

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 02, 2024

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just  
Representative(s) Co-chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Green

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Co-chairman Horman, Representative(s) Green

**CONVENED:** **Co-chairman Grow** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:16 a.m. The Committee went at ease at 8:17 a.m. and resumed at 8:31 a.m.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **OFFICE OF DRUG POLICY, LBB 6-65; Mr. Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager of Legislative Services Office (LSO) Budget & Policy Analysis**  
**Mr. Tatro** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Office of Drug Policy. The Office of Drug Policy was created by the legislature in 2007 and placed under the office of the Governor to address Idaho's substance use and misuse policy and prevention efforts.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Cook**, for the Office of Drug Policy, beginning with the FY 2025 Base: reduce \$2,000 for benefit costs, and \$200 for statewide cost allocation; then add \$14,500 for change in employee compensation; and \$100,000 for Community Models. For FY 2025, the totals for the Office of Drug Policy \$376,200 from the General Fund, \$124,500 from dedicated funds, and \$4,500,000 from federal funds, for a total of \$5,000,700, and cap the full-time equivalent positions at 6.00; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Cook** stated that his motion represents a complete maintenance budget for FY 25, based on the definition provided in the Budget Development Manual developed under the requirements of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code, that outlines the state budget process. This definition reflects the adjustments needed to maintain the current state of operations and level of service for each program, which includes the Committee's recommended 3% CEC for permanent employees.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Tanner**, For the Office of Drug Policy, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$9,700 for the 2% CEC of which, \$4,900 is from the General Fund and \$4,800 is from federal funds for a total of \$9,700. This brings the total FY 2025 Original appropriation for the Office of Drug Policy to \$376,200 from the General Fund, \$24,500 from dedicated funds, and \$4,500,000 from federal funds, for a total of \$4,900,700, and a cap of 6.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Representative Tanner** stated his motion starts with the maintenance budget itself, and does not go back to the existing base; and would follow the existing maintenance budget that was passed out of the Committee and currently being considered on the House and Senate floors.

**FAILED:** **AYES: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**NAYS: 11**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Horman and Green

**CARRIED (ORIGINAL MOTION);** **AYES: 11**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Horman and Green

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Senator Cook**, granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.** There is hereby reappropriated to the Office of Drug Policy any unexpended and unencumbered balance appropriated to the Office of Drug Policy from the American Rescue Plan Fund for fiscal year 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$775,100 from the American Rescue Plan Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to drug use prevention services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

**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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES, LBB 5-73; Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager of LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Tatro** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Commission for Libraries. The Commission for Libraries assists with statewide Library development and providing continuing education and consulting services to the library community.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Idaho Commission for Libraries, beginning with the FY 2025 Base: reduce \$11,400 for benefit costs; add \$83,700 for statewide cost allocation; \$78,700 for change in employee compensation; and \$750,000 for the Digital Access for All Idahoans Grant. The totals for FY 2025 for the Idaho Commission for Libraries, \$4,724,100 from the General Fund, \$70,000 from dedicated funds, and \$2,624,900 from federal funds for a total of \$7,419,000 and cap the full-time equivalent positions at 35.50; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**POINT OF CLARIFICATION:** **Representative Tanner** asked for a point of clarification to determine if all motions were included in member packets for Commission of Libraries. **Mr. Tatro** confirmed all motions were included.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 11**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Horman and Green

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Representative Furniss**, granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY - LIBRARY PROJECTS.** There is hereby reappropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries any unexpended and unencumbered balance appropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries from the ARPA Capital Projects Fund for fiscal year 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 from the ARPA Capital Projects Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related library capital projects for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

**REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY - DIGITAL ACCESS CAPACITY.** There is hereby reappropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries any unexpended and unencumbered balance appropriated to the Idaho Commission for Libraries from the Federal Grant Fund for fiscal year 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 from the Federal Grant Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to digital access capacity for the period July 1, 2024,

through June 30, 2025. The Office of the State Controller shall confirm the reappropriation amount by fund, expense class, and program, with the Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis Division prior to processing the reappropriation authorized herein.

**TELE HEALTH FACILITIES.** Of the moneys reappropriated in Section 2 of this act from the ARPA Capital Projects Fund for library facilities projects, no funds shall be expended for facility and technology projects that do not comply with Section 18-608 and 18-617, Idaho Code.

**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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LBB 5-67; Jared Tatro, Deputy Division Manager of LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Tatro** presented the FY 2025 budget for the State Historical Society. The State Historical Society is a system of cultural and historic resources that includes the Idaho State Museum, the State Archives, the State Historic Preservation Office, and other historic site programs. The agency was established in 1907 and is organized under the Department of Self-governing Agencies

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Burtenshaw**, for the Idaho State Historical Society, beginning with the FY 2025 Base: reduce \$29,200 for benefit costs, then add \$70,500 for replacement items, \$126,500 for statewide cost allocation; \$221,100 for the change in employee compensation; 2.00 FTP and \$133,600 for the old penitentiary staff; \$101,200 for an administrative support manager; and remove 1.00 FTP and a net \$70,000 for OITS consolidation. The totals for FY 2025 for the Idaho State Historical Society are \$4,628,900 from the General Fund, \$3,529,700 from dedicated funds, and \$2,311,400 from federal funds for a total of \$10,470,000 and cap full-time equivalent positions at 59.00; seconded by **Representative Bundy**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 11**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Horman and Green

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Burtenshaw**, granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**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.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, LBB 1-139; Jared Tatro, Deputy  
Division Manager of LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Tatro** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Charter School Commission. The Charter School Commission did not have a budget hearing as it has a pure maintenance budget with no additional requests other than the standard adjustments.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Senator VanOrden**, For the Charter School Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 base: reduce \$3,700 for benefit costs, and \$13,600 for statewide cost allocation; then add \$13,300 for the 3% change in employee compensation. The totals for FY 2025, for the Charter School Commission \$193,000 from the General Fund, and \$531,900 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$724,900, and cap the full-time equivalent positions at 5.00; seconded by **Representative Raybould**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 11**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**

Representatives Horman and Green

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator VanOrden**, granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; Ms. Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Jessup** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture oversees various aspects of agriculture and the agricultural economy and is one of Idaho’s twenty executive departments.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Burtenshaw**, for the Department of Agriculture, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: reduce \$131,700 for benefit costs, add \$1,381,700 for replacement items, add \$38,100 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$515,100 for change in employee compensation; also include 1.00 FTP and \$215,000 for a veterinarian in eastern Idaho; 2.00 FTP and \$284,600 for dairy inspectors; 1.00 FTP and \$88,800 for seed lab personnel; \$67,500 to enhance the Idaho Preferred program; \$1,500,000 to build a storage facility; \$60,000 to provide international trade support with Japan; \$6,184,900 for the resilient food systems grant; \$94,500 to provide CEC for fruit and vegetable inspectors; \$5,700 for the Honey Commission; \$11,569,900 for quagga mussel resources and transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Invasive Species Fund. For FY 2025 the totals \$15,011,800 from the General Fund, \$38,228,800 from dedicated funds, and \$13,706,800 from federal funds for a total of \$66,947,400, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 231.00; seconded by **Representative Bundy**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Miller**, For the Department of Agriculture, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget, add \$348,300 for the 2% CEC; also add 1.00 FTP and \$215,000 for a veterinarian in eastern Idaho; 2.00 FTP and \$284,600 for dairy inspectors; 1.00 FTP and \$88,800 for seed lab personnel; \$67,500 to enhance the Idaho Preferred program; \$1,500,000 to build a storage facility; \$60,000 to provide international trade support with Japan; \$6,184,900 for the resilient food systems grant; \$94,500 to provide CEC for fruit and vegetable inspectors; \$5,700 for the Honey Commission; \$11,569,900 for quagga mussel resources and transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Invasive Species Fund; and \$1,381,700 for replacement items. A total of \$1,963,500 from the General Fund, \$8,621,800 from dedicated funds, \$6,215,600 from federal funds for a total of \$16,800,900, and additional full-time equivalent positions of 6.00. That brings the FY 2025 total appropriation for the Department of Agriculture to \$15,011,800 from the General Fund, \$38,228,800 from dedicated funds, and \$13,706,800 from federal funds, for a total of \$66,947,400, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 231.00; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**FAILED:** **AYES: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**NAYS: 11**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**  
Representatives Horman and Green

**CARRIED  
(ORIGINAL  
MOTION):**

**AYES: 11**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, and Handy

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 2**

Representatives Horman and Green

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Co-Chairman Grow.

**AT EASE:**

The Committee went at ease at 9:07 a.m. and resumed at 9:09 a.m.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Senator Burtenshaw**, granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was adopted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM.** The Department of Agriculture shall maximize the use of the appropriation provided for the watercraft inspection program to minimize the chances of spreading zebra mussels, quagga mussels, and other aquatic invasive species into Idaho waters. The department is encouraged to use roving inspection stations when appropriate and to expand hours of coverage during holidays when boat transport traffic is likely to increase. It is also encouraged to use extra staffing on busy holiday weekends. The department shall gather data regarding the number of watercraft that are bypassing the stations and nighttime transport of watercraft across Idaho's borders. The department shall also seek to secure federal funding to further enhance invasive species detection and prevention efforts. The department shall report back to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee, and the House Agricultural Affairs Committee during the 2025 legislative session regarding the results of the data gathering, attainment of federal funds, and an operational review of the boat stations.

**SECTION\_. 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. All funds provided in this act shall be subject to accountability reports and management reviews.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Raybould**, for FY 2024, for the Department of Agriculture in the Plant Industries Program, a onetime appropriation and transfer of \$627,900 from the General Fund to the continuously appropriated Pest Control Deficiency Fund; seconded by **Senator Burtenshaw**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just. Representatives Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy and Ruckh (Green).

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**LSO STAFF**

**PRESENTATION:**

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION, LBB 5-17; Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Jessup** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Soil & Water Conservation Commission.

**MOTION:**

**Representative Miller** moved for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$27,800 for the 2% CEC; add \$75,400 to increase soil and water district distributions increase and \$1,000,000 for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA). For a total of \$1,099,700 from the General Fund and \$3,500 from dedicated funds for a total of \$1,103,200. This brings the FY 2025 total appropriation for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission of \$4,592,200 from the General Fund and \$424,400 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$5,016,600, and a cap of 17.75 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Senator Burtenshaw** moved for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: reduce \$6,900 for benefit costs, reduce \$5,800 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$41,700 for change in employee compensation; also add \$75,400 to increase the distribution for water and soil districts; and \$2,000,000 for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA). For FY 2025 the totals \$4,592,200 from the General Fund and \$424,400 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$5,016,600, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 17.75, seconded by **Representative Bundy**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 12**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without



objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

**Senator Burtenshaw** requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION\_ . TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS DISTRIBUTION.** Of the amount appropriated to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission in Section 1 of this act for trustee and benefit payments, \$300,000 shall be distributed equally among the 50 soil and water conservation districts in addition to the amounts authorized pursuant to Section 22- 2727, Idaho Code.

**SECTION\_ . WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE.** Of the moneys appropriated in Section 1 of this act for trustee and benefit payments, \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture in accordance with Sections 22-2733 and 22-2734, Idaho Code, to provide cost-share financing for soil and water conservation projects, water delivery and drainage rehabilitation and improvement projects, implementation of agricultural best management practices, and other projects to enhance and restore the soil and water resources of the state. The commission shall administer this funding through existing grant procedures and personnel.

**SECTION\_ . REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.** There is hereby reappropriated to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the Water Quality Program for Agriculture for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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.

**SECTION\_ .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. All funds provided in this act shall be subject to accountability reports and management reviews.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION; Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst,  
LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Jessup** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Office of Species Conservation before the Committee.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Miller**, for the Office of Species Conservation beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$27,100 for the 2% CEC; add 1.00 FTP and \$80,900 for a fiscal staff member and \$5,000 for the agency to receive grant funds. Also an additional \$95,800 from the General Fund, \$5,000 from dedicated funds, and \$12,200 from federal funds for a total of \$113,000, and additional full-time equivalent position of 1.00. This brings the FY 2025 total appropriation for the Office of Species Conservation of \$1,766,500 from the General Fund, \$20,000 from dedicated funds, and \$18,104,500 from federal funds for a total of \$19,891,000, and a cap of 16.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Office of Species Conservation, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance: reduce \$3,500 for benefit costs, add \$9,300 for statewide cost allocation, and \$40,700 for change in employee compensation, add 1.00 FTP and \$80,900 for a new fiscal staff member; and add \$5,000 for the agency to receive grant funds. For FY 2025 the totals \$1,766,500 from the General Fund, \$20,000 from dedicated funds, and \$18,104,500 from federal funds for a total of \$19,891,000, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 16.00; seconded by **Senator Lent**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 12**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Furniss**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was accepted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:**

**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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:**

**OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, LBB 6-95; Janet Jessup, Principal Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Jessup** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Office of Information Technology Services before the Committee.

**MOTION:**

**Representative Petzke** moved made a motion for the Office of Information Technology Services, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: reduce \$33,500 for benefit costs, reduce \$172,800 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$495,500 for change in employee compensation. Also include \$539,900 for IT security equipment; \$328,100 for network equipment and services; \$986,000 for IT infrastructure; \$76,400 for IT architecture and GIS; \$30,000 for service vehicle leases; \$1,040,200 for onetime infrastructure replacement; \$1,500,000 for community engagement; and 45.00 FTP and \$5,642,100 for IT consolidation. For FY 2025 the totals \$2,506,000 from the General Fund and \$32,154,600 from dedicated

funds, for a total of \$34,660,600, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 221.00; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 12**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Petzke**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was accepted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION\_. 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. All funds provided in this act shall be subject to accountability reports and management reviews.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**OFFICE OF ENERGY & MINERAL RESOURCES, LBB 6-71; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Lippitt** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources before the Committee.

**MOTION:**

**Senator Herndon** moved for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget, add \$19,900 for the additional 2% CEC and add \$4,400,000 for electric grid modernization. For FY 2025 an additional \$8,600 from dedicated funds and \$4,411,300 from federal funds for a total of \$4,419 900. This brings the total FY 2025 appropriation for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources to \$1,079,000 from dedicated funds and \$11,587,500 from federal funds, for a total of \$12,666,500 and a cap of 11.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Representative Lambert**.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Petzke**, for the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the budget: remove \$2,900 for benefit costs, add \$13,600 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$29,800 for change in employee compensation. Also include \$4,400,000 for electric grid modernization. For FY 2025 \$1,079,000 from dedicated funds and \$11,587,500 from federal funds for a total of \$12,666,500, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 11.00; seconded by **Senator Lent**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 12**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Petzke** and granted by unanimous consent to accept the following standard language:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION\_. REAPPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.** There is hereby reappropriated to the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources any unexpended and unencumbered balances appropriated or reappropriated to the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources from the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund for the purpose of Energy Resiliency Grant Program for fiscal year 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 from the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures related to the Energy Resiliency Grant Program for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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.

**SECTION\_. 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.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**COMMISSION ON THE ARTS, 6-53; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO  
Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Lippitt** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Commission on the Arts before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Petzke**, for the Commission on the Arts, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC adjusted budget: remove \$2,500 for benefit costs, add \$1,300 for inflationary adjustments, remove \$9,600 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$22,900 for change in employee compensation. Also include \$50,000 for National Endowment for the Arts grants and transfer \$50,000 in dedicated funds from operating expenditures to trustee and benefit payments for the match. For FY 2025 the totals \$933,400 from the General Fund, \$106,300 from dedicated funds, and \$1,213,400 from federal funds for a total of \$2,253,100, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 10.00; seconded by **Senator Ward-Engelking**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Bjerke**, for the Commission on the Arts, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget, add \$15,400 for the additional 2% CEC and add \$50,000 for National Endowment for the Arts grants. Also an additional \$7,200 from the General Fund from federal funds for a total of \$65,400. This brings the total FY 2025 appropriation for the Commission on the Arts to \$933,400 from the General Fund, \$106,300 from dedicated funds, and \$1,213,400 from federal funds for a total of \$2,253,100, and a cap of 10.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Representative Miller**.

**FAILED:** **AYES: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**NAYS: 12**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy and Green

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representative Horman

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 12**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** **Representative Petzke** requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, LBB 5-55; Frances Lippitt, Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Ms. Lippitt** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Public Utilities Commission before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Bjerke**, for the Public Utilities Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget add \$87,200 for the additional 2% CEC and \$69,600 for replacement items. Also an additional \$153,600 from dedicated funds, and \$3,200 from federal funds for a total of \$156,800. This brings the total FY 2025 appropriation for the Public Utilities Commission to \$7,104,800 from dedicated funds, and \$375,100 from federal funds, for a total of \$7,479,900 and a cap of 48.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Representative Miller**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Cook**, for the Public Utilities Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, remove \$12,500 for personnel benefit costs, add \$69,600 for replacement items, add \$182,700 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$130,100 for CEC. For FY 2025 the totals \$7,104,800 from dedicated funds, and \$375,100 from federal funds for a total of \$7,479,900 and a cap of 48.00 full-time equivalent positions; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Cook** stated the motion provides a maintenance budget that includes replacement items and the 3% CEC as a result of the committee's action on CEC on February 1. This motion does not include line item 1, Commissioners' CEC. The commissioners' salary will be addressed through a separate motion.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 12**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Senator Cook**, and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was accepted:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **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.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **BOARD OF TAX APPEALS; Tim Hibbard, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Hibbard** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Board of Tax Appeals before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Herndon**, for the Board of Tax Appeals, beginning with the FY 2025 JFAC Maintenance Budget, add \$7,200 for the 2% CEC; add \$4,400 for replacement items for a total of \$11,600 from the General Fund. This brings the FY 2025 appropriation for the Board of Tax Appeals to \$656,000 from the General Fund, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 4.00; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Furniss**, for the Board of Tax Appeals, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: reduce \$1,000 for benefit costs, add \$1,400 for inflationary adjustments, add \$4,400 for replacement items, reduce \$14,800 for statewide cost allocation, and add \$10,800 for change in employee compensation. For FY 2025, the totals \$656,000 from the General Fund, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 4.00; seconded by **Senator Bjerke**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 12**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** Requested by **Representative Furniss** and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was accepted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION\_ 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.

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**STATE TAX COMMISSION, LBB 6-185; Tim Hibbard, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Hibbard** presented the FY 2025 budget for the State Tax Commission before the Committee.

**MOTION:**

Moved by **Representative Petzke**, for the Idaho State Tax Commission, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: reduce \$154,100 for benefit costs, add \$187,000 for inflationary adjustments, add \$363,100 for replacement items, reduce \$687,400 for statewide cost allocation, add \$968,600 for change in employee compensation, add \$383,100 for OITS equipment modernization, and include a net-zero program transfer for a technology and innovation bureau. For FY 2025, the totals \$44,237,800 from the General Fund and \$9,272,700 from dedicated funds, for a total of \$53,510,500, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 440.00; seconded by **Senator Cook**.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 12**

Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT:**

Requested by **Representative Petzke** and granted by unanimous consent, the following intent language was accepted:

**INTENT  
LANGUAGE:**

**SECTION\_ . 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.



**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, 6-77; Tim Hibbard, Senior Analyst, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Hibbard** presented the FY 2025 budget for the Division of Financial Management before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Senator Lent**, for the Division of Financial Management, beginning with the FY 2025 Base, include the following items as part of the JFAC maintenance budget: a reduction of \$3,200 for benefit costs, add \$32,500 for statewide cost allocation and \$67,400 for change in employee compensation. For FY 2025, the totals \$2,228,200 from the General Fund, \$936,800 from dedicated funds, and \$41,677,100 from federal funds, for a total of \$44,842,100, and cap full-time equivalent positions at 22.00; seconded by **Representative Petzke**.

**CARRIED:** **AYES: 12**  
Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Petzke, Handy, and Green

**NAYS: 7**  
Senators Grow, Bjerke, Adams, and Herndon  
Representatives Miller, Lambert, and Tanner

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**  
Representatives Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by **Co-Chairman Grow**.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT:** **Senator Lent** requested and it was granted by unanimous consent, to accept the following intent language:

**INTENT LANGUAGE:** **SECTION\_. 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.

**AT EASE:** The Committee went at ease at 10:25 a.m. and resumed at 10:27 a.m.

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **TECHNICAL CORRECTION, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; Mr. Keith Bybee, Division Manager of LSO Budget & Policy Analysis**

**Mr. Bybee** presented the FY 2025 technical correction for the Legislative Branch.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Representative Miller**, seconded by **Senator Bjerke**, for FY 2025, to remove the FTP cap for the Legislative Branch.

**CARRIED:**

**AYES: 19**

Senators Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just  
Representatives Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Lambert, Tanner, Petzke, Handy, Ruckh (substitute for Green).]

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: 1**

Representative Horman

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the motion passed and without objection carried a **DO PASS** recommendation. There being no objection, it was so ordered by Co-Chairman Grow.

**ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned by **Co-Chairman Grow** at 10:39 a.m.

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Senator Grow  
Chair

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Linsy Heiner  
Secretary