

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Amador, Representatives Anderson, Anderst, Horman, Moon, Scott, Ehardt, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Lickley, Raybould, Young, Smith, Chew, Ellis, Mason

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: **Rob Sepich, Maggie Smith, Robyn Lockett** - Legislative Services Office (LSO)

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Rob Sepich, LSO, presented information on the Idaho Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. He discussed the Idaho Decision Unit (DU) Budget Model, which lists six benchmarks and descriptions for FY 2019 Original Appropriation, Total Appropriation and Estimated Expenditures. It also detailed FY 2020 Base, Maintenance of Current Operations (MCO) and Original Appropriation.

Mr. Sepich then presented information on the current operating budget for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The information included details on the actual expenditures to include the General, Dedicated, Federal and Total fund accounts. It included FY 2020 Requests by the DEQ and the FY 2020 Governor's Recommendations.

Maggie Smith, LSO, presented a historical summary along with current operating budget information for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources and the Public Utilities Commission. The information included details on the actual expenditures to include the General, Dedicated, Federal and Total fund accounts. It included FY 2020 Requests by the DEQ and the FY 2020 Governor's Recommendations.

Robyn Lockett, LSO, presented a historical summary along with current operating budget information for the Office of Information Technology Services. The information included details on the actual expenditures to include the General, Dedicated, Federal and Total fund accounts. It included FY 2020 Requests by the DEQ and the FY 2020 Governor's Recommendations.

Discussion occurred regarding the presentations and several committee members asked questions to receive additional details on the proposed budget increase in the General Fund. An increase in the General Fund is due to several factors: a reduction from Federal funds, increased staffing due to expanded responsibilities, a build out of a Data Center, consolidation/move of the agency's IT group to one location, and storage of IT equipment. Committee members stated it is important to try to work with the existing budget and to remain flexible. Committee members may also contact a JFAC member with any additional questions they have.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Renee McPherson
Secretary