

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1415

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR 2015; EXEMPTING APPROPRIATION OBJECT AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION; AND PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT RELATING TO SYSTEM-WIDE EXPENDITURES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of Education for Community Colleges, the following amounts to be expended according to the designated programs and expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015:

	FOR PERSONNEL COSTS	FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY	TOTAL
I. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO (CSI):				
FROM:				
General				
Fund	\$9,908,200	\$1,749,700	\$607,400	\$12,265,300
Community College				
Fund	<u>163,900</u>	<u>27,300</u>	<u>8,800</u>	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,072,100	\$1,777,000	\$616,200	\$12,465,300
II. COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO (CWI):				
FROM:				
General				
Fund	\$6,482,600	\$3,888,900	\$600	\$10,372,100
Community College				
Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL	\$6,482,600	\$4,088,900	\$600	\$10,572,100
III. NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE (NIC):				
FROM:				
General				
Fund	\$9,411,400	\$914,700	\$15,000	\$10,341,100

	FOR	FOR	FOR	
	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
	COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
Community College				
Fund	<u>122,200</u>	<u>52,800</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL	\$9,533,600	\$967,500	\$40,000	\$10,541,100
GRAND TOTAL	\$26,088,300	\$6,833,400	\$656,800	\$33,578,500

SECTION 2. EXEMPTIONS FROM OBJECT AND PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS. For fiscal year 2015, the State Board of Education for Community Colleges is hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 67-3511(1), (2) and (3), Idaho Code, allowing unlimited transfers between object codes and between programs, for all moneys appropriated to it for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. Legislative appropriations shall not be transferred from one fund to another fund unless expressly approved by the Legislature.

SECTION 3. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. It is the intent of the Legislature, working cooperatively with the Governor's Office, the Division of Human Resources, and the Division of Financial Management, to progress toward the goal of funding a competitive salary and benefit package that will attract qualified applicants, retain employees committed to public service excellence, motivate employees to maintain high standards of productivity, and reward employees for outstanding performance by:

- 1) Adjusting the compensation schedule upwards by 1% to move the salary structure toward market; and
- 2) Continuing the job classifications that are currently on payline exception to address specific recruitment or retention issues; and
- 3) Funding an ongoing 1% salary increase for state employees, and funding the equivalent of a one-time 1% bonus for state employees, based upon employee merit, with flexibility in distribution as determined by the agency directors.

The Legislature also finds that investing in state employee compensation should remain a high priority even in tough economic times, and therefore strongly encourages agency directors, institution executives and the Division of Financial Management to approve the use of salary savings to provide either one-time or ongoing merit increases for deserving employees and also to target employees who are below policy compensation. Such salary savings could result from turnover and attrition, or be the result of innovation and reorganization efforts that create savings. Such savings should be reinvested in employees. Agencies are cautioned to use one-time funding for one-time payments and ongoing funding for permanent pay increases.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature that of the amount appropriated from the General Fund in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed \$70,000 may be expended by the Office of the State Board

1 of Education for system-wide needs including, but not limited to, projects
2 to promote accountability and information transfer throughout the higher
3 education system.