

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-Chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just

Representatives Co-Chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, and Nash

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Grow** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:01 a.m.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS (IDJC) ANALYST OVERVIEW; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO) Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Otto presented that IDJC is responsible for all juvenile offenders committed by the courts within established minimum standards of detention care, and certification of approved detention facilities. It has four budgeted programs: Administration, Community Operations and Programs Services, Institutions, and Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Services. **Ms. Otto** summarized the total appropriation and actual expenditures for the last five years (see attachment 1), noting from fiscal year (FY) 2018 to 2021, the appropriation and expenditures were relatively static, and they stayed pretty similar for FY 2022, with an increase for one time supplementals for youth crisis centers and youth assessment centers. She also discussed FY 2023's appropriation by program, with 65 percent funding Institutions which has three facilities: Saint Anthony, Nampa, and Lewiston. The average daily count of juveniles in custody was 157, and the average length of custody was 15.5 months.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; Monty Prow, Director**

Mr. Prow provided the Committee with an overview of the activities, programs, and successes of IDJC whose mission is developing productive citizens and active partnership with communities. He discussed the balanced approach model used, prevention, intervention, case management, resources available, bed planning, mental health needs, and recidivism outcomes (see attachment 2). **Mr. Prow** described IDJC's FY 2024 budget request to ensure it meets its mission. He reviewed FY 2022 appropriation variances of amounts budgeted versus expenditures, and detailed line items requests and how they would be implemented. He stated looking forward IDJC will continue to look towards evidence based and informed approaches to enhance its services to youth and families in the system.

DISCUSSION: In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Prow** discussed personnel cost increases; average monthly costs per student; the success of diversion, prevention and intervention; its St. Anthony facility progress; and the agency returning any extra funds to the budget.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **DIVISION OF IDAHO STATE POLICE (ISP) ANALYST OVERVIEW; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Otto reviewed ISP has four divisions, which act and operate as different agencies, all of which will be in one appropriation bill. She noted ISP, through seven budgeted programs, enforces federal and state statutes, prevents and detects crime, regulates traffic, and executes and serves warrants. She reviewed the total appropriation and actual expenditures for the last five FYs by fund (see attachment 3). She specified ISP's seven budgeted programs: Patrol; Investigations; Capitol Protective Services; Director's Office; Forensic Services; Support Services; and Law Enforcement Programs; and reviewed the FY 2023 appropriation by program.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **DIVISION OF IDAHO STATE POLICE; Colonel Kedrick Wills, Director**

Mr. Wills presented ISP's mission is to serve and protect the lives, property, and constitutional rights of the people of Idaho, and includes troopers, investigators, forensic scientists, communication officers, and many other personnel. He discussed ISP's various challenges and progress made toward handling those. **Mr. Wills** reviewed the highlights from the FY 2023 appropriation and detailed ISP's needs the requested supplementals would cover (see attachment 4). He presented each individual FY 2024 decision unit, explaining what the funding would specifically be used for.

DISCUSSION: In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Wills** further discussed equipment sharing with city and county agencies, types of body armor and its lifespan, fentanyl officer safety training, supplemental requests versus line item budget requests, the work of the forensics unit, working in collaboration with Idaho Public Television for vaping prevention, and the Governor's drug policy.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **BRAND INSPECTION DIVISION ANALYST OVERVIEW; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Otto presented the Brand Inspection Division provides protection to the livestock industry from losses of theft and illegal slaughter. She reviewed the total appropriation and actual expenditures for the last five FYs, noting in FY 2023 76 percent of appropriation spending went to Brand Inspectors (see attachment 5). She remarked the agency is funded from dedicated funds received from livestock inspection fees. **Ms. Otto** reported the most recent audit report had three findings which have been corrected and are no longer open.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: IDAHO BRAND BOARD - STATE BRAND INSPECTION, Cody Burlile, Director and State Brand Inspector

Mr. Burlile discussed Idaho is home to more than 2.5 million cattle, and is one of nine states that has more cattle than people, with the dairy industry ranked number three in the nation, and the livestock industry being Idaho's second largest agricultural sector. He noted how important it is to provide protection to those producers and their financial institutions, with State Brand Inspection ensuring industries are protected from theft, illegal transportation, and the slaughter of livestock. **Mr. Burlile** reviewed State Brand Inspection is a self-governing agency housed within the ISP and operates its budget solely on dedicated funds collected from brand inspection, brand recording, and livestock dealer licensing. He highlighted several of the agency's accomplishments from last year, and reviewed its FY 2024 budget request (see attachment 6).

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) ACADEMY ANALYST OVERVIEW; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis

Ms. Otto remarked that POST delivers training and certification to all levels of law enforcement throughout the state, providing both basic and specialized training for all commissioned peace officers, adult and juvenile correction officers, and dispatchers. POST hosts multiple academies each year and also certifies that all agencies that conduct their own training (such as ISP, Boise Police, and colleges) use POST certified curriculum. She reviewed that 93 percent of its appropriation comes from the Peace Officers Training Fund which is derived from a \$15 court fee and a portion of all civil and other fees; and POST also receives 1.5 percent of liquor revenue. **Ms. Otto** reviewed the appropriation, expenditures, revenues, and cash transfers from FY 2018 through FY 2022 (see attachment 7).

AGENCY PRESENTATION: POST ACADEMY; Brad Johnson, Administrator

Mr. Johnson presented POST is committed to serving in the most professional and competent manner, and operates at the direction of the Governor and appointed counsel, and is organized and funded as a division of the ISP. Its budget does not use General Funds and relies on dedicated funds and small federal grant programs to operate, having received an Award of Excellence for significantly exceeding standards and received the highest assessment score that has been awarded to date. He summarized POST's training standards, code of ethics, education modalities, and annual certification process. **Mr. Johnson** reviewed funding legislation, its sources, and authority. He reviewed POST's FY 2023 line items and supplemental requests and items/services the supplemental appropriation would cover (see attachment 8). He detailed FY 2024's budget enhancements.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **RACING COMMISSION ANALYST OVERVIEW; Christine Otto, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO Budget and Policy Analysis**

Ms. Otto communicated the Racing Commission maintains horse racing requirements that protect racing participants and the public from illegal actions surrounding racing operations. She reviewed its total appropriations and actual expenditures for the last five fiscal years, and by personnel cost, operating expenditures, and trustee benefit payments (see attachment 9). **Ms. Otto** pointed out in FY 2018 its appropriation was significantly higher since there were legislative actions that changed horse racing so less racing took place. She reviewed that it is funded through dedicated sources for pari-mutuel licenses and distributions.

AGENCY PRESENTATION: **RACING COMMISSION; Anisha Jones, Business Operations Manager**

Ms. Jones presented the Commission was a result of the Idaho Horse Racing Act, passed March 15, 1963, to authorize and regulate horse racing and pari-mutual betting on horse races, and the Commission was established to govern, direct, and regulate racing in Idaho, and regulates five tracks and one simulcast. She informed the three member Board furthers the Commission's primary objectives to build a strong and credible industry and to operate as effectively and economically as possible. The Commission is a self-funded agency, funded through fees collected from occupational licenses and pari-mutual wagering, which includes live simulcast and advanced deposit wagering. **Ms. Jones** summarized the pari-mutual trends in Idaho from 2018 through 2022 (see attachment 10), and discussed license platforms, receipts, simulcasts, and tracks. She informed the budget request is a one line item maintenance budget with no replacement items.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee, **Co-Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Senator Grow
Chair

Erin Miller
Secretary