

MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

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7:30 p. m.
Room 132
State Capitol Building
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Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Menahan. All members were present. Fiscal Analyst JanDee May was also present.

The meeting was a work session to make decisions on the Department of Administration program budgets. Those programs taken were Management Systems, Legal and Insurance, Passenger Tramway, Records Management, Transportation of Prisoners, Workman's Compensation Judge, Public Employees' Retirement System and Teacher's Retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Management Systems

There was discussion on the reducing of funds within the Management Systems personal division and the moving of FTE into the Information Systems Division.

Senator Lockrem moved to consolidate Management Systems Division with the Information Systems Division, to reduce the Management Systems budget by \$50,000 for each year of the biennium and to line item the general fund.

All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legal and Insurance Division

The Budget Office could not support any projection for the amount of reserve to be built up within the Insurance Division. The FA recommended expenditures be maintained at the 1978 level. She stated assuming no major claims are filed at the end of 1980, the reserve account will hold \$4.1 million not including the \$2.5 million loan and in 1981 \$5.5 million not including the \$2.5 million loan.

The program decision was deferred until the committee spoke with Mike Young of the Insurance Division on the question of how much reserve should be built up by the end of the next biennium.

The committee discussed the program request for an additional attorney.

Passenger Tramway

The committee discussed the state's liability in regard to the inspection of passenger tramways. The state has the liability whether or not they inspect the lifts.

Senator Lockrem made the motion to approve the FA recommendation for \$7,726 for 1980 and \$8,159 for 1981 for the Passenger Tramway. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Records Management

In the area of personal services the Budget Office recommends 11 FTE and the FA recommends 9 FTE. In the modified request, the FA has recommended the COM (computer output on microfilm) package and the Budget Office has not. COM consists of micro-filming computer generated reports rather than sending it to Spokane as is done presently.

The Budget Office is not opposed to COM but feels it is too soon. The FA stated if the microfilming of the computer output is done in-house, business would pick up from the agencies.

Records Management stated they could be self-sufficient by the second year of the biennium.

The committee discussed the COM project.

Representative Wood made the motion to recommend the 2 CETA positions.

Senator Thiessen moved to approve the FA recommendation, deleting the equipment request for the first year.

As a substitute motion Representative Wood moved to accept the Executive recommendation for personal services for both years, the FA recommendation for operating expenses for both years, the Executive recommendation for equipment the first year and the FA recommendation for equipment the second year.

Those in favor were Representative Wood, Senator Thiessen, Representative Hand and Chairman Menahan. Senator Lockrem was opposed. The motion passed.

The funding would be no general fund but all revolving fund.

Transportation of Prisoners

Senator Lockrem moved to accept the FA recommendation for \$85,000 a year for Transportation of Prisoners. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Workman's Compensation Judge

Representative Hand moved to approve the FA recommendation with

the adjustment of rent being added back in for the private office. The total would be \$155,942 for 1980 and \$156,731 for 1981.

All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Employee's Retirement System

There was a substantial difference between the FA and the Budget Office. The FA did not recommend \$14,000-15,000 in data processing costs which she stated were one time enhancements to the program.

In the area of communications, the FA recommended normal increases.

The agency request for travel was double and the FA kept her recommendation at current level. The Budget Office also reduced the travel request.

The committee discussed the agency request for an attorney and also the agency request for \$88,000 for a system for combining the active and retired membership computer files into one integrated system.

Senator Thiessen moved to approve the FA recommendation, adding the salary for 1 FTE the first year and .5 FTE the second year. The position is for the person putting together the retirement pamphlet. The position is a temporary position. The motion also included adding \$750 for the filing cabinets.

All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.


Teacher's Retirement System

Representative Wood moved to approve the FA recommendation, including the adjustment in operating expenses for \$500 in 1980, \$1,250 a year for additional printing costs and \$5,000 for equipment in 1980.

All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted.


William Menahan, Chairman