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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
AGENCIES II SUBCOMMITTEE

February 15, 1979
8:15 A.M.
Room 343
State Capitol Building

Hearing: Professional &
Occupational Licensing

Tape 5: Side 1, Track 1 (470)

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ed Smith. Chairman Manuel and Representative Manning were excused. Also present were Bob Robinson, LFA, Carolyn Doering, OBPP and Ed Carney, Department of Professional and Occupational Licensing.

Centralized Services (476)

The budget for this division is for administrative support services. Each board is assessed a fee based on time and money expended related to the department total. The department keeps track of the time spent on each board. A major portion of administrative support is rent; \$2.90 per square foot. Under the new contract the department assumes electrical and janitorial costs. There is an escalator clause that applies to water and real estate taxes. Administrative support also includes the basic phone costs, supplies and materials used by the boards and salaries for the director, a secretary and a receptionist.

The Real Estate Board is the largest contributor because they are the largest board. Therefore, the support staff spends more time working on this board.

In response to the LFA recommendation for 1.6 FTE cashier function, Mr. Carney stated that this was a result of the legislative audit and was not convinced that this would save any money in the long run. The agency is too small to justify such an expenditure. The LFA also included \$3,000 for a validating machine. This will have to be a legislative decision but Mr. Carney stated that this was money that is not needed.

The department has no authority over complaints, these must be directed to the people working on a particular board.

There was a discussion of the effect that the reorganization process has had on this department.

The legislature eliminated 4.25 FTE through the hiring freeze. In an effort to restore some of these FTE the LFA recommended the 1.6 FTE cashier function. The department consists of 35.5 FTE, all working under the director.

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Should the Board of Real Estate be sunsetted, the cost of centralized services to the other boards will probably double. The department has projected that the changes due to sunsets will effect the department in 1980, the LFA has projected the change for 1981. Ms. Doering stated that the bill requires that the boards wind down unless otherwise provided for by the legislature.

It was felt that the original idea was to get rid of the departments that were not providing a public service. Instead, these boards are just being transferred to other departments. The FTE are being transferred somewhere else also. Thus, the board is sunsetted, but the function remains.

The Legislative Audit Committee is reported to have spent \$183,000 on this sunset program.

Senator Smith expressed the concern that once these boards are spread out, how are the consumers going to know where to register complaints. Now, at least, there is a central place where the consumer can go.

Senator Boylan gave a short summary of the sunset process and what the original plan had hoped to accomplish.

Representative Manning joined the meeting at this time.

Of nine boards recommended for sunset, only two; Landscape Architects and Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning will actually be terminated. The others are scheduled to transfer somewhere else.

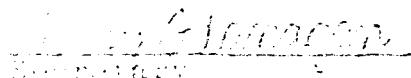
The subcommittee has three sets of figures to consider in appropriating the budget: the LFA, the OBPP, and the individual board requests. The LFA stated that perhaps the LFA and OBPP recommendations are more accurate, because any board request is naturally going to be inflated.

The LFA applied a standard inflation factor to current level, the OBPP applied an inflation factor but also made some other adjustments.

The members were unable to come up with a meaningful approach for making appropriations. The LFA was instructed to provide worksheets showing all recommendations, side by side.

Representative Manning made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. The next meeting will be February 16, 1979.


REX MANUEL, Chairman


Secretary