



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, September 16, 2019 | 3:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Jefferson Moss, House Vice Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz
Speaker Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair

Staff Present:

Mr. Steven M. Allred, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Jonathan Ball, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Executive Assistant

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

1 . Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Jerry W. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Jefferson Moss moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-15

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . Federal/Non-federal Grants

Mr. Ken Matthews, Federal Funds Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the report. Mr. Alex Wilson, Financial Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), provided assistance.

MOTION: Rep. Jefferson Moss moved to recommend acceptance of the federal and non-federal grants as outlined on page 1 of the handout entitled, "Federal/Non-Federal Grants Review and Approval" under the heading, "Grants Requiring EAC Review and Recommendation" and dated today, September 16, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-16

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . Elected Official and Judicial Compensation Commission 2019 Report

Mr. David Clark, Chair, Elected Official and Judicial Compensation Commission (EJCC), presented the report. He was joined by Ms. Meghan Holbrook, Commissioner, EJCC. Mr. Wilson provided assistance.

[3-Utah Elected Official and Judicial Compensation Commission 2019 Report](#)

Rep. Francis D. Gibson asked about the cost of living increase for Elected Officials. Mr. Clark responded.

4 . Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Update

Mr. John Reidhead, Director, Division of Finance, introduced Ms. Janica Gines, Assistant Director, Division of Finance, and Ms. Evi Laksana, Actuary, Korn Ferry Group.

Ms. Laksana presented the report.

[4a-Presentation of State of Utah Employee OPEB Plan Actuarial Update 2019](#)[4b-State of Utah Employee OPEB Plan Actuarial Update 2019](#)

Mr. Jonathan Ball asked about the contribution rate and how the rate impacts the budget. Mr. Reidhead responded.

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss inquired about the projected benefit payments for OPEB. Ms. Laksana and Mr. Ball responded.

5 . 2019 First Special Session Bills

Mr. David Wolf, Special Litigation, Attorney General's Office, discussed H.J.R. 101, "Joint Resolution Approving Swallow Settlement."

[5a-HJR 101, Joint Resolution Approving Swallow Settlement](#)

Rep. Brian S. King, Sen. Jani Iwamoto, Rep. Karen Kwan, Rep. Val L. Peterson, and Sen. Luz Escamilla asked clarifying questions about the lawsuit and negotiated settlement.

MOTION: Rep. Jefferson Moss moved to adopt House Joint Resolution 101, "Joint Resolution Approving Swallow Settlement." The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-18

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
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Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner

Mr. Ball discussed H.B. 1001, "Supplemental Appropriations Adjustments," which funds H.J.R 101 as well as outreach efforts for the 2020 Census.

[5b-HB 1001, Supplemental Appropriations Adjustments](#)

Rep. Jefferson Moss recognized Rep. Kwan for her work on the 2020 Census and commented on the potential benefits of an accurate census count.

Rep. King asked questions about the proposed appropriation for the 2020 Census. Rep. Jefferson Moss, Mr. Ball, and Rep. Kwan responded.

Sen. Evan J. Vickers commented on the cumulative effect that state funding could have on raising additional money for the 2020 Census.

Sen. Escamilla expressed support for local and statewide census awareness and outreach efforts.

Sen. Iwamoto asked about the amount of state funding for the 2020 Census. Rep. Jefferson Moss and Chair Stevenson responded.

Sen. Karen Mayne noted that an accurate census count helps procure federal funding for education and health programs.

Rep. Angela Romero commented that many municipalities are working in partnership with the state and other organizations in this effort.

MOTION: Rep. Jefferson Moss moved to adopt House Bill 1001, "Supplemental Appropriations Adjustments," as a recommended bill by the Executive Appropriations Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-18

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Sen. L. Escamilla
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Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. B. Last

6 . Other Business/Adjourn

Sen. Allen M. Christensen brought to the Committee's attention an issue related to Medicaid expansion and a budget shortfall affecting individuals receiving substance abuse and mental health.

Sen. Escamilla asked a clarifying question and spoke in support of resolving the shortfall. Chair Stevenson responded.

Speaker Brad Wilson requested that the Chairs of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee work with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee and LFA staff to understand the issue better and to come back with recommendations prior to the General Session in January.

MOTION: Rep. Jefferson Moss moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 2.

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Nays-0Absent-2

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Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 4:17 pm