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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 5, 2021

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2021, in House Hearing Room

1. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Gowan, Vice-Chairman	Representative Cobb, Chairman
	Senator Alston	Representative Bolick
	Senator Bowie	Representative Chávez
	Senator Kerr	Representative Fernandez
	Senator Leach	Representative Nguyen (Temporary Member in place of Representative Kavanagh)
	Senator Livingston	Representative Osborne
	Senator Otondo	Representative Schwiebert (Temporary Member in place of Representative Friese)
Absent:	Senator Gray	Representative Toma

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Gowan moved that the Committee approve the minutes of July 15, 2021. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were considered without further discussion.

AHCCCS/DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY (DES) - Review of Capitation Rate Changes for Plan Year 2022.

Pursuant to an FY 2022 General Appropriation Act footnote, the state's Medicaid agencies must present their plans to the Committee for review prior to implementing any changes in capitation rates. The

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request includes CYE 2022 capitation rates (October 2021 – September 2022) for AHCCCS and DES' Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) program. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. *Consistent with the General Appropriation Act footnote reporting requirement, AHCCCS shall report to the Committee on the impact of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for home and community-based services on long term care provider rates. The report shall delineate the percentage increase in rates by service category. The agencies shall provide the report within 30 days of receiving approval of their spending plan by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.*

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) - Review of AzSCI Science Contract Renewal.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-741.03, ADE requested Committee review of its contract renewal for the statewide assessment in science. The JLBC Staff provided options.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) - Review of Basic State Aid Recalculation.

A.R.S. § 15-915B requires ADE to submit for Committee review its re-calculation of Basic State Aid for school districts with property values affected by a court judgment, decision by a county board of equalization, decision by the State Board of Equalization, or the correction of a property tax error. ADE requested review of its proposed recalculation of \$311,800 of state aid for Hyder Elementary and Antelope Union High School District associated with the State Board of Equalization decision concerning Agua Caliente Solar. The JLBC Staff provided options.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC) AND ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) - Review of General Adjudication Personnel and Support Fund FY 2022 Expenditure Plan.

A.R.S. § 12-177.01 requires AOC and DWR to submit an expenditure plan for Committee review prior to spending monies from the General Adjudication Personnel and Support Fund in FY 2022 and FY 2023. AOC and DWR requested Committee review of their FY 2022 plan to spend \$1,734,300 of the \$2,000,000 FY 2022 appropriation. The JLBC Staff provided options.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) - Review of the Expenditure Plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724G and A.R.S. § 41-1724H, DPS is required to submit for Committee review the FY 2022 expenditure plan for the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount prior to expending any monies.

DPS submitted for review its proposal to distribute \$1,034,800 of the FY 2022 appropriation for Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants as proposed by the department. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. *DPS shall report to the Committee prior to implementing any changes to the proposed FY 2022 allocation of the grants. The Chairman shall decide whether the revisions require Committee review.*

Senator Gowan moved that the Committee give a favorable review, or approval, as appropriate, of the 5 consent agenda items with JLBC Staff provisions listed above. The motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator Gowan moved that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried.

At 9:37 a.m. the Joint Legislative Budget Committee went into Executive Session.

Senator Gowan moved that the Committee reconvene into open session. The motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m. the Committee reconvened into open session.

A. Arizona Department of Administration, Risk Management Services - Consideration of Proposed Settlements under Rule 14.


Senator Gowan moved that the Committee approve the recommended settlements proposed by the Attorney General's office in the cases of:

1. *Eddy Jimenez Batres v. State of Arizona*
2. *Steven Hohol v. State of Arizona*
3. *Briana Lorenz, et al. v. State of Arizona*
4. *Jennifer Power, et al v. State of Arizona*
5. *Alisha Lewis v. State of Arizona*

The motion carried.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kristy Paddack, Secretary



Richard Stavneak, Director



Representative Regina Cobb, Chairman