



MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, May 28, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore, Senate Chair
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, House Chair
Rep. Brady Brammer, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Daniel McCay
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. A. Cory Maloy

Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Members Absent:

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Brian Wikle, Financial Analyst
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

Chair Cullimore called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

2 . Introduction to Using Webex

Chair Cullimore explained how to use the video conferencing features on Webex.

3 . Options for Adjusting Base Budgets by 2%, 5% and 10%

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), commented on the proposed reductions to the department's base budget.

[5-IGG Budget Adjustment Options - Chairs' List](#)

Sen. Henderson asked if the IGG Budget Adjustments Options - Chairs' List was available to view online. Chair Cullimore responded.

4 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-11

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. L. Shurtliff

Brian Wikle discussed the major differences between the IGG Budget Adjustment Options - Chairs' List and the IGG Budget Adjustment Options - LFA List. He noted that the biggest difference was in the capitol improvement funding. He referred to an email sent yesterday to the committee from Rep. Brammer explaining that the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) had requested that the committee reduce the amount of cuts from capital improvement, which can be used later as a working rainy day fund.

[5-IGG Budget Adjustment Options - Chairs' List](#)

[5-IGG Budget Adjustment Options - LFA](#)

Brian Wikle discussed the base budget target for IGG, clarified the 2%, 5%, and 10% level of reductions, explained how the Chairs' List was organized, and discussed the "A" and "B" designations on the 10% reduction list.

a. Department of Transportation

Brian Wikle discussed the 2% reductions to UDOT highlighting Items 26 and 27. He pointed out that all of the cuts to UDOT shown on the Chairs' List were from the Transportation Fund to the department's operational line items.

Carlos Braceras commented on the allocation of Transportation Funds.

Brian Wikle clarified that the Transportation Fund is used to finance both the operations of UDOT and construction projects and that IGG has jurisdiction to oversee Transportation Fund money.

Brian Wikle continued his presentation for Items 26 and 27.

Sen. Mayne asked if a reduction to the maintenance of facilities would result in a reduction to maintenance staff. Brian Wikle responded.

Rep. Maloy inquired about the "A" and "B" categories on the 10% reduction list. Brian Wikle explained that the "A's" are not direct cuts of FTEs, while the "B's" are direct cuts of FTEs.

Sen. Harper asked about the proposed cuts to service-related items within the B category. Carlos Braceros responded.

Rep. Maloy asked how the budget reductions lists were formulated. Brian Wikle responded.

Sen. Buxton asked how the reductions to capital improvement would impact the statutory requirement to fund capital improvements at 0.9 percent before the State can fund new buildings. Chair Cullimore and Brian Wikle responded.

Sen. Mayne asked for additional clarification on the "A" and "B" categories. Rep. Brammer responded.

b. Department of Technology Services

Mike Hussey, Director, Department of Technology Services (DTS), commented on the reductions process, efforts to identify savings, and the department's implementation of a hiring freeze.

Brian Wikle reviewed the 2% reductions to DTS for Item 12 - Annual Employee Recognition and Service Award Events and Item 13 - Postal Facilities and Government Services.

Sen. Mayne gave an update on state and federal legislation for Postal Facilities and Government Services.

Brian Wikle discussed Item 14 - Employee Development, Training, and Travel; Frequency of Computer Equipment Maintenance and Replacement, and Item 15 - Monument Restoration and Rehabilitation on the 2% reduction list for DTS.

Brian Wikle discussed Item 36 - Annual Rate Benchmarking Survey on the 5% reduction list for DTS.

Brian Wikle reviewed the 10% reductions to DTS for Items 50, 51, and 52 (A category) and Item 58 (B category).

Chair Cullimore requested that Brian Wikle review the Other Options for DTS at the bottom of the Chairs' List.

Rep. Maloy asked if the reductions to Items 50 and 70 would put Utah's technology at risk. Mike Hussey responded.

Brian Wikle discussed Items 69 and 70 on the Other Options list.

Sen. Mayne inquired about Item 70 - Travel for Conferences; Training. Mike Hussey responded.

Mike Hussey concluded his remarks and commented on the challenges of creating a remote workforce.

c. Capital Budgets

Sen. Buxton inquired about Item 67 - Weber State University Engineering Building on the Other Options list. Brian Wikle responded.

Brad Mortensen, President, Weber State University, gave an update on the Weber State University Engineering Building.

Brian Wikle discussed the 5% reductions to Capital Budgets for Items 33, 34, and 35.

d. Department of Administrative Services

Ken Hansen, Deputy Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), commented on the proposed budget cuts to DAS.

Ivan Djambov reviewed the 2% reductions to DAS for Items 1-10. He also discussed the 5% reductions to DAS for Items 28-32.

Ivan Djambov discussed the 10% reductions to DAS for Items 44-47. He highlighted Item 46 - Employee 401k Contribution Match.

Sen. Mayne expressed concern about the proposed funding cut to Line 46 - Employee 401k Contribution Match.

Rep. Brammer addressed Sen. Mayne's concerns. He proposed striking Line 46 - Employee 401k Contribution Match, and Lines 58-64, which are the FTE line items, and then back fill to the needed amount with capitol improvement funds.

Chair Cullimore pointed out that Rep. Brammer's proposed action would keep us above the 0.9% statutory requirement on capital improvement.

Sen. Harper expressed his appreciation to Rep. Brammer's for his outreach efforts. He asked what impact the additional half percent of capital improvement would have on the capital improvement percentage. Rep. Brammer and Brian Wikle responded.

Sen. Harper commented further and expressed his support for Rep. Brammer's proposed motion.

Ken Hansen summed up his comments regarding the proposed budget reductions to DAS.

5 . Salt Lake County Transportation-related Repayments to the State

Brian Wikle reviewed Salt Lake County's indebtedness to the State for transportation-related projects.

[4-Salt Lake County Transportation-related Repayments to the State](#)

Sen. Anderegg asked a question about the State's lending arrangement with Salt Lake County. Brian Wikle responded.

Chair Cullimore explained the details of the refinancing proposal.

Sen. Anderegg asked if Salt Lake County had weighed in on the proposed arrangement. Chair Cullimore responded.

Sen. Harper spoke in support of the proposal.

Sen. Mayne spoke in support of the proposal.

Rep. Nelson asked if other counties had access to the same arrangement to use the State's bond rate to fund local projects. Chair Cullimore responded.

6 . Subcommittee Recommendations on Budget Adjustments

MOTION: Chair Cullimore moved that the subcommittee support a statutory change in a potential upcoming session to promote the refinancing of Salt Lake County transportation-related payments to the State. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-15

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. A. Maloy
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. S. Pitcher
Rep. D. Sagers
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. L. Shurtliff

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to adopt the Chairs' List with the following modification: Strike Item 46 and Items 58-64, and replace those with a capital improvement funding to reach the 10% number of \$19,127,600.

Sen. Harper asked a clarifying question about the motion to adopt the Chairs' List. He also asked about Item 37 - Surplus Property Identification and Sales. Carlos Braceras responded.

Sen. Harper noted that when the IGG Chairs present to EAC, they might want to suggest a smaller cut to Item 37 - Surplus Property Identification and Sales. Chair Cullimore responded.

Rep. Maloy asked if Rep. Brammer's motion included the Other Options at the bottom of the Chair's List. Rep. Brammer and Chair Cullimore responded.

Rep. Maloy asked if the proposed cuts to snow plows and other transportation-related items would compromise safety. Teri Newell, Deputy Director of Planning and Investment, UDOT, spoke to issue and confirmed that safety to the public was UDOT's number one priority.

Rep. Brammer's motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-3

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Sen. Harper proposed restoring some funding that was needed to finish out the Taylorsville State Office Building.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved that the IGG Chairs send a letter to the EAC requesting that \$10 million be made available to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management to finish out the Taylorsville State Office Building.

Sen. Anderegg spoke in favor of the motion.

Sen. Mayne spoke in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper's motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

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Nays-0

Absent-3

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Sen. Anderegg asked if the subcommittee was following Roberts or Mason's Rules. Sen. Buxton responded.

7 . Discussion of Plan for Interim Meetings

Rep. Brammer indicated that he would like to continue to discuss the options to accelerate the use of ROC fees and vehicle mileage tax.

Rep. Sagers added that Oregon and Washington had passed legislation in 2017 that addresses this issue. He offered to forward some additional information on this topic and requested that this issue be discussed during the interim.

Chair Cullimore noted that the chairs and staff would put together agenda items for review prior to the next interim meeting.

8 . Other Business

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-15

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Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. C. Musselman
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Chair Cullimore adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.