

MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 1987

The meeting of the human services subcommittee was called to order at 8:05 a.m. in room 108 of the state Capitol building on January 22, 1987 by Chairman Cal Winslow.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Licensing and Certification Bureau

Funding

Rep Switzer made a motion to reconsider prior subcommittee action and to accept the executive for 1988 and for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

Sen Manning made a motion to have language prepared by the LFA and OBPP staff for the above executive funding for committee review that would provide fund transfer flexibility into but not out of the general fund.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

Environmental Sciences Administration

Personal Services

Sen Himsl made a motion to accept the 2.5 FTE level for 1988 and 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

Rep Connelly made a motion to accept the LFA current level of \$97,226 for 1988 and \$97,270 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

Operating Expenses

(17a:500) Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$124,010 for 1988 and \$23,991 for 1989 with the

contingency that the money is to be used only for emergencies caused by the uncontrolled release of hazardous materials into the environment.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

Funding

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$221,126 for 1988 and \$121,152 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously, with Rep Bradley absent.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (17a:024)

Assistance Payments

Personal Services

Peter Blouke, LFA, explained the MCA codes, clarified rules, statutes, provision of funds, and distribution concerning assistance payments.

Sen Himsl made a motion to accept the LFA current level of 45.75 FTE for 1988 and 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

(17b:206) Sen Himsl made a motion to accept the LFA current level for personal services of \$1,308,748 for 1988 and \$1,309,510 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Operating Expenses

There was discussion between the committee and the department over the need for cooperative agreements with the Indian reservations concerning services. The department will compile the necessary information and report back to the committee.

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the executive of \$1,887,502 for 1988 and \$1,878,217 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Equipment

(17b:305) Sen Himsel made a motion to accept the executive of \$1,912 for 1988 and \$1,467 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Grants - Food Stamp Issuance

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$28,982 for 1988 and \$30,048 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Nonresident General Assistance

(17b:400) Dialogue between the department and Chairman Winslow centered around an alternative system for providing this service, possibly through the Temporary Emergency Assistance Program; or to establish more controls on the present system. The department will come back with the legal ramifications of any changes that can or cannot be made.

In response to a question from Rep Bradley, Dave Lewis, DSRS, explained that non residents who have signed a declaration stating they do not intend to become a resident, can, three (3) days later, change their mind and be eligible for general assistance.

In response to a second question from Rep Bradley, Mr. Lewis said the bulk of the \$30,000 grant had been contracted out to God's Love, and the balance for vouchers for transportation.

The committee passed on this program, and will address it with general assistance.

Solar Bank

(17b:516) Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the executive level spending authority of \$187,500 for 1988 and \$187,500 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED, with Sen Harding, Rep Switzer, and Rep Winslow voting no.

IVA Training

(17b:628) Rep Switzer made a motion to accept the executive of \$150,000 for 1988 and \$150,000 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously.

(18a:000) Dave Lewis, DSRS, and Neil Haight, Montana Legal Services Corporation, both expressed their support for this program and noted the results from the previous biennium.

Rep Bradley made a motion to provide \$80,000 per year for this program.

Rep Connelly made a substitute motion to fund the program at the executive level of \$50,000 per year of the biennium.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED, with Rep Bradley voting no.

Job Search

(18a:110) Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$231,752 for each year of the biennium.

A voice vote was taken and PASSED unanimously.

Day Care

(18a:130) Sen Harding made a motion to accept the executive of \$687,694 for 1988 and \$740,326 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED, with Rep Bradley voting no.

Community Services Block Grant

Rep Connelly made a motion to accept the executive of \$1,309,485 for 1988 and \$1,361,864 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Weatherization

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$1,854,924 for 1988 and \$1,929,121 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

(18a:200) Peter Blouke, LFA, presented a modification of option number three (3) which is supported by the department. It is basically the 87 biennium budget, and includes an 8.6% transfer to the weatherization program. Rep Bradley asked the committee to consider increasing the percentage transferred to the weatherization program, and discussion followed.

Rep Bradley made a motion requiring a 10% transfer of funds to weatherization from the LIEAP program.

Peter Blouke, LFA, noted there was a provision in the LIEAP grant for a 10% transfer of funds to any of the other block grants. Past legislatures have transferred 10% to the Developmental Disabilities (DD) program. The anticipated level of LIEAP grant funds available in the 1988 and 1989 biennium are less than what the executive and the LFA had anticipated when the budgets were developed. A lower amount is therefore going into the DD program, and the issue will come up in the DD program as to the replacement of these funds or program cuts.

(18a:351) Dave Lewis stated that the department did not want to get into the position of having to reduce the current LIEAP payment level for heating bills or restricting the program due to a transfer of funds into the weatherization program. One of the problems the department has had with the weatherization program is that the recipient population, particularly the low income population, move often and become eligible year after year with different residences.

(18a:380) Jim Smith, speaking for the HRDC's, supported weatherization but doesn't want a reduction in the basic grants for heating assistance. They were comfortable with the LFA recommendation of 8.6%.

(18a:422) In response to a question from Rep Switzer, Dave Lewis stated that there may be the possibility of a greater carry over of funds than normal due to the milder winter when the books are reconciled.

Jim Smith stated that every year since 1981 the LIEAP program has ended up with a carry over balance of 15%, the maximum amount allowed by the federal law.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED, with Sen Hims1 and Sen Harding voting no.

Modified Request - PRIDE

Rep Connelly made a motion to accept the modified request of \$130,000 for 1988 and \$260,000 for 1989, 100% federal funds.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Modified Request - FAMIS

(18a:630) Peter Blouke, LFA, clarified the funding for this modification to be 14.59% general fund instead of the previously reported 10% general funding. The department would tailor an already existing software program to meet the needs for the state. The modified is also requesting an additional three (3) FTE to be used in conjunction with the development and modification of the system.

In response to a question from Rep Connelly, Lee Tickell, EA, stated the additional FTE requested were system analyst positions, and these positions would be long term positions.

Sen Himsl asked for a clarification of the difference between the 10% general funding that was projected previously for this computer system and the modified request which states 14.59% general fund participation was needed. Dave Lewis responded that the AFDC portion of the system was 90% federal and 10% state, and the food stamp portion of the system is 75% federal and 25% state participation. He stated the average of the two is the 14.59%, with AFDC being the largest portion of the program.

Sen Manning made a motion to delay action on this modified request until the committee had an opportunity to review the caseload.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. (18b:060)



Cal Winslow, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

HUMAN SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Cal Winslow, Chairman	X		
Sen. Richard Manning, Vice Chair	X		
Sen. Ethel Harding	X		
Sen. Matt Himsl	X		
Rep. Dorothy Bradley	X		
Rep. Mary Ellen Connelly	X		
Rep. Dean Switzer	X		

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