



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Jefferson Moss, House Vice Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
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:

Sen. Luz Escamilla

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 Bradley G. Last called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to adopt the minutes of September 16, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-12

Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

2 . Appropriations Subcommittee Reports on 2019 Interim Actions

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg and Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Joel Ferry, House Vice Chair, presented the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Mr. Gary Syphus, Finance Manager, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), provided assistance.

[2b-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Executive Offices and Criminal Justice](#)

Rep. Francis D. Gibson commented on the accountable budget process as outlined in HJR 18 (2019 General Session). He asked if the subcommittee had found areas where funds could be reallocated, if subcommittee members had been able to voice their concerns, and if subcommittee members were actively participating in meetings with counties and other agencies. Rep. Hutchings and Sen. Anderegg responded.

Sen. Don L. Ipson expressed some concerns about the current status of Operation Rio Grande. Rep. Hutchings and Sen. Anderegg responded.

Mr. Sean Faherty, Financial Analyst, LFA, presented the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Chair Last noted that Sen. Keith Grover and Rep. Michael K. McKell, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair, were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Ben Leishman, Finance Manager, LFA, provided assistance.

[2c-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Higher Education](#)

Rep. Gibson asked about subcommittee member participation levels and commented on three areas of opportunity where money could be spent more appropriately. Mr. Faherty responded.

Rep. Val L. Peterson asked about the posting of audited financial statements on the institutions' websites. Mr. Faherty responded.

Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, Co-Chair, and Rep. Brady Brammer, House Vice Chair, presented the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Mr. Brian Wikle, Financial Analyst, LFA, provided assistance.

[2d-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Infrastructure and General Government](#)

Rep. Gibson inquired about subcommittee participation and asked about improving building timelines. Rep. Sagers responded.

Sen. David P. Hinkins and Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair, presented the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Mr. Tim Dinehart and Ms. Lacey Moore, Financial Analysts, LFA, provided assistance.

[2e-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Enviro. Quality](#)

Rep. Gibson asked questions pertaining to the accountable budget process, and in particular, to the State Parks budget. Sen. Hinkins and Rep. Chew responded.

Sen. Jani Iwamoto remarked that the chairs and staff have included everyone on the subcommittee in the accountable budget process.

Rep. Barlow introduced Ms. Lacey Moore, LFA's newest financial analyst.

Sen. Scott D. Sandall and Rep. Val K. Potter, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Christine Watkins, House Vice Chair, presented the Business, Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, LFA, and Mr. Tim Dinehart, Financial Analyst, LFA, provided assistance.

[2a-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Business, Economic Development, and Labor](#)

Rep. Gibson inquired about the Department of Heritage and Arts Grant Program, subcommittee participation levels, and managing one-time and ongoing funding requests. Sen. Sandall, Rep. Watkins, and Rep. Potter responded.

Sen. Derek L. Kitchen asked if the subcommittee had provided metrics that Heritage and Arts could use to evaluate grant programs. Rep. Sandall responded.

Rep. Kitchen also inquired about the subcommittee's vote to make the percent-for-the-Arts program a separate line item. Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, LFA, responded.

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard and Rep. Steve Eliason, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair, presented the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions and responded to questions. Mr. Ben Leishman, Finance Manager, LFA, and Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, LFA, provided assistance.

[2f-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Public Education](#)

Rep. King, in reference to RISE testing, noted that the Legislative Auditor General would be presenting "A Performance Audit of Public Education Assessment Data" to the Legislative Audit Subcommittee after today's EAC meeting.

Rep. Gibson asked how the subcommittee plans on implementing H.J.R. 18 (2019 General Session) over the next five years. Rep. Eliason and Sen. Hillyard responded.

The Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions was not heard.

[2g-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Retirement and Independent Entities](#)

Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair, and Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair, presented the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Report on 2019 Interim Actions. Mr. Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, LFA, and Ms. Kimberly Madsen, Financial Analyst, LFA, provided assistance.

[2h-Subcommittee 2019 Interim Report - Social Services](#)

Rep. Gibson commented on tax reform and the need for more fluidity in the State's budget. He asked if the accountable budget process was beneficial to Social Services. Rep. Ray responded.

Rep. King asked questions about and commented on an increase in sales tax for Medicaid expansion. Mr. Frandsen, Mr. Ball, Rep. Ray, and Chair Last responded.

3 . Federal/Non-federal Grants

Mr. Ken Matthews, Federal Funds Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the report. He called attention to the Census Outreach Grant Report behind Tab 8. Mr. Gary Syphus, Finance Manager, LFA, provided assistance.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson 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, November 19, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-13

Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. B. Wilson

Chair Last noted that the Legislative Audit Subcommittee was scheduled to meet immediately after the EAC meeting in Room 445 and would therefore move to Agenda Item 6: Funding Mix Exceptions.

4 . Funding Mix Exceptions [Agenda Item 6]

Ms. Kimberly Madsen, Financial Analyst, LFA, presented the report.

[6-Funding Mix Exceptions, 2020 General Session](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve for the 2020 General Session the non-statutory exceptions to funding mixes for compensation and internal service fund impact adjustments shown on page 5 of the brief, which lists non-statutory exceptions approved for the 2019 General Session. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-13

Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
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Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. B. Wilson

Chair Last asked Mr. Ball to give a summary of the remaining agenda items. He indicated that the EAC Chairs would consult with leadership to determine if additional detail was needed in the December meeting.

Mr. Ball summarized Agenda Items 4, 5, 7, and 8.

5 . Fiscal Health Check-up: Revenues, Expenditures, Surplus/Deficit, Restricted Account Balances, Nonlapsing Balances [Agenda Item 4]

[4a-FY 2019 Preliminary Financial Highlights](#)

[4b-FY 2019 Preliminary Fund Balances](#)

[4c-FY 2019 Preliminary Lapsing and Nonlapsing Balances](#)

6 . Significant Factors Affecting Budgets in the 2020 General Session [Agenda Item 5]

[5-Significant Factors Affecting Budgets in the 2020 General Session](#)

[5-Public Education Initial FY 2021 Enrollment Growth Estimate](#)

7 . Infrastructure Capital Development Fund

[7-Infrastructure Capital Development Fund Presentation](#)

8 . Other Business/Adjourn

[8-Census Outreach Grant Report](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-14

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. B. King
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. D. Kitchen
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.