

MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
February 19, 2004 at 4:00 P. M.
Room 303, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Committee Co-Chair
 Rep. Ron Bigelow, Committee Co-Chair
 Sen. Ron Allen
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Mike Dmitrich
 Sen. Dan Eastman
 Sen. Beverly Evans
 Sen. Karen Hale
 Sen. Peter Knudson
 Pres. John Valentine
 Rep. Jeff Alexander
 Rep. Ralph C. Becker
 Speaker Greg J. Curtis
 Rep. Ben C. Ferry
 Rep. Rep. Patricia W. Jones
 Rep. Brad King
 Rep. Roz McGee
 Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Sen. Curtis Bramble, Vice-Chair
Rep. David Clark, Vice Chair

Members Absent:

Staff Present: John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Michael Kjar, Deputy Director
 Bonnie Brinton, Secretary
 Norda Shepard, Secretary

Others Present:

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Blackham called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Motion: Pres.Mansell moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 17, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Executive Offices and Criminal Justice

Rep. Hogue presented the subcommittee report as listed behind Tab 1. The subcommittee came in under budget and made changes in the base budget.

Legislative fiscal analyst, Gary Ricks, reviewed the results of the subcommittee changes. Analyst added achievement personnel costs, formerly one-time approp, with funded by savings id'becy CIO, decreased dept of corrections budget, transferred \$ and FTE from Juvenile services (youth corrections) to Human Services, rec'd transfer from dept of NR to pay for paralegal for DNR issues, net effect is subcomm is 223,600 below target, comb of cuts and off setting revenue. fy 2004 supplemental rec. are in colored section of books. reallocated funds across line itemse in Gov. office, due to change, approp to cover jury fees, offset by div of Finance, front of book has list of priorities,

Rep. Hogue addressed the priorities of the subcommittee. The first priority requests are not optional and are mandated by lawsuits, The subcommittee used money from savings for this fiscal year to reduce the UPEA lawsuit. After mandates the first priority is Public Safety. The subcommittee is requesting a 10% increase. Sworn officers are currently 22% below comparables for other officers in state. Also the Attorney General's office is losing attorneys to counties as they are paid more there.

Sen. Buttars addressed the third priority which is S.B. 21, The Drug Offender Reform Act. This bill came through the interim committee and addressed the issue that the main factor behind 86% of those who are incarcerated is a drug problem. S.B. 21 creates a screening assessment prior to sentencing that judge can use to possibly give drug treatment rather than jail time. This would provide a savings as it is cheaper for treatment than increasing the number of beds. Women prison population rapidly increasing often due to meth, need treatment, want to use Tanniff funds, its one-time money but would see dramatic savings in lives and dollars.

Rep hogue followup , letter for chairs showing Oxbow operations, not aware of finalizations, set aside then after priorities listed polled committee and recommend oxbow

Buttars what in prison sex offender treatment, didn't get it. drop the recidivism if get swex offender treatment before leave prison

Rep. HOBue critical priorities form agencies

Officer's cars wire harnesses from ITS done improperly need to be rewired properly.

HAd to expend fund from current budgets that need to be placed

Youth Corrections facility, sex offender that took money from last year.

REp. Morgan question 6.2 mill drug offender, list shows ongoing but sen buttars stated one-time initially Buttars now ongoing. morgan- any funding for literacy in Gov. offices, Hogue, on list, down a ways, not most critical so took top of list, governor on list and one-time money from last year not on this priority list.

Goodfellow comment AG office and Highway Patrol deserve raises but hope to consider other dept. that have great needs. no other dept. lobbied for raises and looks bad, Buttars defended the need- we are a pass through training program, lose people, o

Goodfellow squeaky wheel gets grease, other depts. instructed to not lobby. Hogue-officers salary have not had changes made in many years Dmitrich point of information about Carbon and Emery facilities, they are not addressed-what is the situation answer Canyonlands #2 priority followed by Washington, Dmitrich need to address motion bigelow #1 motion passed unanimously

2. Natural Resources Tab 8

Sen. Hatch reported that subcomm under GF target to due to transfer of one employee to AG office. Not asking for supp approp because fewer fires on state lands this year. better prevention and education, last year needed supp to cover those. Reallocated GF to fund several one-time projects. REviewed savings in programs

Ag in the clasrron
high school roded

field ouse of Natural H

Isited 10-12 program saved 696,500

comm action retracted funding of bill no?- submitting priority list for consideration.

Spreadsheet shows requests. pages 6 and 7 on blue. supp request for ont-time funder for director of state fair to enter into contracts, this is the plafe monumnet and zoo study, high priority, want to entities to work together.

Committee questions:

motion bigelow #2 passed unanimously

#3. TRansportation EQ and national Guard

Sen. Eastman transport approp. had savings from FET reduction, combings ? for increase efficiency in FTE's continue build cent high projects as planned, priority GF fund for exttr snowplow requireiement, NAT fuard recommend dept approval -prioritited money from GF to add'l kease and maitnenance has federal match. Part time office assistant.

NAT Guard maintenance costs, Guard only cares for 1/2 DFCM the rest , need addl approp to increase armory maintenance done by DFCM also more money to fund carryover from last year. Alexander question-imp issue, DCM forced a contract with them and doubled to cost, Nat Guard doesn't have money, not Guard resp. if this not funded they will be short-pull out of budget. Eastman-contract change midyear is inappropriat-have debt. making do with what they have. can continue contract but need to adjust budget.

Hickman said under law/rule that if facility is deemed not adequatley maintained then DFCM Has obligatoin to step in, DFCM came in because they deemed facilities not adequaltey maintained, best int of state to take over responsibility. Eastman -not initially clear that was the case, audit required 90% plus ratings, buildings were at 88%. guard happy with agreement, could have use the higher rate.

Alexander-rule is fine but first should determine if funds are available. why step in halfway through year when know the dollars aren't there. Guard has history to give the state the bill. REp. DFCM cost is more

Speaker quesiton any presentation for nursing home from guard in committee?

eastman no presentation, just comm recommendation,

speaker- want nursing home-have land, they came to cap faci commi

motion bieglow #3

Curtis-fees listing are these changes? analyst blezaard buff sheets show changes on page 20 and 21

motion passed with Alex voting no.

#4 higher Ed

REp. Johnson presented budget last time, no need to review figures, add comm voted unan on budget,

Questions Allen: concerns about budget balanced from overhead reimbursemenet and moved to other side of budget and tol =d univ. presidents that they have fleixibitliy and yet forced budget.

Anser intent language will address that next meeting

Alexander what are we approving- tab 5

Valentine question are source of funds still 2nd tier tuition for O and M and things that have been moved around. If intent language is sourfce of funding then vote later but if not cannot vote noew

Answer-base budget is 04 and transferring dollar amount to 05

Then issues will be addressed next meeting. Spkr Stephens-some pres. not happy with pholisophical reallignemtn. Why go the way you did?

Gladwell- inject realism, every year there are unfunded balances, festering wounds, STudent opportunities being sacrificed to deal with these issues, more realistic to address it this way Realistically examine situation, get rid of unfunded carry forward and then address higher ed in the future. presidents are concerned but understand direction headed, prepared to meet after session and redo budget with this philosophy in mind.

Alexander-appears that by taking over fuel, power, o and m and growth, essentially writing off go back to and say this problem really not dealt with. Gladwell-basically have money they need, tendency to grow other programs and still not deal with past problems. need to make things right now and then move forward starting from a better place. New schools really impacted, Richfield and Weber State, cap. improvement problems, stopped O and M when building new buildings and didn't require institution to cover O and M, so

Alexander: new policy-any new building univ, know upfront that they have to cover their own O and M, UVCS will have a 1.1 million taken from budget for O and M.

Johnson-first priority is salary increase, hope exec takes care of that, then listed next three priorities. Have not taken any moniey from schools, they didn't shut down buildings, or kick kids out of schools, subcomm unan in recommendation, concerned that if Exec go around subcomm then set bad precedent.

Rpe. Morgan wondering why comm recomm reduction in Weber state budget and Regents, Gladwell, those are transfers from Weber to SUU long distance program, SUU picked up program. Regent money is engineering program just been reallocated.

Curtis how much O and M has been accrued and accrued enrollment and fuel and power accrual and how long has this been accruing

fuel 21,414,300 million

2.4 mill O and M

enrollment 43.6 million carry forward 10.8 million in this allocation still carry forward of 33 mill.

Gladwell dates back to 2000 when rates increased 50 %. and efficiency plans in progress Blakcham reviewed priority on Exec placed elsewhere and forced univ to raise tuition

Curtis is this unique to Higher eD that they can do this? OTher areas have not done this and continued to accrue.

Gladwell-have highest square footage, it accumulates faster, have been trying to manage Massey-generally other agencies have had not been funded either

Curtis- lobby for more square footage and come back and want O and M as well, need to draw a

line

Gladwell, drew the line

Valentine-make sure line stays there, Alex comments are same-make this permanent so next year they get reimbursement for these issues. This a major decision and can't change back

Johnson- weakness in system- one comm does buildings, another O and M, if Cap Fac builds it n one worries about O and M.

Allen-when make a major change have checkbook ready

motion: Bigelow #4

Goodfellow clarification that this is not intent language,

pass unan

Blackham Remind committee-look through fees

motion: Mansell adjourn

meeting adjourned 5:40