First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1051

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 67-5309C, IDAHO CODE, TO
3	PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUB-
4	MITTED TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
5	DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 67-5309C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-5309C. ANNUAL SURVEYS, REPORTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (1) The administrator of the division of human resources shall conduct or approve annual salary and benefit surveys within relevant labor markets to determine salary ranges and benefit packages that represent competitive labor market average rates and benefits provided by private industry and other governmental units.

- (2) A report of the results of the annual salary and benefit surveys and recommendations for changes to meet the requirements of section 67-5309A, Idaho Code, together with their estimated costs of implementation, shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature not later than the first day of December of each year. The report must include the total amount of salary savings realized in the previous budget year and must include information regarding the dispensation of such funds, including but not limited to the amount that was reverted back, any funds used for ongoing employee raises, funds used for onetime employee stipends, and funds expended for any other purposes. The recommendations shall include, at a minimum, four (4) components to address the compensation philosophy described in section 67-5309A, Idaho Code, and shall include specific funding recommendations for each component:
 - (a) A recommendation for market_related changes necessary to address system wide systemwide structure adjustments to stay competitive with relevant labor markets. Such recommendation may include a market_related payline adjustment for all eligible employees, as well as the structure, to avoid compression in the salary system.
 - (b) A recommendation for market_related changes necessary to address specific occupational inequities.
 - (c) A recommendation for a merit increase component to recognize and reward state employees in the performance of public service to the citizens of Idaho.
 - (d) A recommendation for any changes to the employee benefit package, including any adjustments to the overall design of the benefit package and/or employee contributions.
- (3) The governor shall submit his own recommendations on proposed changes in salaries and benefits to the legislature prior to the seventh

legislative day of each session. Such recommendations shall address, at a minimum, the four (4) components and subsequent funding for each component required in this section.

(4) The legislature may, by concurrent resolution, accept, modify, or reject the governor's recommendations, but any such action by the legislature, at a minimum, shall address the four (4) components and subsequent funding of each component required in this section. The failure of the legislature to accept, modify, or reject the recommendations prior to adjournment sine die shall constitute approval of the governor's recommendations, and such recommendations shall be funded through appropriations provided by law. The administrator of the division of human resources shall implement necessary and authorized changes to salary and pay schedule by rule. The director of the department of administration shall implement necessary and authorized changes to benefits.