

Agency Summary And Certification

FY 2027 Request

Agency: Office of Performance Evaluations

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In accordance with 67-3502 Idaho Code, I certify the included budget properly states the receipts and expenditures of the departments (agency, office, or institution) for the fiscal years indicated.

Signature of Department Director: Ryan Sengott Date: 8/26/25

			FY 2025 Total Appropriation	FY 2025 Total Expenditures	FY 2026 Original Appropriation	FY 2026 Estimated Expenditures	FY 2027 Total Request
Appropriation Unit							
Office of Performance Evaluations			1,083,600	919,600	1,129,600	1,129,600	1,166,200
Total			1,083,600	919,600	1,129,600	1,129,600	1,166,200
By Fund Source							
G	10000	General	1,083,600	919,600	1,129,600	1,129,600	1,166,200
Total			1,083,600	919,600	1,129,600	1,129,600	1,166,200
By Account Category							
Personnel Cost			1,015,000	858,200	1,056,000	1,056,000	1,092,600
Operating Expense			68,600	61,400	73,600	73,600	73,600
Total			1,083,600	919,600	1,129,600	1,129,600	1,166,200
FTP Positions			8	8	8	8	8
Total			8	8	8	8	8

Division Description

Request for Fiscal Year: 2027

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Division: Office of Performance Evaluations

OP1

Statutory Authority: IC §67-457 through §67-464

The Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE) is a nonpartisan legislative office that promotes accountability and confidence in state government (Sections 67-457 through 67-464, Idaho Code). OPE staff works under the general direction of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC), which consists of an equal number of legislators from both political parties and both houses.

The office conducts independent, objective, and in-depth performance evaluations of state agencies, programs, and functions. OPE staff report evaluation results and recommendations to:

- JLOC and other legislative committees to assist them in making policy and budgetary decisions; and
- State agencies to help them improve their operational efficiency and program effectiveness.

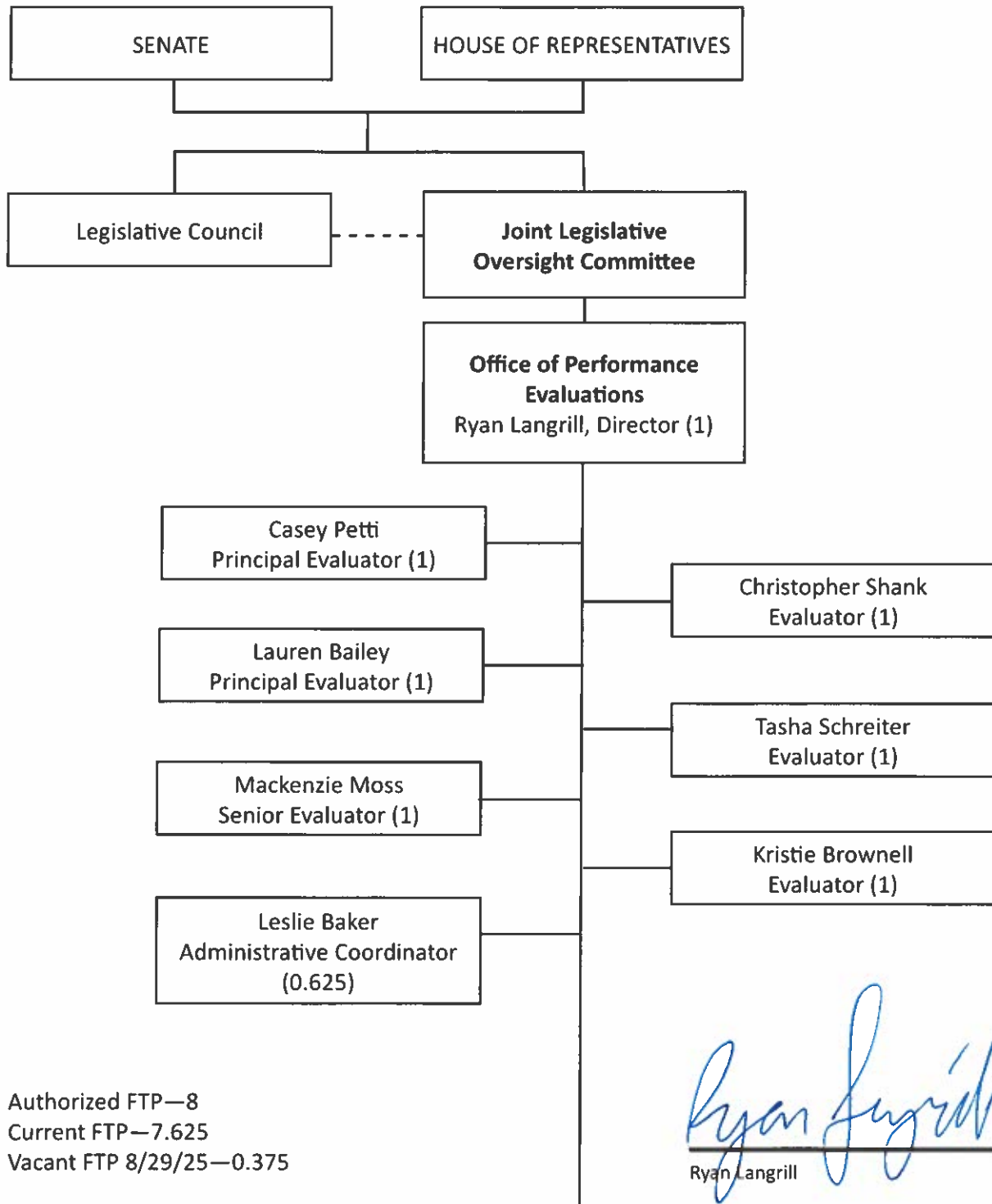
OPE evaluations help:

- Ensure compliance with state laws and legislative intent;
- Improve government performance and accountability to the public; and
- Identify cost savings and opportunities to avoid unnecessary future costs.

Section 67-3506, Idaho Code, states that the Governor shall transmit the budget requests of the legislative and judicial departments to the Legislature as they were submitted by the departments.

Organizational Chart for the Office of Performance Evaluations

August 2025



Appropriation Unit Revenues

Request for Fiscal Year:

Agency:

Appropriation Unit:

Fund					Significant Assumptions

Agency Revenues

Request for Fiscal Year:

Agency:

Significant Assumptions

Fund

Agency Name Total

Agency:

Fund:

Sources and Uses:

Note:

			FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	Office of Performance Evaluations								104
Division	Office of Performance Evaluations								OP1
Appropriation Unit	Office of Performance Evaluations								LBPA
FY 2025 Total Appropriation									
1.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation								LBPA
	H475, H682								
	10000	General	8.00	1,015,000	68,600	0	0	1,083,600	
			8.00	1,015,000	68,600	0	0	1,083,600	
1.61	Reverted Appropriation Balances								LBPA
	10000	General	0.00	(156,800)	(7,200)	0	0	(164,000)	
			0.00	(156,800)	(7,200)	0	0	(164,000)	
FY 2025 Actual Expenditures									
2.00	FY 2025 Actual Expenditures								LBPA
	10000	General	8.00	858,200	61,400	0	0	919,600	
			8.00	858,200	61,400	0	0	919,600	
FY 2026 Original Appropriation									
3.00	FY 2026 Original Appropriation								LBPA
	H0247								
	10000	General	8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
			8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
FY 2026Total Appropriation									
5.00	FY 2026 Total Appropriation								LBPA
	10000	General	8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
			8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
FY 2026 Estimated Expenditures									
7.00	FY 2026 Estimated Expenditures								LBPA
	10000	General	8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
			8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
FY 2027 Base									
9.00	FY 2027 Base								LBPA
	10000	General	8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
			8.00	1,056,000	73,600	0	0	1,129,600	
Program Maintenance									
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs								LBPA
	This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.								
	10000	General	0.00	28,400	0	0	0	28,400	
			0.00	28,400	0	0	0	28,400	
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs								LBPA

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.							
10000	General	0.00	(400)	0	0	0	(400)
		0.00	(400)	0	0	0	(400)
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees						LBPA
This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.							
10000	General	0.00	8,600	0	0	0	8,600
		0.00	8,600	0	0	0	8,600
FY 2027 Total Maintenance							
11.00	FY 2027 Total Maintenance						LBPA
10000	General	8.00	1,092,600	73,600	0	0	1,166,200
		8.00	1,092,600	73,600	0	0	1,166,200
FY 2027 Total							
13.00	FY 2027 Total						LBPA
10000	General	8.00	1,092,600	73,600	0	0	1,166,200
		8.00	1,092,600	73,600	0	0	1,166,200

Agency:

Decision Unit Number

Descriptive Title

General

Dedicated

Federal

Total

Request Totals

Totals

Appropriation Unit:

Run Date:

PCF Detail Report

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LBPA

Fund: General Fund

10000

PCN	Class	Description	FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
Totals from Personnel Cost Forecast (PCF)							
		Permanent Positions	7.62	706,155	110,214	145,263	961,632
		Total from PCF	7.62	706,155	110,214	145,263	961,632
		FY 2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	8.00	782,079	113,040	160,881	1,056,000
		Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded:	.38	75,924	2,826	15,618	94,368
Estimated Salary Needs							
		Permanent Positions	7.62	706,155	110,214	145,263	961,632
		Estimated Salary and Benefits	7.62	706,155	110,214	145,263	961,632
Adjusted Over or (Under) Funding							
		Original Appropriation	.38	75,924	2,826	15,618	94,368
		Estimated Expenditures	.38	75,924	2,826	15,618	94,368
		Base	.38	75,924	2,826	15,618	94,368

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LBPA

Fund: General Fund

10000

DU		FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
3.00	FY 2026 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	8.00	782,079	113,040	160,881	1,056,000
5.00	FY 2026 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	8.00	782,079	113,040	160,881	1,056,000
7.00	FY 2026 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	8.00	782,079	113,040	160,881	1,056,000
9.00	FY 2027 BASE	8.00	782,079	113,040	160,881	1,056,000
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs	0.00	0	28,400	0	28,400
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs	0.00	0	0	(400)	(400)
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees	0.00	7,100	0	1,500	8,600
11.00	FY 2027 PROGRAM MAINTENANCE	8.00	789,179	141,440	161,981	1,092,600
13.00	FY 2027 TOTAL REQUEST	8.00	789,179	141,440	161,981	1,092,600

Inflationary Adjustments

Request for Fiscal Year:

Agency:

Appropriation Unit:

	Change	% Change	Remove One Time Funding	General Inflation DU 10.21	% Change	Medical Inflation DU 10.22	% Change
Total							

NOTE: Agencies will complete one questionnaire per budgeted program that had employee travel expenditures in FY 2025 (as reflected in the OE tab(s) of the B-4) when the B-4 is updated (est. August 1st).

Employee Travel Questionnaire-B4

A. In-State Travel

1. What are the primary reasons for the program's in-state travel?

On-site evaluation work for agencies not in the Capitol Mall.

2. How does in-state travel support the program's mission, strategic goals, or statutory requirements

Being on site for our evaluation work is essential to getting accurate information to use in our evaluation reports. For example, this year we have traveled to Malad City, where the Idaho Home Learning Academy is based, and to 911 dispatch centers.

3. Are there changes to the program's anticipated in-state travel budget for fiscal year 2027? If so, please explain.

No. Travel is entirely dependent on the necessity of on-site field work, which depends on the topics assigned by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee.

B. Out-of-State Travel

1. What are the primary reasons for the program's out-of-state travel?

Employee professional development.

2. How does out-of-state travel support the program's mission, strategic goals, or statutory requirements

Participation in professional development activities such as the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society help evaluators strengthen their methodology skills while building networks with evaluators in other states, strengthening the quality of our evaluation work.

3. Are there changes to the program's anticipated out-of-state travel budget for fiscal year 2027? If so, please explain.

No. Our policy is for each employee to attend one professional development conference per year, which I do not anticipate changing.

Contract Inflation

Request for Fiscal Year:

Agency:

Appropriation Unit:

Contract Dates

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Total

One-Time Operating & One-Time Capital Outlay Summary

Request for Fiscal Year:

Agency:

Priority	Appropriation Unit	DU	Fund	Summary Account	Item Description	Current Mileage	Date Acquired	Quantity in Stock	Request Quantity Desired	Request Unit Cost	Request Total Cost
Subtotal											

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE), created in 1994, is a nonpartisan, independent office that serves the Legislature's information needs by conducting performance evaluations of state agencies and programs. The mission of OPE is to promote confidence and accountability in state government through these evaluations. Findings, conclusions, and recommendations from OPE evaluations are used by the Legislature to make policy and budget decisions and by agencies to improve performance.

Performance evaluations include assessing whether

- agencies or programs are complying with applicable laws and legislative intent;
- services are provided efficiently and cost-effectively; and
- programs and services are achieving intended results.

OPE works under the direction of the bipartisan Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC). The office is authorized for eight full-time equivalent positions.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Authorizing statutes: Idaho Code §§ 67-457 through 67-464

1. Conduct performance evaluations and report each evaluation to JLOC
2. Make recommendations to agencies for program improvements
3. Provide useful recommendations to assist the Legislature in making policy and budget decisions
4. Be responsive to the Legislature's information needs

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund	\$983,800	\$1,030,000	\$1,063,900	\$1,083,600
Dedicated	0	0	0	0
Total	\$983,800	\$1,030,000	\$1,063,900	\$1,083,600
Expenditures	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Personnel Costs	\$846,811.39	\$899,832.15	\$890,123	\$858,200
Operating Expenditures*	\$126,336.74	\$65,678.46	\$71,743	\$61,400
Capital Outlay	0	0	\$3,510	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	0	0	0	0
Total	\$973,148.13	\$965,510.61	\$965,377	\$919,600

* Some operating expenditures were appropriated in prior fiscal year.

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Number of performance evaluation projects completed	4	3	4	3
Number of follow-up reviews for previous evaluations completed	0	0	4	0

OPE reports may be accessed at <https://legislature.idaho.gov/ope/reports/>.

FY 2025 Performance Highlights

OPE released the following evaluation reports:

- *Luma*, November 2024
- *K-12 District Characteristics and Funding*, March 2025
- *State Oversight of Children's Residential Care*, June 2025

OPE received two awards:

- 2025 Impact Award of the National Conference of State Legislatures, *County Coroners and Death Investigations*

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Goal 1						
Provide useful recommendations to assist the Legislature in making policy and budget decisions.						
1. Performance is measured by the number of bills and resolutions introduced or enacted in response to OPE recommendations.	actual	4	8	7	10	7
	target	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Goal 2						
Respond to the Legislature's information needs.						
2. Performance is measured by the number of "24-hour" limited reviews completed.	actual	0	1	2	2	2
	target	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3. Performance is measured by the number of evaluation-related presentations made to the Legislature (does not include presentations to JLOC).	actual	2	2	4	4	3
	target	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Goal 3						
Promote confidence and accountability in state government through education and outreach to interested stakeholders and participation in professional associations.						
4. Performance is measured by the number of evaluation-related presentations made outside of the Legislature.	actual	4	5	6	5	6
	target	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

Bills introduced, Agency Actions

In our 2024 evaluation, *County Coroners and Death Investigations*, we found that Idaho Code provides little direction for coroners on many of their duties, creating an inconsistent death investigation system across the state.

- S. 1101 was signed into law and outlines common duties of coroners. It provides definitions and standards to increase consistency in practice and improve public safety.
- S. 1135 was drafted and sent to the Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee. This bill would have exempted certain sensitive information from public records requests to protect medicolegal death investigations.

In our 2023 evaluation, *State Oversight of Idaho's Health Information Exchange*, we found that the state created the Idaho Health Data Exchange as a nonprofit corporation but did not establish meaningful state oversight mechanisms.

- During an August 2024 Joint Legislative Oversight Council Meeting, the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare announced that the Department had canceled their agreement with the Idaho Health Data Exchange on June 30, 2024.

In our 2022 evaluation, *K–12 Public School Buildings*, we found that Idaho did not have a current facility assessment and there was a backlog of deferred maintenance in K–12 public school buildings.

- H. 75 was introduced and referred to the House Education Committee. This bill would have created a fund to support public education facilities for financing construction, remodeling, and maintenance of school facilities.
- In our 2021 evaluation, *Volunteer Providers of Emergency Medical Services*, we found that the Department of Health and Welfare faced EMS funding, staffing, and management challenges that could affect patient care, especially in rural communities.
- H. 206 relocated the Department of Emergency Medical Services from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Idaho Military Division which already coordinates emergency management with state and local government.

In a series of four evaluations on the child welfare system, we found that gaps in placement services, program capacity, organizational culture, and system oversight prevented the child welfare system from performing well. We also found that there were not enough foster placements, guardians ad litem, or social workers to ensure that decisions affecting children in foster care consistently prioritized a child's best interest.

- The Department of Health and Welfare made improvements to the child welfare system, including increasing the availability of foster care placements, it's "Wildly Important Goal" for fiscal year 2026. In a January 29, 2025 presentation to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee about the department's strategies for the year, then-Director Adams shared presentation slides outlining past OPE reports and commented that "some of the great work that [OPE] put together identified opportunities for improvement in the child welfare system and... gave [the department] a Rosetta Stone of options [to]... make a meaningful difference in the lives of these kids." H. 245 was signed into law and will allow for extended care for youth aging out of the foster care system and allow the Department of Health and Welfare to establish separate licensing standards for relatives and non-relatives.
- S. 1090 was signed into law and amends certain timelines and provisions in the Child Protective Act to promote more frequent judicial review of cases and to expedite the permanent placement of children in adoptive homes when parents fail to complete court-ordered case plans. These actions are intended to decrease the time children spend in foster care and increase the time children spend in supportive, permanent placements.

In a series of three evaluations regarding Medicaid, we emphasized the importance of the Medicaid program taking a thoughtful approach to the incentives it creates when designing its payment methods.

- H. 201 was introduced and referred to the House Health and Welfare Committee. This bill would have raised the minimum risk sharing level within agreements between the Department of Health and Welfare and Value Care Organizations.

Legislative presentations

- Joint Finance & Appropriations Committee, *Luma*
- Legislative Council, *Luma*
- New Legislator Orientation

Presentations made outside the Legislature

- September 2024: Presentation on county-related evaluations to the Idaho Association of Counties Annual Conference
- October 2024: Three presentations to the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society
- January 2025: Presentation of *County Coroners and Death Investigations* to the Idaho Association of Counties Midwinter Legislative Conference
- June 2025: Presentation of *Children's Residential Care* on The Ranch Podcast


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Director Attestation for Performance Report

In accordance with *Idaho Code* 67-1904, I certify the data provided in the Performance Report has been internally assessed for accuracy, and, to the best of my knowledge, is deemed to be accurate.

Department: Office of Performance Evaluations



Director's Signature

8/26/25

Date

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