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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 20, 2025

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, in House Hearing Room 1. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Kavanagh, Vice-Chairman	Representative Livingston, Chairman
	Senator Alston	Representative Austin
	Senator Farnsworth	Representative Blattman
	Senator Fernandez	Representative Gress
	Senator Finchem	Representative Olson
	Senator Kuby	Representative Stahl Hamilton
		Representative Way
Absent:	Senator Mesnard	Representative Carbone
	Senator Shamp	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. The motion carried by voice vote.

1. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee Rules and Regulations remain the same as last session.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee adopt the Committee rules and regulations. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY (DCS) – Review of Line Item Transfers.

Mr. Richard Stavneak, Director, stated an FY 2025 General Appropriations Act footnote for DCS required Committee review of monies being transferred from one line item to another line item or to the operating budget. DCS requested Committee review to transfer General Fund monies between the following line items in FY 2025:

- \$6,500,000 from the Kinship Care line item (\$5,000,000) and the Foster Home Placement line item (\$1,500,000) to the Congregate Care line item
- \$2,192,000 from the Adoption Services line item to the Extended Foster Care line item

DCS also requested review of up to \$10,000,000 in General Fund transfer authority to the Congregate Care line item should the department confirm the existence of surpluses in the following line items:

- Up to \$3,000,000 from the Adoption Services line item
- Up to \$4,000,000 from the Out-of-Home Support Services line item
- Up to \$3,000,000 from the In-Home Mitigation line item

If the maximum surpluses are available, the total transfer into the Congregate Care line item would be \$10,000,000.

The transfer authority for these 3 line items exists until June 30, 2025, and the department is to notify the JLBC Chairman and the JLBC Staff Director if the appropriation transfers occur. The JLBC Staff provided options.

Mr. Alex Ong, Deputy Director of Administration, DCS, responded to member questions.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee give a favorable review of the proposed line item transfers. The motion carried by voice vote.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kristy Paddack, Secretary



Richard Stavneak, Director



Representative David Livingston, Chairman

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