

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Peck, on January 27, 1989, at 9:00
a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All with exception of:

Members Excused: Rep. Bob Marks

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Keith Wolcott, Fiscal Senior Analyst
Sandra Whitney, Associate Fiscal Analyst
Joe Williams, Budget Analyst, OBPP
Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary

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Announcements/Discussion: Rep. Peck informed the Subcommittee the adoption of current level for OPI had been overlooked and would be taken up in this morning's action. The Chairman of Appropriation's Committee informed Chairman Peck earlier in the morning there was a \$600,000 error in the Commissioner's budget. The Chairman of Appropriations commented that the Governor's budget did not show the Student Funds, but in yesterday's (Jan. 26) Subcommittee meeting for Education, action had been taken to include it in the funding.

Joe Williams, OBPP, commented it had not been included in the general funds, and assumed the \$13 million modification would take care of it. Keith Wolcott replied it had been taken care of. Mr. Wolcott said it was \$220,000 each year of the biennium, so it is \$440,000 total in the state's Student Incentive Grants.

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Rep. Peck informed the Subcommittee that there are only three items left to take action on; 1) Adult Basic Education, 2) Special Education, and 3) Vocational Ed.

DISPOSITION OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Sandy Whitney informed the Subcommittee that using the LFA current law estimate there would be enough money to cover the modified request for Adult Basic Educaiton. There would be a general fund impact because there is less money to transfer to the Vo-Techs if the modified request is approved.

Rep. Peck asked if that was the \$53,905 and \$103,905 in the items presented by Mr. Groepper? Mr. Groepper replied that Dori Nielson had been working with the LFA's office on this. Mr. Groepper stated the Bob Ruthemeyer was here from Adult Basic Education and wanted to know if the Subcommittee wanted a quick overview on this. Mr. Groepper commented that the demand has increased dramatically because of the laws passed in the 1987 session on the affect of Worker's Compensation, Social Rehabilitation Services, and Adult Basic Education.

Rep. Peck asked Mr. Groepper if it were correct that they could not spend more than 20 percent of the federal money on Adult Basic Educaiton, and enrollment totals have gone from 21,000 to a projection of about 31,000 in the next biennium. With an increase in enrollment does OPI need the money to do the job? Mr. Groepper replied that was correct.

Rep. Peck asked OPI if the figures they gave were firm? Mr. Groepper replied they were.

Joe Williams, OPBB, said if the money were to come from the general fund instead of state special revenue, OBPP would have to withdraw its recommendation.

Rep. Peck commented that if OPBB were taking this into account and they are required to provide this service and enrollment has increased 50 percent. Joe Williams said they are assuming there are enough funds available.

Motion: Sen. Jacobson moved for the approval of \$53,905 for FY 90 and \$103,905 for FY 91 for Adult Basic Education.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The question was called by Rep. Kadas. The motion CARRIED 3/2. Sen. Boylan and Sen. Hammond voted no.

Special Education: Rep. Peck stated that the request from OPI is \$7.7 million. The Governor recommended \$6 million each year.

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Motion: Rep. Jacobson moved the adoption of the \$6 million for each year of the biennium as recommended by the Governor's budget.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: Sen. Nathe called the question. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

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Secondary Vocational Education: Rep. Peck stated the \$900,000 recommendation is not in the LFA proposal because it was not in the budget last year. Joe Williams, OBPP, confirmed it was Governor Stephen's recommendation.

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Motion: Sen. Hammond moved to add the \$900,000 for FY 90 and \$900,000 for FY 91.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The question was called by Sen. Nathe. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Rep. Peck told the Subcommittee the staff was not sure if the large balance of funds in the Lewistown Drivers Ed. Program of \$100,000 seemed to be in excess. Ms. Whitney replied that the ambulances and improvements of the facility were already included in the request and the \$100,000 was the balance after the request had been approved. Rep. Peck stated they wanted to keep that to maintain their balance so they could further develop the facility.

Mr. Groepper stated the need to make their presentation on the equipment. Mr. Groepper stated that there is \$19,000 each year already in the budget approved by the LFA for the ambulances. The \$25,000 for FY 90 for additional equipment for the Lewistown Driver's Education facility will come out of the earmarked funds so it would not be a cost to the general fund. Although they can use the earmarked funds, Mr. Groepper thought the account would be drawn down by the \$25,000 in 1990 to pay for that additional equipment. It will remain a special revenue account. When they come back with a new organizational approach, one of OPI's proposal will be to de-earmark the driver's ed. fund and show it as general fund.

Rep. Peck informed the Subcommittee that OPI will meet with the Fiscal Analyst on Feb. 13, and then present the Subcommittee with a report on Feb. 20, 1989 concerning the reorganization taking place in the office.

Motion: Sen. Jacobson moved to adopt LFA current level FY 1990 and FY 1991 subject to the amendments that had been approved by the Subcommittee.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The question was called. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Motion: Sen. Jacobson moved the adoption of the current level funding subject to the amendments that have been adopted.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The question was called by Sen. Nathe. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business the Subcommittee was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 9:25 a.m.



REP. Ray Peck, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

EDUCATION

SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE Jan 27

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. RAY PECK, CHAIRMAN	✓		
SEN. SWEDE HAMMOND, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
SEN. PAUL BOYLAN	✓		
SEN. JUDY JACOBSON	✓		
REP. MIKE KADAS	✓		
REP. BOB MARKS			
SEN. DENNIS NATHE			