



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. | 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Brian S. King

Staff Present:

Ms. Linda Service, Session Secretary
Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Senate Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

1 . Division of Juvenile Justice Services Follow-up

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), gave a brief introduction to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services audit.

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Juvenile Justice Services (JJS), and Ms. Ann Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, responded to the audit commenting on intent language and performance measures.

[1a-JJS Intent Language Presentation](#)

[1b-JJS Intent Language Report](#)

Ms. Burke responded to a question from Rep. Wilde related to availability of beds. Rep. Hutchings provided further clarification.

Ms. Burke continued her presentation. A discussion followed with Ms. Burke responding to questions from Sen. Iwamoto, Rep. Cutler, and Rep. Hutchings related to closing facilities, volunteers and capacity.

[1c-JJS Strategic Plan 2018-2021](#)

Sen. Thatcher announced that Director Burke will be retiring.

Ms. Burke responded to a question from Rep. Wilde asking for clarification of expenses between rural and urban facilities.

Rep. Hutchings thanked Ms. Burke for her work with JJS and wished her well in her retirement.

2 . Funding Item Review

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced four budget items in the Issue Brief, "Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report" - Guardian ad Litem Recruitment and Retention, Emergency Services Account Loan Amendments, Hepatitis C Medication, and Leases for Adult Probation and Parole.

[2a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2018](#)

Mr. Wilson presented Anti-Pornography Initiatives, Juvenile Justice Amendments, and Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing in Juvenile Justice Services from the Issue Brief, "Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved that Item #6 of the Fiscal Note Building Block Follow-up Report, Juvenile Justice Services: Reform Review, Item #7, Juvenile Justice Services: H.B. 239, Item #8, Guardian ad Litem: Recruitment and Retention, Item #9, Corrections: Medical Costs, Item #10, Corrections: Leases for Adult Probation and Parole, and Item #11, Public Safety: Emergency Management be put on a potential reallocation list to begin the creation of future committee considerations. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Cutler
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund

3 . State Employee Compensation Comparison

Rep. Hutchings addressed the need for a hearing of state employees' compensations. Mr. Todd Lawson, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees' Association, introduced Mr. John Matthews, Matthews Economic Consulting L.L.C., who reported on the Utah Public Employees' Association's "A Comparative Study from 1980 to 2017."

Rep. Hutchings and Chair Thatcher asked for clarification.

Mr. Syphus provided background related to a shortfall in the Firefighter Retirement Fund and provided a recommendation.

[2b-Memo - Firefighter Retirement](#)

Mr. Marty Peterson, representing Firefighters Pension Membership Council, offered a background on the pension shortfall.

MOTION: Chair Thatcher moved to transfer \$9 million ongoing in firefighter retirement funding from the Executive Office and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee to the Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

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Sen. R. Okerlund
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Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-6

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4 . Department of Public Safety: Aero Bureau Reimbursement

Col. Michael Rapich, Department of Public Safety, Utah Highway Patrol, reported on the possibility of receiving reimbursement for search and rescue operations that the Aero Bureau conducts on federal lands within the state.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to support Department of Safety efforts to allow for reimbursement for state and local search and rescue costs on federal lands. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

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Rep. A. Romero
Sen. D. Thatcher
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-6

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5 . Salt Lake County Jail Bed Funding Status

Ms. Rosie Rivera, Sheriff, Salt Lake County, provided an outline of items to be discussed and introduced Ms. Carrie Hackworth, Chief Financial Officer, who presented a overview of jail bed funding status and responded to questions regarding operating expenses.

Mr. Dave Walsh, Commission on Criminal Justice, spoke to further clarify questions on funding for the Oxbow Jail facility

A discussion followed with Sheriff Rivera, Mr. Kevin Harris, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Salt Lake County, and committee leadership and members.

Sheriff Rivera and Chief Deputy Harris addressed questions from Rep. Cutler, Sen. Iwamoto, and Rep. Hutchings related to bed availability, behavioral health, and expectations of state funding.

Sheriff Rivera responded to a question from Rep. Romero related to the possibility that the ballot initiative Proposition 3 could help bridge the gap in services seen with the Rio Grande project.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to request: (1) that the Attorney General's Office and Legislative Fiscal Analyst report on the statewide results of the implementation of the Internal Service Fund; and (2) that the Lt. Governor's Office review spending for voting equipment and related expenses and funds that were discussed in the 2019 interim "Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report." The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.



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Nays-0

Absent-6

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6 . Agency Performance Metrics

Agenda Item 6 was not heard.

Rep. Hutchings and Chair Thatcher thanked Rep. Greene for his participation on the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Greene moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

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