



**BRAD LITTLE**  
GOVERNOR

April 20, 2021

The Honorable Scott Bedke  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on April 19, 2021, and am transmitting to the Secretary of State the following House bill to wit:

**HOUSE BILL 338**

As part of the Office of the State Controller's budget, I recommended 4.0 FTP and \$354,100 for Luma support positions be funded on an ongoing basis from the General Fund. In an effort to reduce the impact on the General Fund, the Legislature shifted the \$354,100 to the Business Information Infrastructure Fund. This is a one-time funding source that will expire on June 30, 2023, pursuant to Idaho Code 67-1021C. The JFAC motion sheet clearly states, in the discussion section, that the 4.0 FTP are to be hired on the Business Information Infrastructure Fund, the Controller's dedicated fund for the Luma system, "understanding that they will be shifted onto the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023, which is the sunset date of the fund as provided in Section 67-1021C, Idaho Code."

I support the Controller and the Luma project. I also advocate for structurally balanced budgets. Placing an ongoing expense on a one-time funding source simply to postpone the inevitable expense on the General Fund is unwise budgeting. One of the key principles of budgeting that I have held to throughout my time as Governor is that a structurally balanced budget consists of ongoing expenses being funded from ongoing funding sources, not one-time funding sources. We do not know the General Fund revenue picture at the end of June 2023 and whether we will be able to place these positions back onto the General Fund. My recommendation for these 4.0 Luma support positions should have been supported by JFAC and this Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho

cc: Secretary of State