

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 12, 1985

The meeting of the Human Services Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Cal Winslow on April 12, 1985 at 11:10 a.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present, with the exception of Senator Story, who was excused.

Chairman Winslow announced that this short meeting is to provide an opportunity for the three agencies, the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Labor and Industry, to present their proposed amendments to HB 500 when it is presented to the Senate.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services

Dave Lewis, the director of SRS, presented the committee with a copy of the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT 1) and discussed them. Questions were asked by the committee regarding the amendments.

Jim Smith, representing the Human Resource Development Councils in Montana, discussed the possibility of re-funding various Priorities for People initiatives, and gave the committee a handout listing those initiatives (EXHIBIT 2).

The Department of Health and Environmental Sciences

Ray Hoffman (74:A:083), budget director for the department, presented the committee with a copy of the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT 3) and discussed them. Questions were asked by the committee regarding the amendments.

The Department of Labor and Industry

Dave Wanzenried, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, presented the committee with a copy of the proposed amendments (EXHIBIT 4) and discussed them. Questions were asked by the committee regarding the amendments.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



CAL WINSLOW, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

Human Services Subcommittee COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date April 12, 1985

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Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy, as follows:
Senator B.F. Christiaens

1. Page 41, line 9.
Following: "revert."
Strike: "ten"
Insert: "Eight and six tenths"

Comment

Additional Weatherization Funds

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy, as follows:
Senator B.f. Christiaens

1. Page 41, line 9.

Strike: "2500 2500"

Insert: "5000 5000"

Comment

Legacy Legislature to Current Level

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy, as follows:
Senator B.F. Christiaens

1. Page 42, line 20.

Strike: "1,079,895, 1,771,702, 2,851,597, 1,055,230,
1,792,221, 2,847,451"

Insert: "1,176,469 1,815,759, 2,992,228, 1,099,116,
1,833,995, 2,933,111"

2. Page 43, line 6.

Strike: "16,164,688, 31,701,655, 47,866,343, 16,699,626,
33,199,660, 49,899,286"

Insert: "16,268,312, 31,908,888, 48,177,200, 16,902,863,
33,606,908, 50,509,771"

Comment

Medicaid Waiver

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy, as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 43, line 17.

Strike: "640,601, 5,138,820, 652,317, 5,405,818"

Insert: "690,601 5,188,820, 702,317, 5,445,818"

Comment

Extended Employment

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 43, line 19.

Insert: "100,000" in fiscal 1986 general fund column.
"150,500" in fiscal 1987 general fund column.

Comment

Special Disabled

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 44, line 6.

Strike: "213,666, 1,046,329, 209,151, 1,038,841"

Insert: "267,286, 1,099,949, 262,886, 1,092,576"

Comment

DD FTE

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 44, line 8.

Strike: "12,524,687, 15,797,775, 12,031,904, 17,782,804"

Insert: "12,661,320, 15,934,408, 12,174,002, 17,924,902"

Comment

Federal monies for DD

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 45.

Following: Line 24.

Insert: "The department may provide coverage of heart transplant surgery under the medicaid-other program. This coverage shall expire on June 30, 1987 unless specifically extended by the next legislature."

2. Page 45.

Following: Line 24.

Insert: "Except as provided in the previous paragraph,"

Comment

Heart Transplant

Amend House Bill 500, third reading copy as follows:
Senator Christiaens

1. Page 46, line 10.
Following: "recipients or"
Insert: "increases in"

Comment

Clarify Language

Exhibit 2
4-12-85

Priorities for People--Restoration Project

(PFP-RP)

PFP Initiative Title/ Tier #	Additional General \$ Request	# Persons Served (approx)	Goals of the Program.
Medicaid Waiver (Tier # 1)	\$447,000	200	Reduction of costs of long term care; Alternative living for Elderly and Disabled.
In-Home Services (Tier # 3)	\$250,000	260	Independent living for the Elderly; Non-medical services; personal care, household chores, etc.
Adequate # Social Workers (Tier # 1)	\$123,471	120	Eight(8) Caseworkers for neglected and abused kids.
Adequate Funds for General Assistance	\$4.5 to \$5 Million (max)	1200	Meeting Emergency Needs. Basic Safety Net.
Special Disabled Populations (Tier # 1)	\$250,000	300-400 <i>50 Direct Service.</i>	Outreach, education and training to currently unserved population of Physically Disabled Adults; ineligible for most existing programs.
Voc-Rehab. Ext. Employment. (Tier # 1)	\$100,000	10	Jobs for the Disabled; independent living and employment in sheltered workshops for Physically Disabled and Mentally Retard- ed Adults.
Two(2) FTE's SRS/DD	\$107,000		Administration of Developmentally Disabled portion of Medicaid Waiver program.
Inpatient Alcohol and Drug Treat- ment for Indigent Youth. (Tier # 2)	\$500,000	135	Provides matching matching funds (80:20) to communities for inpatient alcohol and drug treatment to youth(8-17 years old) who have no ability to pay. These youth are currently receiving no treatment. HB 651 increases the tax on alcohol(Beer only) to fund the program.

Priorities for People- Restoration Project (PFP-RP)

Priorities for People, in conjunction with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), will propose certain restorations or add-backs to the SRS portion of the General Appropriations Bill (HB 500). These are initiatives developed originally in the PFP process. A list of the proposed restorations follows.

1. Restoration of \$100,000 in general fund for the Vocational Rehabilitation Extended Employment program. This funding will serve ten (10) individuals over the biennium. There are currently 100 persons on the waiting list. Funding for this program has not been increased since 1974, and the waiting list has grown and stabilized. The goal of this program is to move disabled persons into independent living and employment is sheltered workshops.

2. Restoration of \$250,000 in general funds to establish a program of services to Special Disabled Populations. There are currently over 5000 disabled individuals who are not eligible for any disabled services, due the nature and cause of their disability. Many are victims of automobile accidents with resulting brain stem injury. HB 798 authorized receipt of approximately \$96,000 in Federal Funds. Amendments will be proposed to authorize general fund appropriations. Funding of \$250,000 will be requested.

3. Restoration of additional slots in the SRS Home and Community Based Services Program (the Medicaid Waiver). Current funding in HB 500 allows for 90 slots in the Medicaid Waiver program. 200 slots for the biennium will require additional general funds in the amount of \$447,000. The current appropriation is \$400,000. A range of home and community based services are provided to the elderly and disabled through the program, as a less costly alternative to nursing home care.

4. Restoration of \$250,000 in the SRS In-Home Services Program. This program provides the supplementary services not covered through the Medicaid Waiver program, including personal care, household and yard chores, in-home delivered meals, etc.

5. Restoration of an adequate number of Child Social Workers. An additional \$123,471 is requested. This will allow an additional eight (8) Social Workers to be phased in over the biennium, and bring the total number of Social Workers from 24 to 32. Caseworkers provide intensive counselling and case management to abused and neglected kids.

6. Restoration of two(2) FTEs for SRS/Disabled Services Division. Restoration of these two positions will require an additional \$107,000. These positions were deleted during full House consideration of HB 500.

7. Restoration of an adequate and fully funded General Assistance program. NOTE: the PFP Lobby Group supports this restoration. SRS does not support this restoration.

8. Restoration of a PFP initiative, through a revenue measure (HB 651), to provide inpatient treatment for indigent youth. These youth are currently receiving no treatment; there are only five beds currently available in the state, through Hilltop Recovery in Havre. Funding will be available to local communities through SRS/Community Services Div. on a match(80:20) basis,

Exhibit 3
4-12-85

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE BILL 500-(Blue Copy)

1. Page 35, following line 23

Insert: "h. LUST \$53,063 State Special Revenue, \$159,188
Federal Special Revenue"

2. Page 38, line 7

Strike: "is"

Insert: "and 3h are"

This amendment will give the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences spending authority in the 1987 Biennium for the LUST Program as authorized in House Bill 676.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE BILL 500-(Blue Copy)

1. Page 35, line 16

Strike: "172,842 41,072 172,041 34,084"

Insert: "213,914 206,125"

General Fund is requested to support one health physicist in the Occupational Health Bureau to inspect X-ray machines. The Joint Subcommittee on Health and Human Services had recommended General Fund which was changed to fee funds by the House Appropriation Committee. The Department of Health and Environmental Sciences feels that if fee funds were used to fund the program, the cost of billing and collection would have an adverse effect on the intent of the program. The Department of Health and Environmental Sciences feels that the X-ray inspection program is to protect public health and safety and is more appropriate to be funded from General Fund rather than imposing fees.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE BILL 500-(Blue Copy)

1. Page 35, following line 23

Insert: "i: Environmental Quality Protection Fund, EIS, Variance.
\$1,000,000 State Special Revenue."

2. Page 38, line 7

Strike: "is"

Insert: "and 3i are"

3. Page 38, following line 16

Insert: "No authority may be transferred into or out of item 3i."

This amendment will give the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences spending authority in the 1987 Biennium for the Environmental Quality Protection Fund, Environmental Impact Statements and Variance Reviews. (Reference HB 766, and MCA 75-1-202, 75-1-205, 75-2-212).

Exhibit 4
4-12-85

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 500

1. Page 39, line 25.

Strike: "6,521,588" and "7,459,885" in fiscal 1986

Insert: "6,624,914" and "7,563,211" in fiscal 1986

Strike: "6,547,020" and "7,450,051" in fiscal 1987

Insert: "6,632,861" and "7,535,892" in fiscal 1987.

Narrative for Ammending HB500
Regarding Workers' Compensation Division

The amendment allows the hiring of 2 attorneys and 1 legal secretary, plus equipment in the State Fund Bureau.

	<u>F/Y '86</u>	<u>F/Y '87</u>
1 Attorney (Grade 18)	\$ 29,291	\$29,291
1 Attorney (Grade 17)	26,838	26,838
1 Legal Secretary (Grade 9)	<u>13,992</u>	<u>13,992</u>
	\$ <u>70,121</u>	<u>\$70,121</u>
Benefits	10,159	10,194
Health Insurance	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	<u>83,880</u>	<u>83,915</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>2,586</u>	<u>1,926</u>
Equipment	<u>16,860</u>	
TOTAL	\$103,326	\$85,841

This is a budget modification that was deleted on the House Floor. The hiring of this legal staff will significantly reduce the division's contracts for outside legal services which are at a much higher cost than staff. Without the additional legal staff, we are requesting we will have to continue contracting legal services extensively which are charged to the industrial insurance account in the agency fund as authorized under 39-71-206(2), MCA.

Department of Labor & Industry
Amendment to Blue copy of HB 500

Due to passage and approval of SB 122 the following amendment is being requested. SB 122 provides for the addition of unemployed parent program under WIN.

Page 39, line 10:

Strike "10,536,626"

Insert "10,637,651"

Strike "10,599,622"

Insert "10,728,743"

Department of Labor & Industry
Amendment to Blue copy of HB 500

Due to passage and approval of SB 194 the following amendment is being requested. SB 194 provides for the licensing of persons who use explosives.

Page 39, line 25:

Strike "6,521,588"

Insert "6,533,551"

Strike "6,547,020"

Insert "6,551,595"

Department of Labor & Industry
Amendment to Blue copy of HB 500

Due to passage and approval of HB 387 the following amendment is being requested. HB 387 allows the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt rules governing certain public works contracts.

Page 38, line 21:

Strike "539,120"
Insert "559,314"
Strike "543,827"
Insert "548,374"

Department of Labor & Industry
Amendment to Blue copy of HB 500

Subject to the passage and approval of HB 853 the following amendment is being requested. HB 853 provides for 51% of workers on a State contract to be Montana residents. The Department of Labor and Industry shall enforce this provision.

Page 38, Following line 21:.

"Subject to passage and approval of HB 853 increase the fiscal 1986 general fund budget by \$4,894 and increase the fiscal 1987 general fund budget by \$2,922 for Labor Standards."

Department of Labor and Industry
Amendment to Blue copy of HB 500

Subject to the passage and approval of HB 881 the following amendment is being requested. HB 881 provides for the Department of Labor & Industry to enforce the provision to allow reasonable family leave from employment for new parents.

Page 38, Following line 21:

"Subject to passage and approval of HB 881 increase the fiscal 1986 general fund budget by \$21,515 and increase the fiscal 1987 general fund budget by \$18,853 for Labor Standards."