from the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The department requests \$526,900 from the General Fund to continue the Methyl Bromide Project. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) approved a \$250,000 supplemental for FY 2016. Activities are in response to the identification of fields and commodities that exhibit elevated levels of inorganic bromide, a residue of methyl bromide. Methyl bromide was used as a fumigant to treat fields infested with potato cyst nematode (PCN), a pest of potatoes identified in 26 fields in Bonneville and Bingham counties. PCN is a quarantined pest, the presence of which has impacted export market access for fresh potatoes from Idaho. The PCN eradication program is a cooperative program of USDA-APHIS and ISDA. Project costs include \$8,000 for temporary salaries; \$27,700 for crop sampling; \$269,200 for hay and straw transportation and disposal; \$75,000 for an Idaho National Laboratory burn study; \$57,000 for grower contracts; and \$90,000 for continuation of the research project initiated by Boise State University and the University of Idaho. [One-time but an additional request for \$160,000 is included in FY 2018].

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Houston** stated the \$160,000 in the department's FY 2018 budget is a one-time expenditure coming from the General Fund.

In response to committee questions, **Celia Gould**, Director of the Department of Agriculture, explained the difficulty of determining the end of the Methyl Bromide Project, so the department will request one-time funds for each case that comes before them.

CARRIED: **Original Motion**
Department of Agriculture
Methyl Bromide Project
Supplemental

Moved by **Burtenshaw**, seconded by **Bair**, to move to the Department of Agriculture, for the Plant Industries Program, for fiscal year 2017, an additional \$2,000 in personnel costs, \$132,700 in operating expenditures, and \$35,200 in trustee and benefit payments for a total of \$169,900 from the General Fund; and \$350,000 in operating expenditures from the Federal Grant Fund for a grand total of \$519,900, one-time.

Ayes: 20

Keough, Martin, Bair, Mortimer, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye, Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Horman, Malek, Burtenshaw, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

Nays: 0

Ab/Ex:

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PAGE INTRODUCTION **Chairman Bell** introduced the new high school pages who will serve the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee for the next six weeks of the session. **Lochlan Frederick** from Meridian, who is home-schooled and currently a junior in high school, and **McKinley Bradshaw** from Idaho Falls, who is a senior at Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School and will be attending Brigham Young University - Idaho upon graduation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am.

Representative Bell
Chair

Cody Jessup
Secretary