

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
April 22, 2019  
3:16 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Stedman called the Senate Finance Committee meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Natasha von Imhof, Co-Chair  
Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Peter Micciche  
Senator Donny Olson  
Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Senator David Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Mike Shower

ALSO PRESENT

Pete Ecklund, Staff, Senator Bert Stedman; Senator Gary Stevens.

SUMMARY

CSSSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)  
APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

CSSSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld) was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

CSSSHB 40(FIN)  
APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

CSSSHB 40(FIN) was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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#hb40

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf  
sup maj fld)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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Co-Chair von Imhof MOVED to ADOPT the committee substitute for CSSSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld), Work Draft 31-GH1905\I (Bruce, 4/19/19).

Co-Chair Stedman OBJECTED for DISCUSSION.

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PETE ECKLUND, STAFF, SENATOR BERT STEDMAN, explained the committee substitute. He stated that the version included the subcommittee reports and salary adjustments. He remarked that he would be using "rounded" numbers.

Mr. Ecklund looked at the document included in members' packets that highlighted the changes in the committee substitute (copy on file). He explained the items that were changed in the committee substitute.

Mr. Ecklund continued to address the changes in the proposed committee substitute.

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Senator Olson remarked that he was concerned with the Community Assistance Program. He asked what he could tell the communities in his district that they could expect for assistance in the coming year.

Mr. Ecklund replied that the committee substitute reflected that the excess could go to community assistance.

Senator Olson surmised that there would be no changes from the year prior.

Mr. Ecklund agreed.

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Senator Wielechowski queried the major differences between the House and Senate versions.

Mr. Ecklund replied that there were many changes in the numbers section. He furthered that the bigger changes in the language section was that the House funded 50 percent of school bond debt reimbursement, and the CS funded 100 percent. The House had \$70 million of AIDEA receipts funding for tax credits, and there were none in the current CS. He remarked that was a plan in development to bond for tax credits.

Co-Chair Stedman furthered that there may be a comparison at a later date.

Senator Olson queried the bottom line for the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) students.

Mr. Ecklund replied that he believed it was fully funded.

Co-Chair von Imhof wondered how the House funded early childhood education.

Mr. Ecklund replied that he believed that those numbers matched.

Senator Hoffman agreed.

Co-Chair von Imhof wondered the previous year's number.

Senator Hoffman could not recall, but felt that the numbers were the same.

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Co-Chair Stedman WITHDREW their OBJECTION. There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

CSSSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld) was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

Co-Chair von Imhof MOVED to ADOPT the committee substitute for CSSSHB 40(FIN), Work Draft 31-GH1901\E (Bruce, 4/19/19).

Co-Chair Stedman OBJECTED for DISCUSSION.

Mr. Ecklund explained the committee substitute.

Senator Hoffman wondered whether he could revert to the previous version of the bill for his question.

Co-Chair Stedman replied in the affirmative.

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Senator Hoffman queried the deficit, should the budget include a \$1600 dividend. He wondered whether that number would be between \$400 million and \$500 million.

Mr. Ecklund stated that Mr. Teal would have a presentation that addressed that question.

Senator Hoffman stated that there would be a deficit.

Co-Chair Stedman requested a repeat of the question.

Senator Hoffman wondered whether there would be a large deficit with a \$1600 dividend.

Co-Chair Stedman announced that there would be presentations related to Senator Hoffman's question.

Senator Hoffman commented that there was hard work on the budget.

Co-Chair Stedman agreed.

Co-Chair Stedman WITHDREW their OBJECTION. There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Co-Chair Stedman announced that amendments were due to his office at 5pm on Wednesday. He noted that there was a computer system that would allow for submission of amendments. He encouraged that amendments not be presented "on the fly." He wanted to meet with those that submit amendments. He remarked that there may not be required amendments. He stated that there should be a focus on errors and correcting those errors. He discussed the following day's agenda.

CSSSHB 40(FIN) was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.