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INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
49TH LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION III

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Tape 1, Side A

The meeting of the Institutions and Cultural Education Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman William "Red" Menahan on June 16, 1986 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 312-1 of the Capitol.

ROLL CALL; All members were present except for Rep. Frtiz who was excused by the Chairman. Also present were Keith Wolcott, Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office, (LFA), George Harris of the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), Carroll South, Director of the Department of Institutions.

LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM

Tape 1, Side A

(009) Mr. South suggested a compromise position is to simply vacate the building where the lighthouse is currently located, and combine that with the alcohol treatment center in Warm Springs. There will be chemical dependancy program and lighthouse will lose its identity and the alcoholism service will also lose its identity. There will be a reduction in beds and staff, and the program will no longer be 90 days but 28 days. Another change that Mr. South recommends that the appropriation be reduced by \$157,000 rather than the \$162,947. The building used by lighthouse, could be converted to an employee housing building.

(040) John Weida, Supervisor of Lighthouse Program, was available for some questions. Sen. Hims1 was concerned on how effective the program would be if it was reduced to 28 days instead of 90 days. Mr. Weida stated that in 28 days it is just getting a start on the problem. Medication could be given but it would not get to the bottom of the problem. The program emphasizes changing the lifestyle of the patient and in 28 days that could not be possible. The program also dwells on changing the family as a unit. Mr. Weida also stated that the people at the lighthouse feel uncomfortable with being around the people from the alcohol center. Those people from the alcohol center do not have any control, like those from the lighthouse.

Sen. Hims1 asked if family members are brought into the environment at lighthouse. Mr. Weida stated that near

the end of the stay, family members are invited to come and visit and be counseled.

Rep. Miller was concerned that judges do use the lighthouse and by removing this program it is removing one part of the judicial system. Rep. Menahan stated that after talking to some judges, they stated that after closing all other centers the prison is getting more and more inmates. Eventually there will be no other alternative except for the prison.

(129) Sen. Aklestad asked what would be the funding and the time required in the alcohol program. Mr. South said that the basic change would be in number of the beds which is a total of 72 beds. Sen. Aklestad asked if maybe both programs could be reduced separately. Mr. South said that it would be impossible without almost destroying the alcoholism program. Chairman Menahan mentioned that there are different feelings and treatments concerning an alcoholic and a drug addict. Mr. Weida mentioned that slowly Alcoholics Anonymous is opening up more to drug addicts.

Sen. Himsel wondered how the board of pardons would treat the release of a prisoner after going through a program that is only 28 days long. Mr. Weida said that the program is just getting a start on the problem and just to get the prisoners out of the prison they will send them through the program anyway. Chairman Menahan asked how many people fail after going through the 28 day program. Mr. Weida stated that 57% that are referred to lighthouse have gone through two prior programs other than lighthouse.

(205) Mr. Harris asked what could be accomplished in 28 days. Mr. Weida explained that the person would be able to understand the degree of their problem, and refer them to another program that could follow up on the treatment process.

Sen. Bengtson added that the general fund money has to be freed up somehow. Sen. Bengtson also added that there are other programs that will be hurt and around the state there are other alternatives to seek. Chairman Menahan and Rep. Miller both said the money being freed in the general fund will pop up in the budgets of Warm Springs or the prison. Sen. Aklestad suggested that the committee would meet sometime during the session and then maybe during that time alternatives could be brought out. Sen. Himsel thought that some kind of recommendation

should be brought to the appropriation committee. Sen. Himsl also stated that if a program can save one person then it should not be abolished.

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

(360) Sen. HIMSL moved that the lighthouse program not be deleted.

Chairman Menahan noted that Rep. Fritz' vote is to be against the closure of the lighthouse program, according to the secretary and Rep. Miller.

Chairman Menahan requested a roll call vote be taken. The motion PASSED with a 4 to 2 vote having Sens. AKLESTAD and BENGTON opposing the motion.

(397) Mr. Harris mentioned that if the lighthouse program and the youth detention center is not to be deleted then those funds will have to put back into the base. We will have to go back to the original base of the general fund that is in HB 500 and then the percentage reductions would be applied to the original base. The across-the-board reduction ought to be adjusted. The corrections division and Montana State Prison would be reduced by approximately \$3,000.

Sen. BENGTON moved the figures of corrections division and Montana State Hospital be adjusted and put back into the base.

Chairman Menahan distributed a memorandum from the Correctional Officers of the Women's Correctional Center concerning budget cuts. (Exhibit 1).

Mr. Harris stated that instead of \$117,513 reduction for the corrections division that it be \$120,818. For Montana State Hospital it would \$357,683 instead of \$354,424. The total amount to be reduced changes to \$1,163,855 from the previous amount of \$1,157,291. (Exhibit 2)

The motion PASSED unanimously.

Being no further business to come before this committee, the hearing was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Tape 2, Side A

The meeting of the Institutions and Cultural Education Subcommittee reconvened and called to order by Chairman William "Red" Menahan on June 16, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 312-2 of the Capitol.

Chairman Menahan stated that a motion of recommendation is to be made to the appropriations committee.

Sen. BENGTON moved to recommend to the House of Appropriations the actions taken from the Institutions and Cultural Education Subcommittee.

The motion PASSED with a 5 to 1 vote, Sen. AKLESTAD opposing the motion.

Being no further business to come before this committee, the hearing was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



William Menahan, Chairman

ROLL CALL VOTE

INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE June 12, 1986 BILL NO. Lighthouse NUMBER 1

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Secretary

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Chairman

MOTION: Sen. HIMSL moved that the lighthouse program

not be deleted. The motion PASSED with a 4 to 2 vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE

INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE June 16, 1986 BILL NO. Mt. State Hos NUMBER 2
Womens Corrections

NAME	AYE	NAY
Rep. William (Red) Menahan, Chairman	X	
Sen. Esther Bengtson, Vice-Chair	X	
Sen. Gary Aklestad	X	
Sen. Matt Hims1	X	
Rep. Harry Fritz	X	
Rep. Ron Miller	X	

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Karey Olson
Secretary

William Menahan
Chairman

MOTION: Sen. BENGTON moved that the figures of the
Corrections division and Montana State Hospital be
adjusted and put back into the base. (Exhibit 2)

ROLL CALL VOTE

INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE June 12, 1986 BILL NO. Wrap-up NUMBER 3

NAME	AYE	NAY
Rep. William (Red) Menahan, Chairman	X	
Sen. Esther Bengtson, Vice-Chair	X	
Sen. Gary Aklestad		X
Sen. Matt Himsl	X	
Rep. Harry Fritz	X	
Rep. Ron Miller	X	

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Karey Olson
Secretary

William Menahan
Chairman

MOTION: Sen. BENGTON moved to reccommend to the House
of Appropriations the actions taken from the Institutions
and Cultural Education Subcommittee. The motion PASSED
with a 5 to 1 vote.