

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**February 16, 2001 at 1:45 P. M.**  
**Room 129, State Capitol Building**

Members Present: Sen. Leonard Blackham, Committee Co-Chair  
Rep. Jeff Alexander, Committee Co-Chair  
Sen. Ron Allen  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Peter Knudson  
Pres. Al Mansell  
Sen. Steve Poulton  
Sen. Pete Suazo  
Sen. John Valentine  
Rep. Patrice Arent  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Rep. Greg Curtis  
Rep. Kevin Garn  
Rep. Brad King  
Speaker Martin Stephens  
Rep. David Ure

Sen. Bill Hickman, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

Members Absent: Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Staff Present: John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Michael Kjar, Deputy Director  
Linda Hansen, Secretary

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sen. Blackham made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2001. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Becker and King absent at the time of voting.

2. **Subcommittees' Issues**

A revised revenue estimate summary was handed out to the Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blackham made a motion to approve the revised revenue estimates for FY 2001 and FY 2002 as indicated on the summary.

Sen. Blackham reviewed the revenue estimates and said there is a total reduction of \$31,800,000 in revenue in the General Fund and the Uniform School Fund.

Andrea Wilkco, Fiscal Analyst, responded to questions of Speaker Stephens concerning the tobacco fund, the proposed sale of UTFCC, and return of Olympic expenditures.

John Massey, Fiscal Analyst, responded to questions concerning the reasons for the reduction. Mr. Massey indicated that construction is down, business investments are down and the growth in income tax withholding is down from 8 percent to 6 percent. These are some of the major factors contributing to the reduced revenue estimates.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blackham made a motion to allocated \$106,700,000 in Uniform School Funds to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee. Of this amount \$2,400,000 should be used for math and science teacher incentives, and the remainder for WPU and other funding issues. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blackham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee-Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

Minutes reported by Linda Hansen and Norda Shepard.

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Sen. Leonard Blackham, Co-Chair

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Rep. Jeff Alexander, Co-Chair