
EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING AN ^{OF} MONTANA
EDUCATION COMMISSION FOR THE NINETIES

WHEREAS, continued progress toward developing the prosperity of Montana is extensively dependent upon strong quality state postsecondary and higher education systems; and

WHEREAS, Montana's persistent economic conditions have created a serious shortfall in funding for postsecondary and higher education; and

WHEREAS, long term planning and direction, with citizen input, on all aspects of Montana's postsecondary and higher education system are essential to ensure that higher education continues to meet Montanans' needs in terms of education, economic development and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Montanans not only to have their children educated in Montana's postsecondary and higher educational systems, but to be afforded the opportunity to live and be productively employed in Montana; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong and consistent desire among Montana citizens to re-examine the future of Montana's postsecondary and higher education systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, including Section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby establish the Education Commission for the Nineties.

I. PURPOSE

and affordability.

2. Identify potential economies including the overall structure of Montana's postsecondary and higher education systems.
3. Identify a means of addressing capital construction and maintenance needs.
4. Identify and make recommendations on the financial needs of Montana's postsecondary and higher education programs.
5. Identify priority areas of research and public service, and a means of financing those priorities, which would stimulate economic development for Montana.

II. COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Commission shall be composed of not more than eleven members who shall be appointed by the Governor.

All institutions and state agencies shall cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its responsibilities.

The Governor shall designate a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

The Montana University system shall provide sufficient and reasonable resources to the Commission for staff and consultation assistance.

IV. COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL

All Commission members shall be eligible for reimbursement under Section 2-15-122(5), MCA, for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of the Commission's duties. Commission members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

including any recommended actions for the executive, the legislature and the Board of Regents.

VI. PRIOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS REPEALED

Any executive order in conflict with the provisions of this Order is hereby repealed. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 12th day of September, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

Stan Stephens

STAN STEPHENS, Governor

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