

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 16, 1979

The forty-fourth meeting of the State Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Pete Story on the above date in Room 442 of the State Capitol at 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Committee were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL No. 481: The Chairman called on Rep. Dennis Nathe, House District 1, Redstone, to present his testimony as sponsor of the Bill.

Rep. Nathe stated that the major change in the present law as proposed by this Bill is on page 3, subsection 12. We are asking that four professional positions be exempted from the state pay plan. He handed out material pertaining to what other states pay for a comparable position. He said the State is going to have a real problem in keeping top people if it can't pay them enough to stay. Any kid getting out of school today could go to work for an oil company for about \$19,000. On the Oil and Gas Board, they are requesting to have the four top slots exempted from the Pay Plan so that the salaries of these persons can be allowed to be competitive with the job market for such experts. Judson Sweet is at a top salary of \$24,000, but in order to keep him, this has to be raised. The National Energy Policy Act has been passed by Congress and the Board is required to comply with the regulations and administer the classification of all wells according to the specifications set out in the Act. This will put an additional large amount of work on them, and if they don't have qualified and experienced people, it will be an extremely difficult task. There are some 32 classifications of gas at the wellhead which they must determine, and if they don't have these expert people, they won't get any break on the tax and the state won't receive any tax increases.

Further proponents were called for by the Chairman.

Carl Iverson, representing the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, supporting the legislation, testified that the Commission is totally financed by the industry; nothing comes out of the general fund. The Board has been saddled with the Natural Gas Policy Act by the Federal government, with no allowance for their compensation. If the commission is to do this, the board will have to have some very expert people to handle all the technicalities. It is necessary for the board to have this Bill so they won't lose their technical people. The work that the field people do is also sent to Washington where it is scrutinized again, so we need expert people doing this work.

R.A. Campbell, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, and Chairman of the Board, echoed the remarks of Mr. Iverson in supporting the Bill that it is financed by earmarked money.

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Sen. Story inquired how much money, to which Mr. Campbell replied their operating budget was at \$350,000 and the board has the authority to lower that - it is the highest figure, but the board is now in the process of constructing a building in Billings, so they are using the higher figure. The board doesn't have any trouble with their financing. The board appealed to the state pay planning people and the governor, but they did not seem to want to do anything.

Don Allen, Montana Petroleum Association, testified in support of the Bill, giving background and history of the problems of the board and a short discussion on some of the activities the board must take care of relative to the oil and gas industry. He advised it will be difficult to take care of the extra duties put on the industry by the Natural Gas Policy Act, with the biggest problem facing them now being the possibility of losing the people who are familiar with the situation. He felt it was in the state's best interest because of the tax on the price at the wellhead to keep the present staff. The federal act had put on somewhere between 27 and 33 new price proposals which will amount to a large sum for the state. Montana is about 20 to 30% lower than any of the states neighboring as far as salary is concerned, which puts the board at a real disadvantage on keeping good staff. Those in state government have a problem at the top of the pay scale. Since the industry is willing to tax themselves with a higher rate in order to pay for this type of help, they would request that they be allowed to do so. They did make a special trip to Helena to talk to some of these people in the executive branch in trying to get the allowance to pay our help more as we need these top people in our industry, but it produced no results.

Opponents were called for.

Mark Cress, State Pay Bureau, in opposition to the Bill, testified his office did look at the positions on the Oil and Gas Commission but didn't see anything that would clearly indicate a reason for an increase, and if it had been something they could consider, they couldn't set up anything under the state plan to allow the raise the Oil and Gas Commission was asking. We are aware of the problems which exist and that they have the money to pay expert people. Professional employees are going to have a problem trying to work under the pay plan, but they can't solve the problem by exempting four people from the plan.

John Fitzpatrick, Deputy Director, Office of Budget and Planning, stated they did not doubt that the top experts in private employment get paid more than the state pays; they have heard this many times before relating to people with expert technical positions. However, they have two objections: 1) exempting positions in this agency would open the door for further fragmentation of the state pay plan, and 2) contributions to an earmarked fund implies a double standard; most are federally funded, and then there are the industry-paid.

If the industry is well financed, then they can afford to pay additional salaries. If, however, an executive branch agency asked for exemption, then it would have to come from the general fund and you would probably say it was not necessary. Just because it comes from an earmarked fund shouldn't mean they should be free to allow additional compensation for their people.

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Tom Schneider, Montana PEA, advised he was not really opposing the Bill, but was taking this opportunity to chastise the state on its state pay plan. If what the state people say is true, then there will be a number of people asking for these exemptions. There should be some way on the state pay plan to plug them in somewhere if the scale goes up to over \$48,000. The current pay plan does not allow certain criteria to be interjected, however, salary survey data is supposed to be considered in the area. If they have information that a particular salary for a better position is in competition at a higher figure, then the state should have a classification that would fit at the salary level necessary for this. He then cautioned the proponents from asking for a complete separation from the state pay plan as when the teachers did this, they ended up in a much worse situation. He felt the problem could be handled in the system.

In closing, Rep. Nathe added that the board had come to Helena to discuss resolving their problem with the state pay scale, with no results. This Bill is the result, and two years from now will be too late to find a different solution. The entire industry is on the line in complying with the federal mandate, and they need to keep their present people in order to get the work done.

The hearing was opened for questions from the Committee.

Sen. Roskie inquired if the board had requested a review of the classifications, to which Mr. Campbell answered they had, but with no success as the state stated the people were properly classified; so, they made their top person a director in order to keep him and allow him a salary increase. Mr. Cress stated that grade levels within the plan were used for adjustments; market considerations were not a factor. The state may be putting itself in an appeal situation if they would allow expertise as a consideration in the plan. They had looked at the classification very recently, and feel it will work.

Sen. Rasmussen commented that the market has to be a factor in classification. Mr. Cress referred to Chapter 18 of their regulations. Sen. Roskie read from the MCA chapter pertaining to guide lines for classifications. Mr. Cress admitted there was a problem with the way the system is set up in that the law of supply and demand is not considered. The job classification rather than the job market is used.

Sen. Ryan questioned what the tenure of the present staff was, to which Mr. Campbell replied their engineer had been there 10 years and the geologist 4 years, but they had many years experience in the industry. Continuing his questioning, Sen. Ryan asked if the salary was the difficulty, why did these people stay, and was answered that they had not been able to retain the geologist, and the engineer stayed because he was raised to the highest pay.

Sen. Story asked how many people were employed and was told 18, with 4 technical positions. In answer to Sen. Story's further question, Mr. Campbell stated the 4 positions are filled, but they were losing a geologist as he was offered a higher paying job in Denver. He then discussed the implications of the natural gas act and the impact

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on the board and the various classifications.

Mr. Iverson responded to Sen. Story's question as to what the classifications were based on - that it was based on things right when the well was drilled, the vintage of the gas.

Sen. Story then questioned the necessity of a geologist and his functions, which were explained by Mr. Campbell.

Sen. Ryan asked if an appeals procedure had been gone through, to which Don Allen responded that they had talked to Ted Doney and John Orth who said they would intercede, but did not have any formal appeal, and answering Sen. Story's question why Doney was involved, he explained that the board was placed under the Department of Natural Resources for administration purposes.

The Committee then discussed the grade levels which would pertain to the salary increase and reclassification to permit appropriate pay increases, with Mr. Fitzpatrick stating that because these positions were not vacant, the state could not say it is necessary to reclassify the position. In contrast, they can't get doctors for institutions.

Additional discussion on collective bargaining agreements and merit step increases and the possibility of creating a classification for very technical people was had.

Responding to Sen. Rasmussen's comment on not going through an appeal, Mr. Allen said they had been discouraged from doing this as a waste of time. No one else in the state uses these types of people - they have no similar situation on which to base a judgment. None of the persons testifying against the Bill had offered any alternative solution.

Sen. Ryan questioned both Mr. Cress and Mr. Fitzpatrick if they had opposed the exemptions from the pay plan of some of these other people; they both replied "no".

Mr. Iverson added that the board had received the resignations of two of their technicians last September, but had talked them into staying by promising they would go through the legislature to try to get their salaries increased.

There being no further questions, the hearing on House Bill No. 481 was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL No. 124: The Chairman called on Rep. Danny Oberg, House District 8, Havre, to present his testimony as sponsor of the Bill.

Rep. Oberg stated this winterization bill had been established last session as a high priority. However, the original method was not as satisfactory as they had intended in the way the funds were disbursed as they were not going where they were really needed. The poorer areas could not afford this formula. He stated some people had been working on this in their own communities in order to have a more fair share of the funds which were available for weatherization

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purposes, particularly the elderly have a problem with poor insulation in the older homes. The cost of utilities in these homes can be reduced by this program. Under the project, over 100 homes in Rep. Oberg's community were insulated, which has made a dramatic difference to these people. Under the new formula proposed by this Bill, it would allow the money to be distributed according to the needs of the community rather than on how much an area can raise in matching funds or population basis. He stated that because of the problems with CETA coming to light, and the use of some CETA people in this program, they were concerned, but could find no means of addressing that issue in this Bill. This program had been one of the most effective job training programs available through the government. Unemployed persons are trained in the insulating field and contractors look for these trained people. Contractors have been supportive of this Bill. The state allows \$150,000 for a federal match in this program, he stated, in referring to the Fiscal Note which indicated that there would be only minimal impact by this Bill.

Further proponents were called for by the Chairman.

Gary Wiebe, representing Human Resource Division, testifying in support of the legislation, advised the Bill's purpose was only to modify the formula for distribution of available funds. The present system of disbursement is according to population, and this Bill would change that to distribution based on need and remove the federal criteria. Need can be modified according to locality which is more desirable, he stated, as previously, the more populated areas had been able to raise enough matching funds to allow them to get the biggest share of the available money. This program has been moved so that it is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy and they have approved this method.

Gail Stoltz, representing the Montana Human Resources Council, supported the Bill as the homes needing winterization should be attended to rather than the area having the funding.

Dan Mizner, League of Cities and Towns, offered an amendment to the Bill adding a new section to page 2, at line 18, copy of the proposal is attached hereto. He stated the reason for adding this amendment concerned the transfer of funds from one area to another as there should be some control over the transfers and the local governments should be aware of the plans and be able to review the transfer.

Bob Haddock, representing Opportunities, Inc., Great Falls, supported the Bill, but urged the Committee to consider the deletion of the provisions pertaining to the in-kind match as the councils in the various areas which deal with these programs are required to look at how they can increase the federal match for the federal programs they administer. They are supposed to try to get more funds from the community or in-kind match. He favored Section 3 of the Bill as a needed mechanism.

Sen. Jergeson asked Mr. Mizner if he had offered these amendments in the House, to which Mr. Mizner replied he didn't as his board had not met to consider a position on this bill until just before this hearing. Continuing his questioning, Sen. Jergeson questioned if local government units would be able to review the proposals in the time allowed or if they would stop the program, to which Mr. Mizner replied that they have to review and comment within a certain number of days or it is an automatic approval.

Herb Bauer, DCA, referring to the make-up of all HRDC boards, advised they were 1/3 public, 1/3 private and 1/3 low income and in some of the communities, the county commissioners sit on these boards also.

Sen. Story then questioned Mr. Bauer pertinent to his boss and how funds were collected, with Mr. Bauer explaining that under the Department of Energy approximately \$1,982,400 was available, with a maximum required of the state of \$700,000 and that there was no general fund money involved.

Discussion on the distribution of funds was held by the Committee, with Rep. Oberg explaining that because the money wasn't going for what it was intended and those communities with higher staff receiving the most money as distribution was based on contributions, revision was necessary.

Replying to Sen. Ryan's questions, Rep. Oberg stated that a lot of the people doing work with CETA people in this particular program; they do have a person hired to supervise the whole program. Wage and income standards are considered when applications for this service is granted. Apartment houses are usually excluded unless it was totally occupied by elderly people.

Mr. Haddock added that on the CETA training, they were experienced staff which started in 1975, or they have training funds where they could bring in people from NCAT to provide additional assistance in training materials; CETA now requires 80 hours of training. On weatherizing rental units, there are strict requirements that it be low income tenants and that the landlord can't raise the rent if this is done.

In closing, Rep. Oberg felt the ills of CETA should be addressed at another time. What was important here was to revise the distribution of weatherization funds so they will be going where they are needed most. He did not see a need to get involved in the HRDC program.

In further questioning, it was stated that eligibility for this program was strictly on a poverty line basis and that the amendment proposed by Mr. Mizner was because he felt all cities were not represented on the council so would not have access to information on this program in their area.

Sen. Hafferman moved that the amendments proposed by Mr. Mizner, copy of which is attached hereto, be adopted for House Bill No. 124. Short discussion followed. With Sen. Ryan abstaining from voting, the motion passed by majority vote.

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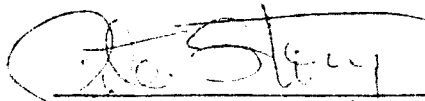
Sen. Hafferman then moved that House Bill No. 124 AS AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN.

There was discussion on having the amendments prepared to be included in the Bill for consideration at the next meeting.

Time being of the essence, the Chairman stated action would be taken at a later date. After discussion, it was decided to meet at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 17th for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at the hour of 11:45 A.M.



PETE STORY, Chairman

Date March 16 1979

ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Pete Story, Chairman	✓		
Senator George F. Roskie, V. Chmn.	✓		
Senator Bob Brown	✓		
Senator A. T. (Tom) Rasmussen	✓		
Senator Patrick L. Ryan	✓		
Senator Greg Jergeson	✓		
Senator William F. Hafferman	✓		

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VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Opp
R.A. Campbell	Board of Oil & Gas Conservation	HB 481	✓	
C.J. EVERSON	" "	HB-481	✓	
Malcolm D. ...	" "	HB-481	✓	
Don Whigdon	Attorney - Petitioner	HB-481	✓	
Carol P. Kirkland	Mont. Petroleum Assn.	HB 481		
Jack Bauer	Human Resource Bureau	HB 124	—	
John K. ...	O B P D	HB 481		
Demetrius Bury	Dept of Revenue	HB 886		
Ray M. ...	Mont. Cities & Towns	HB 124	used	
For ...	Mont. State Pol. Assn.	HB 481	✓	
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Small indpt. company now office and is offering outstanding oppor. for generalist landman, capable of handling all land work. Run office, some exp. functions. 5-10 yrs. well-rounded exp. needed with an independent or small public co. Salary range \$30K UP. Auto - depending on exp. Contact Dave Wood at 713/961-1188.

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Small indpt. offers top career oppor. to aggressive individual with 2-3 yrs. exp. in preparation and nego. of contracts and agreements. Top academic b'g, know Texas oil & gas law and licensed to practice in Tex. Exp. in SEC reg., FERC, DOE, Gov't Regs. a plus, but not required. Salary range \$25-\$30K approx. Contact Dave Wood 713/961-1188.

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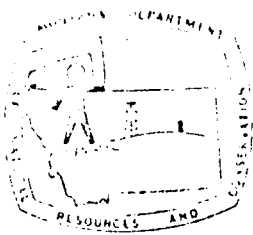
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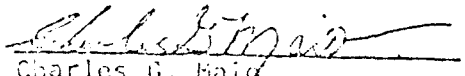
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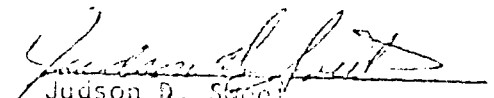
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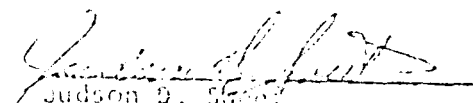
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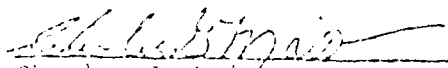
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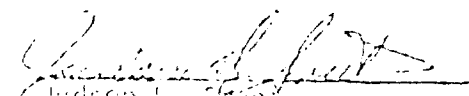
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STATE OF MONTANA

Request No. 440-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received March 1, 1979, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 124 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION:

House Bill 124 authorizes the Department of Community Affairs to transfer weatherization funds among the Governor's substate planning districts, and alters formula.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal. This bill merely revises the formula used to allocate available funds. The change in formula would not appreciably change amounts allocated to each substate district.

revised HB 124

after Line 11 Page 7

new section to read

(4) Each of the nine substate planning districts shall submit a request for the units of such amount in the district government contract to the Department as approved by the Dept of community affairs

Robert A. Denney Jr.
BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: *3/6/79*

Proposed (Paperwork) Amendment

*Amend
L. Orr Wynne
March 16*

Amend HB 124

1. Title, line 7.

Following: "DISTRICTS,"

Strike: "AND"

2. Title, line 9.

Following: "ALLOCATED"

Insert: ", AND REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF PLANS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS"

3. Page 2.

Following: line 17

Insert: "(4) Each of the governor's substate planning districts shall submit plans and proposed agreements to the units of local government in the district for review and comment before the agreements are approved by the department of community affairs."

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Opportunities Incorporated

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

H.B. 124

DO YOU: SUPPORT?

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COMMENTS:

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