

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 sub-committee 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 silicosis 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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Commissioners Office

LFA — 80 — Exec

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FTE

2.0

2.0

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Pers Sus

53,386

53,817

53617

53967

payrollings

7131

7736

7299

8116

Contacnt

3005

3036

Supl

175

186

Convo

249

263

Tel

1700

1700

Rat

1685

1778

U.L.C

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Rsm

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Other

317

336

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69

ans - Catus

14517

15179

15033

16090

Fund

75,036

76732

75,949

78173

Board of Personnel Appeals

LFA — 80 — Exec

ITE

9.0

8.0

less Sus

167,757

153,871

168,386

8.0

154,171

pending

49,035

47,317

50,605

48,917

Contra

23,660

24,900

Supl

1820

1920

Como

1445

1530

Tul

17830

18800

2nd

550

585

UTL

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R.M

200

200

Other

2530

2670

2018

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less C.S

45,700

51,075

47,316

54,140

less Comm

1,050

1,060

1254542

240,263

267,367

245,248

8000

12,000

8,000

12,000

262,542

252,263

267,367

257,228

273,295-4

278,760

Governor's Employment and Training Council

LFA — 80 — Exec

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FTE

23.0

21
20.0

23.0

Per Capita

373,317

353,149

375,571

355

Operating

639,127

639,127

677,474

67

Centr

546,803

579,611

Suppl

1,876

1,989

Como

5,385

5,708

TCL

73,155

77,544

Ref

5,120

5,427

UTL

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26M

2385

2528

Other

4403

4667

9

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Trans CS

101,873

110,985

105,722

11

Comm

2200

2,225

Total F&I

1,116,517

1103261

1,160,992

1151

AGENCY: labor and Industry

PROGRAM: Workers Compensation

FY-78 ACTUAL

FISCAL 1980 RECOMMENDATIONS

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	<u>LFA</u>	<u>SUBCOMMITTEE</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE</u>	<u>LFA</u>
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>3,942,318</u>	<u>2,198,766</u>		<u>2247908</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 OPERATING	<u>192784</u>	<u>53,375</u>	<u>53,375</u>		<u>45,886</u>	<u>45,886</u>
NON 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>
TOTAL	<u>16,396,919</u>	<u>21,153,916</u>	<u>17,336,500</u>		<u>22,166,463</u>	<u>19,943,500</u>
GENERAL FUND	<u>19,615,097</u>	<u>24,652,104</u>	<u>20,694,071</u>		<u>23,891,310</u>	<u>22,837,429</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>962,063</u>	<u>953,058</u>	<u>948,536</u>		<u>964,562</u>	<u>955,098</u>
NON APPROPRIATED FUNDS		<u>3,695,046</u>	<u>3,495,635</u>		<u>3,726,748</u>	<u>3,532,331</u>
TOTAL						
LFA REMARKS:						

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