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The meeting of the Human Services and Aging Committee was called to order by Chairman Nancy Keenan on June 25, 1986, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 312-3 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Reps. Bradley, Connelly, and Stella Jean Hansen who were excused by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 40: Rep. John Cobb, District #42, sponsor of the bill, stated that the purpose of this bill was to identify and consolidate duplicative services provided by the departments of social and rehabilitation services, health and environmental sciences, labor and industry, and institutions. The other part of this bill is to provide for a survey of employees to identify duplicative services; and providing an immediate effective date. Rep. Cobb stated that consolidation will save wasted money. Directors of the department who will have to use this bill have stated to Rep. Cobb that they have no objections to the bill.

PROPOSERS: Bob Gracher has studied the past year for the department of social and rehabilitation services, looking at consolidating vocational rehabilitation and other services. Mr. Gracher stated that a questionnaire was used as a study and answered by people in the department, persons in the field, staff people and anyone who would prove valuable in providing information. (Exhibit 1). Mr. Gracher also stated if all other proponents stick together this program could work in all other areas.

OPPOSERS: There were no opposers to HB 40.

QUESTIONS ON HOUSE BILL NO. 40: Rep. Wallin asked if it is the intention to submit an amendment to include the other departments? Mr. Gracher answered that there are other areas that should be looked at and then be put into an amended version of the bill. Also mentioned was that if business and labor could get together with welfare participants there would be a comprehensive program for job training of welfare people.

Chairman Keenan was concerned with Mr. Gracher's statement about the office of public instruction (OPI) having some overlaps with the vocational program. Chairman Keenan wondered if it would be appropriate to address special services or vocational services to the program of job training. She stated that OPI's title is very broad and has many different services. Mr. Gracher said that there would be no problem with Chairman Keenan's suggestion.

Rep. Phillips asked how this would mesh with their suggestions if the department has an awards program. Rep. Cobb said they could still have the awards program. Chairman Keenan stated she thought the committee's concern is a lot of the recommendations or information supplied might be verbose and with this shall respond, you could bind a director's time up quite extensively responding to their frivolous recommendations. Rep. Cobb said to go ahead and put "may" in.

Rep. Simon voiced his concern that in the next regular session and budgets are being prepared he is curious about how these directors are going to get some kind of legislative direction - they may think some of the services could be combined but in that budgeting process both of them are going to want it in their budget, so how are you going to resolve that? Do you wait until the next session and have a bill to direct that?

Rep. Cobb said if they want to consolidate they have to get your approval anyway and if they don't want consolidation it's up to you; what we are trying to do is trying to get some direction and they have told me if there is consolidation it may take three, four, five years. There was lengthy discussion concerning persons with mental health problems, serious emotional problems, alcohol related problems, drugs, persons with many serious problems and the problem there might be when it comes to the services which are provided by contract services and the problem there might be with Rep. Cobb's bill to try and resolve some of those types of issues. There are a number of human services provided by contract services and there should be some type of language in the bill which would include contract providers and to have some ideas how they are going to get together to be certain these people will have the appropriate treatment to get back into the world; there is a concern about the

separation of these disability providers which are issues to try and resolve.

Chairman Keenan addressed the suggestion of Bob Fraser's about the OPI and the part of the statute this bill is amending which is the policy making authority and administrative powers of the governor, as well as the general provision of declaration of policy and purpose and how it is in sync with that section of statute. She explained what happens when we get over to policy making authority and administrative powers of the governor and the governor over the office of public instruction, which is an elective position. The governor does not have the power over the office of public instruction much like he doesn't have power over the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, auditor and superintendent of public instruction. Those people are excluded from his administrative power over them because they too are elected officials; therefore, she thinks to pull in OPI you couldn't do it because they are excluded under this provision.

The Chairman moved to Executive Session and entertained a motion. It was moved by Rep. Wallin and seconded by Rep. Cohen DO PASS HB 40. Rep. Wallin stated he had heard the testimony that this might be an ongoing process of three to five years to get to the ultimate end and believes it would be wise not to get things too muddled up and too complicated; it should be kept simple here and maybe after they get the initial report it may state we need an interim legislative committee to dig into this a little deeper for the next two years. He would prefer to leave it simple and would recommend they start out with an initial survey and then if they wish to go beyond that to come in with a resolution for a study and include a legislative interim committee.

Rep. Veleber had a question concerning the input from the contract providers. Mr. Gracher thought the departments would be very wise to seek input from the contract providers. Rep. Gilbert asked Steve Waldron if the contract providers were hired by the departments. Mr. Waldron said they are not hired by the departments, they are contracted to provide services for the departments. The department makes the contracts. Rep. Gilbert then stated in that case he felt that services provided by the departments also includes contract services and the

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title should be a very simple one because those services would include the contracted services.

Chairman Keenan stated they have a DO PASS motion before them with no amendments. Rep. Hart asked if they were going to discuss the appropriation and she would like to have a copy of whatever they came up with. There was discussion on whether or not that would be mailed to the legislators. Chairman Keenan stated the bill is going to have to go to appropriations with the \$390. She asked if anyone had any difficulty with leaving that \$390 in the bill. The Chairman called for a voice vote and the motion DO PASS on HB 40 passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Nancy Keenan  
Chairman Nancy Keenan

# DAILY ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Keenan, Nancy, Chairman	✓		
Gould, R. Budd, Vice-Chairman	✓		
Bradley, Dorothy			✓
Brown, Jan	✓		
Campbell, Bud	✓		
Cohen, Ben	✓		
Connelly, Mary Ellen			✓
Darko, Paula	✓		
Gilbert, Bot	✓		
Hansen, Stella Jean			✓
Hanson, Marian	✓		
Hart, Marjorie	✓		
Hayne, Harriet	✓		
Neill, Charlotte	✓		
Phillips, John	✓		
Simon Bruce	✓		
Veleber, Dennis	✓		
Wallin, Norm	✓		
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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Human Services and Aging

report HB 40

☒ do pass  
☐ do not pass

☐ be concurred in  
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☐ statement of intent attached

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