

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature Second Regular Session - 2012

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1388

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. In addition to the appropriation made in Section 2, Chapter 167, Laws of 2011, and any other appropriation provided for by law, there is hereby appropriated from the Federal Grant Fund to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, for the period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012:

FOR:

Operating Expenditures	\$37,500
Capital Outlay	80,000
Trustee and Benefit Payments	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL	\$217,500

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR TRUSTEE AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS	TOTAL
FROM:				
General Fund	\$626,500	\$48,500	\$599,200	\$1,274,200
Randolph Sheppard Fund		27,300	100,100	127,400
Rehabilitation Revenue and Refunds Fund		34,300	13,000	47,300
Miscellaneous Revenue Fund		77,400	56,300	133,700

	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TRUSTEE AND	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	BENEFIT	TOTAL
			PAYMENTS	
Adaptive Aids and Appliances				
Fund	15,400	47,600		63,000
Federal Grant				
Fund	<u>1,713,800</u>	<u>472,400</u>	<u>341,500</u>	<u>2,527,700</u>
TOTAL	\$2,355,700	\$707,500	\$1,110,100	\$4,173,300

SECTION 3. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired is authorized no more than thirty-nine (39) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 4. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS. The Legislature recognizes and thanks all state workers for their dedication, professionalism and for the personal sacrifices they make every day in the performance of their duties to serve our citizens. In accordance with the provisions of Section 67-5309C, Idaho Code, the Legislature supports the Governor's recommendation in not making changes in annual salaries and benefits for state employees based upon labor markets or specific occupational inequities; directs agencies and institutions that have excess personnel cost appropriations or salary savings due to turnover to use such funding for a merit increase component, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 67-5309B(4), Idaho Code, to recognize and reward permanent and temporary state employees; and does provide funding to agencies and institutions to provide a two percent (2%) pay increase for all classified and nonclassified permanent performing employees. Performing employees shall be all permanent employees, including adjunct faculty at colleges and universities, who have been rated as "achieves" or better on a performance plan if required by Division of Human Resources rule, including probationary permanent employees making satisfactory progress. The Legislature supports the Governor's recommendation to fund increases in the cost of health insurance benefits and directs the director of the Department of Administration, as the administrator of the state insurance plan, to maintain the current benefit package to the extent possible, which may require a cost sharing on the part of employees for the increased cost of the health insurance plan.

SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 1 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.