

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUBCOMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY I

MARCH 7, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. by Chairman Steve Waldron with the following members present:

Chairman Steve Waldron
Senator Gary Aklestad
Representative Bill Hand
Representative Robert Marks
Senator Pat Regan
Senator Pete Story

Others present were: Jim VanKoten, OBPP; Linda Gamble, OBPP; Curt Nichols, LFA; Dave Fuller, Commissioner of DL&I; Bill Palmer, Centralized Services for Workers' Compensation.

LABOR STANDARDS DIVISION

This division consists of the three bureaus: Women's Bureau, The Apprenticeship Bureau, and the Standards Bureau. There are a total of 17 FTEs in the division. The Women's Bureau has two, the Apprenticeship Bureau has five and the Standards Bureau has ten. The chairman reminded the subcommittee that last Legislature added five new FTEs to the Standards Bureau and one to the Women's Bureau. The bureaus must justify these FTEs this Legislature. The Standards Bureau had testified that training had cut down on their efficiency; but they are now working at full capacity.

Curt Nichols, LFA, expressed concern because of the Executive's cut in travel. He felt with the type of work they do, especially in the Apprenticeship Bureau, the travel money was necessary. Linda Gamble, OBPP, did explain that the major difference in budgets was the cut in travel. They recommended \$25,322 per year for travel. Ms. Gamble also told the subcommittee that they recommend a budget modification for the Women's Bureau of \$2,000 for a revolving account to publish more copies of their book "Getting Hired." They charge for the book and those funds would go into the revolving account to publish more books.

The LFA took vacancy savings.

Senator Regan moved to split the difference in the travel and then accept the LFA budget. Senator Aklestad made a substitute motion to authorize 15 FTEs with vacancy savings and authorize \$250,000 for the general fund. Senator Aklestad

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then made a substitute motion to authorize the Executive general fund budget with the 15 FTEs and vacancy savings. He then withdrew the motion on the general funds.

Senator Aklestad then made an amended motion to cut back two of the additional five FTEs added last Legislature to the Labor Standards Division. Dave Fuller, Commissioner, felt there was no fat in the division. Vote:

Senator Pete Story	No
Senator Pat Regan	No
Representative Robert Marks	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	No
Senator Gary Aklestad	Yes
Chairman Steve Waldron	No

The motion failed.

Representative Marks and Senator Story voiced the opinion that the Women's Bureau was not serving the majority of the public. Senator Regan supported the bureau saying they were the only women's advocate in the Department of Labor.

The original motion by Senator Regan was brought back to the floor. The motion is to split the difference in travel budgets and accept the LFA budget. Vote: All were in favor except Senator Gary Aklestad. The motion passed.

Mr. Fuller stressed that although they have an increase in staff by 50% it doesn't mean their output will increase by 50%.

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DIVISION

This division is responsible for the allocation of CETA funds. The LFA has recommended seven additional FTEs to monitor the program. These monitors have been requested by the federal government as they have had some problems with CETA funds. The Executive recommendation had cut the FTEs by one with the hiring freeze which brought their level to 15. They then added six through budget modifications earlier for the monitoring of the program. Now they are recommending nine more FTEs for additional federal compliance. Therefore the Executive is recommending thirty FTEs. The extra nine are needed for auditing, monitoring and working the management information system. The federal government has threatened to cut funds. The LFA did not include the nine FTEs as they came in after the budget was finalized.

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Representative Marks moved the LFA recommendation. Vote: All were in favor except Representative Bill Hand. The motion passed.

Senator Regan wanted it noted in the minutes that the subcommittee did not specifically turn down the nine monitors if they were absolutely needed.

Senator Regan moved to reconsider the level of FTEs for the Employment and Training Division. All were in favor except Senator Aklestad; the motion passed.

Senator Regan moved to give the division 26 FTEs with the understanding that is all they can ask for in this particular federal requirement.

Representative Marks made a substitute motion to authorize 29 FTEs. Vote:

Senator Pete Story	No
Senator Pat Regan	No
Representative Robert Marks	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	Yes
Senator Gary Aklestad	No
Chairman Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion failed on a tie vote.

The original motion for 26 FTEs was voted on:

Senator Pete Story	Yes
Senator Pat Regan	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	No
Representative Bill Hand	No
Senator Gary Aklestad	Yes
Chairman Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion passed.

Mr. Fuller questioned the subcommittee on its intent. He asked that in the future if new programs come in with additional FTEs needed, can the department get a budget modification for the additional FTEs. Chairman Waldron gave a statement for the record that the subcommittee fully realized there may be new programs that may need additional FTEs, the subcommittee is aware of that and the decision does not affect those programs.

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PERSONNEL APPEALS DIVISION

This division acts as a type of national labor relations board. They handle arbitrations, mediations and pay classifications among other things. The LFA recommended a lower revolving account because they took the actual 1978 figure. The department has requested \$12,000 per year while the LFA has recommended \$8,000 per year. The Executive Office is requesting that an additional FTE be added to their program. They had deleted an attorney position in a proposed bill; but the bill has been killed so they need him back. The LFA recommendation includes the attorney position with nine FTEs.

Senator Aklestad moved to accept the Executive recommendation with 8 FTEs. Vote:

Senator Pete Story	No
Senator Pat Regan	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	No
Representative Bill Hand	Absent
Senator Gary Aklestad	No
Senator Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion failed.

Senator Regan moved to accept the LFA recommendation. Vote:

Senator Pete Story	Yes
Senator Pat Regan	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	Absent
Senator Gary Aklestad	No
Chairman Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion passed.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Representative Marks moved the LFA recommendation. Vote: All were in favor of the motion; Representative Hand was absent. The motion passed.

CENTRALIZED SERVICES

This agency is funded through transfers from the agencies in

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the division. They are requesting spending authority. This agency had testified also they had trouble with the Montana Power Company and ended up with a \$5,000 utility bill.

Senator Regan moved to accept the LFA budget. Vote: All were in favor except Senator Aklestad; Representative Hand was absent. The motion passed.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The general fund money in this program is for Social Security Offsets and silocosis payments. The difference in the personal budget is due to a different estimate in benefits. The Executive used a 17% figure for benefits while the LFA used a 16.4% benefits figure. Actual is about 16.6% of the wages. Other differences were in communications where the department is requesting more for postage, travel, maintenance and repair where the department is requesting more for maintenance of new equipment, and crime victims' compensation which is statutorily required.

Senator Regan moved to accept the LFA budget with the following amendments: the Uninsured Employer supervisor; the increase for communications; a split in the difference in travel and the allowance for the maintenance and repair. Vote: All were in favor of the motion; Representative Hand was absent. The motion passed.

The meeting for tonight is canceled and the Thursday morning meeting was pushed back to 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Steve Waldron, Chairman
Approved

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Centralized Services

	LFA — 80 — Exec	LFA — 81 — Exec
FTE	9.75	9.75
ors Sus	115,874	119,207
<u>Operating</u>	<u>127,371</u>	<u>133,957</u>
Contr	6798	7206
Supl	6550	6943
Comm	26871	28483
Tel	—	—
Rat	82806	87360
UTIL	3975	4213
LSM	159	1695
Other	212	225
Equip	—	—
TOTAL Rev	243,245	253,164

Commissioner's Office

LFA — 80 — Exec

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FTE	2.0	2.0
Pers Sus	53,386	53,817
permt. wq	7131	7736
Contand	3005	3036
Supl	175	186
Cono	249	263
TuL	1700	1700
Rat	1685	1778
UTL	—	—
RSM	—	—
Other	317	336
fg	—	—
ms - Cont Sus	14517	15179
u Fund	75,036	76,732
		75,949
		16,090
		78,173

Board of Personnel Appeals

	LFA	80	Exec	LFA	81	Exec
FTE	9.0			9.0		
		8.0			8.0	
ots Sus	167,757	153,871		168,386	154,171	
<u>pending</u>	<u>48,035</u>	<u>47,317</u>		<u>50,605</u>	<u>48,917</u>	
Conte	23,660			24,900		
Supl	1820			1920		
Commo	1445			1530		
TuL	17830			18800		
Rad	550			585		
UJL	—			—		
R.M	200			200		
Other	2530			2670		
Equip	—	—		—	—	
AS CS	45,700	51,075		47,316	54,140	
Comm	1,050			1,060		
	254,542	240,263		267,367	245,248	
	8000	12,000		8,000	12,000	
T.L	262,542	252,263		267,367	257,248	
		273,295			278,760	

AGENCY: Labor and Industry

PROGRAM: Workers Compensation

FY-78 ACTUAL

FISCAL 1980 RECOMMENDATIONS

	FTE	EXECUTIVE	LFA	SUBCOMMITTEE	EXECUTIVE	LFA
PERSONAL SERVICES	<u>163.0</u>	<u>161.0</u>	<u>163.0</u>		<u>161.0</u>	<u>163.0</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1937857</u>	<u>2,242,318</u>	<u>2,198,766</u>		<u>2,247,908</u>	<u>2,206,320</u>
EQUIPMENT	<u>1087538</u>	<u>1,204,495</u>	<u>1,105,430</u>		<u>1,231,058</u>	<u>1,141,728</u>
TOTAL	<u>192784</u>	<u>53,375</u>	<u>53,375</u>		<u>45,881</u>	<u>45,881</u>
TOTAL OPERATING	<u>3,218,178</u>	<u>3,500,188</u>	<u>3,357,571</u>		<u>3,524,847</u>	<u>3,393,929</u>
NON OPERATING	<u>16,396,919</u>	<u>21,151,916</u>	<u>17,336,500</u>		<u>22,167,463</u>	<u>19,443,500</u>
GENERAL FUND	<u>19,615,097</u>	<u>24,652,104</u>	<u>20,694,071</u>		<u>25,891,310</u>	<u>22,837,429</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>962,063</u>	<u>957,052</u>	<u>948,536</u>		<u>964,562</u>	<u>955,098</u>
NON APPROPRIATED FUNDS		<u>3,695,046</u>	<u>3,495,535</u>		<u>3,726,748</u>	<u>3,532,331</u>
TOTAL						

LFA REMARKS:

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