

The meeting was held to discuss proposals from the Department of Labor, the Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, and two proposals regarding the recent Special Session.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 2:02pm with all members present besides Chantel Greene, Representative Youngblood, and Joshua Whitworth.

Chairman Adams started the meeting by introducing the Idaho Tax Commission. John Bernasconi gave an update from the tax commission on the various programs that the Tax Commission enacted, particularly the Idaho Rebound Grants and Back to Work Bonuses. In total, \$109 million was delivered to Idahoans between the two programs with the first check going out 12 days after the Idaho Rebound Grants program was enacted. Nick Landry stated that the administrative costs were entirely covered by the interest on the fund set up for the program.

Jani Revier then presented the Department of Labor's request to put money towards President Trump's Lost Wages Program that adds \$300 a month to unemployment benefits. Revier stated that there will be Idahoans caught in the gap for those making less than \$100 a month on unemployment benefits and wanted to ensure these citizens get the extra \$300. The Department of Labor would need up to \$15 million to bridge this gap and clarified that the Governor would evaluate the need of the extra \$300 benefit after five weeks of the program. Tom Kealey asked to ensure that this use of the funds was within the scope of the current CARES Act dollars guidance, to which Chairman Adams clarified it is based on recent FAQ #49 by Treasury. Lt. Governor McGeachin stated that she would not support the proposal as she believed the credit created a disincentive for people to go back to work. Representative Wintrow commented that she supported the proposal because it would be helping the most vulnerable and in need on unemployment. Matt Newton stated that he supported the proposal as it would help those who were caught in the gap of possibly trying to get back to work but were still without income. Denis Johnson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Matt Newton. The motion passed with Lt. Governor McGeachin voting nay.

Chairman Adams moved on to the proposal to transfer \$200 million into the unemployment insurance fund to maintain its solvency through the coming years. Jani Revier stated that the insurance rate increase for Idahoans as forecasted right now was 77% if we did not transfer any money to the fund. Bobbi-Jo Meuleman moved to accept the proposal as is, seconded by Shawn Keough. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance (ICDVVA) made a proposal for \$250,000 to give pass-through grants to victim abuse agencies to provide funding for things such as transportation, housing, PPE, or medical exams for domestic abuse victims. ICDVVA has seen a significant increase in domestic violence issues since the start of COVID-19 and the agency would evaluate eligible entities as to who can properly accept and disperse the funds. It was stated that this is something they already currently do with the funds on hand. Chairman Adams asked if the funds would be fully spent by December 30th to align with Treasury guidance, and ICDVVA clarified that they could be. Shawn Keough asked what the availability would be of funds outside of the Treasure Valley and Southern Idaho, and the Council stated that they currently work with all seven Health Districts to distribute funds. Representative Wintrow asked if the \$250,000 was enough to cover all the needs the Council was experiencing – ICDVVA stated that they would have to wait and see how the grants go in

the first round to determine if they need more funding. Representative Wintrow moved to support the initiative as proposal, seconded by Shawn Keough. The motion passed unanimously.

Last, Chairman Adams discussed the events of the Special Session that recently took place and the effect of House Concurrent Resolution 1 which encouraged the Governor and CFAC to allocate money to poll workers this election cycle. Chairman Adams stated that the initial allocation made to counties, after talking with them, could cover these costs and that the committee could take up additional proposal if circumstances change. Representative Wintrow stated that Resolution wanted to ensure safe and functioning elections this year that give voters the choice on how they vote. Seth Griggs emphasized the point that though counties have not used their allocations that the committee could hear from those who possibly do come November. Dennis Johnson asked if the committee could have a report a month before the election on the status of the counties allocation to which Chairman Adams stated that he thought that was a good idea. Seth Griggs responded saying that as we head towards the end of September and counties get caught up on the requests made of them, we will have a better idea of what they could possibly need. John Evans moved to support the language from the House and a later report from the counties, seconded by Lisa Hettinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adams presented a proposal to reimburse the Idaho State Police for their work at the Special Session, totaling \$78,600. Adams noted additional costs of the Boise police department would be taken up separately in coming weeks. Adams noted these costs were for a substantially different use than originally budgeted, and were for a COVID-related session. Representative Wintrow moved to reimburse the Idaho State Police stating that this was a large cost that was not budgeted for by the Idaho State Police. Tom Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adams also addressed the updated Treasury Guidance that further reinforced the recent property tax and public safety proposal the committee passed.

Chairman Adams concluding stating that the committee will reconvene next week to hear further proposals.