

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Bradley, on February 2, 1989, at 8 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All members were present.

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Evan McKinney, LFA

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Bradley said they would continue with the Department of Health and do the Health Services Division and take executive action on what was covered yesterday. A handout from the LFA office as EXHIBIT 1 is attached to the minutes.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Bill Opitz, Deputy Director for DHES said the agenda calls to take care of the Division of Administration and the Emergency Medical Services and Licensing and Certification of Construction Bureaus. He introduced the people who would explain this portion of the budget.

Health Services Division: Mr. Dale Taliaferro, Administrator of the Health Services Division, his testimony, EXHIBIT 2 is attached to the minutes. He said the division contains five Bureaus and listed them explaining the main function of each bureau.

Drew Dawson, Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Bureau read from testimony attached as EXHIBIT 3. He told about working with the Emergency Medical Technicians in the local areas and train trainers to work with the people at the local level. He said they certify EMT's, license ambulances, provide the dummies for classes, etc. e said they also now have advanced life support training being offered to EMT's. He listed many services they give or give assistance to in the state and local areas such as the local law enforcement, poison control, red cross medical training, education, etc.

Questions from the Committee:

Representative Cody asked if the State Special Revenue fund he had spoken of was in jeopardy and was told by Mr. Ray Hoffman that 2 weeks ago the Appropriations Committee met in regard to some accounts the Department of Administration felt had unobligated balances, and at the request of the LFA said these account balances should be transmitted to the general fund and the committee should determine the level of appropriation. This is one of the accounts and would go from earmarked revenue into the general fund. He said this caused problems, and if the ending fund balance were transferred to the general fund then general fund monies would have to be put up front for it. Senator Keating said there were five that were de-earmarked last night in Finance and Claims but it didn't bother Health. Senator Van Valkenburg said the Senate Finance and Claims voted on the 5 with asterisks needed a change in the statutes, the remaining on the sheet referred to were, by agreement with the Department of Administration Accounting Division, going to revert to the general fund. Senator Van Valkenburg said this would happen unless this committee put language in the Appropriation bill that would let them keep this earmarked revenue account.

Representative Cody asked what the fees for the EMT cost. Mr. Dawson said the cost for certification is \$35 for basic EMT which can come from the county, the individual, or an ambulance service. He said of that amount \$2.50 goes to the Board of Medical Examiners, \$17.50 is used to help defray the cost of the EMT examination itself, and \$15 goes to the National Certification Agency to pay for the cost of the examination and certification at the National Level. He said there were other fees, this was the basic one, and there was a \$15 re-certification fee every 2 years.

Representative Cody said by taking the fees paid by these people and putting them in the general fund the general fund would have to come up with the money, if not someone else was going to get the money and the fees would be just a tax increase.

Senator Keating said with 11,000 cases of poison, how serious a poison does it have to be to be registered? Mr. Dawson said it does not have to be serious, they encourage people to call if a child has accidentally swallowed something. He said one of the advantages of the control system, because it is answered by nurses who are specially trained, they can give advice to parents and avoid hospitalization. He said they have a watts line to Denver, and they answer the phone for the Montana Poison Control System.

Mr. Taliaferro said the Licensing, Certification and Construction Bureau was one of the more challenging to operate. They

were being affected by rural hospitals, man power shortage, and federal reform on nursing homes.

Jacqueline McKnight, Chief of the Licensing, Certification and Construction Bureau read her testimony attached as EXHIBIT 4 said they license, revoke licenses, monitor the operation, maintenance and design as well as the construction of various health care facilities and services. She OBRA now demands certification of Independent laboratories that do 5000 tests a year.

Questions from the Committee:

Representative Cody asked how long it takes to certify someone for medicare. Ms. McKnight said it would depend on the type and size of the facility. She told of the time, the make-up of the inspection team, and time for corrections. They have to file within 45 days for medicare, and are looking at making the medicaid within 45 days. Rep. Cody asked if, with all the various surveys it would be possible to put them under their bureau. Ms. McKnight said she did not know which surveys she meant, but one she might be alluding to was SRS contract with the Montana Foundation for Medicare, and the nurses (Peer Review Organization workers [PRO] nurses) do screening to see if medically necessary for a person to enter a nursing home. She said that is tied up with the Community Based Waiver where if an individual is judged to need nursing home care, skilled or intermediate, may choose to stay in the home if services are available in the community to support their needs.

Representative Cody mentioned the Audit Survey, there are 2 surveys she felt might be combined, namely the patient assessment and facility assessment. Ms. McKnight said they do facility assessment as well as look at the patient. Senator Keating asked if they inspect all the State Facilities as well and was told they did for all of those they had licensed. She said they had only licensed and certified one building on the Warm Springs Campus, building 219, which is a geriatric facility. She said they do Eastmont, Boulder, Montana Center for the Aged, and the Montana Veterans Home. In a question as to duplication, she said the Board of Visitor's do not get into the Buyer's Safety, and some of the other things.

Tape 1, Side B (000) Senator Keating took over the Chair.

Senator Keating asked about licensing for Day Care, Child Care, etc. and Ms. McKnight said they license for Adult Day Care which can be free standing, or a number of the nursing homes are now providing this service. She said they are licensed but not certified since there is no medicare or medicaid payments for adult day care or personal care.

Representative Cody asked how many agencies are going to do this

pre-screening that will be required. Ms. McKnight said not pre-screening, only resident assessment review in the survey process which is not being done by the Montana Foundation yearly. We do this at the time of the annual survey, and now through OBRA will be to review the assessment that is done by the staff of nurses and trying to determine if their assessment of the care needs of the patient are accurate.

Representative Grinde said Ms. McKnight had said she did not do all of the Institutions. If you are the Department of Health and Environmental Science then who is doing the other portion of the institutions? Ms. McKnight said they do all but the other services on the Warm Springs Campus. Mr. Hoffman said the Board of Visitors are responsible for reviewing the patients care. The program Ms. McKnight is talking about is licensing and certification and that has to do with Federal financial participation. She does nothing with the state prison. The Board of Visitors go in as an advocacy of the Governor to determine what type of care the patient is getting.

Senator Hoffman said he felt it would be good to have some sort of list of who does what in all the different departments. Rep. Cody said she had requested one from the SRS and she had received a list. She said she felt Mr. Tickle would give him a copy. She said she wished it were all under one Department, and if it were possible she would try to do it.

Senator Van Valkenburg asked who makes the decision for de-certification, as at Boulder. Ms. McKnight answered that she did as a result of the team evaluation. Sen. Van Valkenburg asked if that decision was reviewable by someone and was told if Boulder could resolve the problems then they could reverse the decision. She said Taliaferro was involved in the decision. Sen. Van Valkenburg said a few years ago when the problem arose with Rivendell HICFA office in Denver set the rules and decided on certification and both Chisholm and South couldn't find out whether HICFA really approved what they did. He said he was concerned that Chisholm might be shooting at a moving target in regard to getting Boulder re-certified. Ms. McKnight said they point out what the problems are and try to identify them. There are several things that can be done to solve a problem and it is up to the provider to decide which they wish to do to take care of the problem. Sen. Van Valkenburg said it was not Rivendell then, it was called the Montana Youth Treatment Center, and Ms. McKnight said it did involve HICFA since on psychiatric hospitals the central office contracts with out of state psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses to do the two special conditions, the staffing and the records of care.

Mr. Taliaferro said they could not tell the providers what to do but could review their plans and tell them if it would solve the problem. In answer to a question on Boulder Ms.

McKnight said in the conditions of participation for intermediate mental retardation care there are certain standards and the most critical is active treatment. Boulder was found non-compliant with active treatment. Another required service they were found non-compliant with is re-hab and training. They had some problems in their dietary; there were 10, and she felt she had hit the major ones. In answer to staffing, she said it had not been looked at as services not provided. She mentioned several other incidents such as accidents, lack of supervision by staff, etc.

Representative Bradley returned as Committee Chairman and said Mr. McKinney would walk the committee through the sheets attached as Exhibit 1.

Program Director: Mr. McKinney said he would list the differences between the LFA and the Executive, and in the Personal Services budget the major difference was vacancy savings. He said there is a significant difference in the operating expenses all the way through, they are indirect cost assessments, and will account for most of the difference in the operating budgets.

Questions from the Committee: Representative Cody said she does not understand indirect operating costs. Mr. McKinney said part of the cost off indirect services is assessed to each of the programs. Once agreed on what is in the indirect cost pool and how they will be distributed, it is a mechanical function to plug those costs into each program. We will be making that decision on indirects, but it would not be appropriate to make them on each program. Representative Cody asked if each program had to pay so many dollars to the administration etc. Mr. McKinney answered basically, and some of the centralized services; those functions that provide service to all of the departments.

Chairman Bradley asked why there was a dispute and whether it was the allocation of federal dollars, and Mr. McKinney answered that it is a change. There is a change in the way the Dept. and the Executive allocated their funds and the way the LFA had allocated them. He said they are now taking a good look at this to come to an agreement. John Huth said the indirect costs don't go into the director's office, they go into centralized services that provide administration, accounting, payroll, etc. He said federal requirements must be observed, and each funding source must be assessed equally. The Dept. of Health, the general fund has never been hit for indirects, and with an audit coming in there could be a major pay back. Ray Hoffman said the rate the LFA is using for the indirect assessment was based on fy '88 and was 12.7%, at that point in time the state wide cost allocation pool cost was \$60,000. In the fiscal year we are looking at now the rate has gone up to 22.9% based on over a \$300,000 state wide cost allocation pool. He said the LFA

is working on this with them and he felt they were very close to reaching an agreement.

Mr. Opitz said the dues have increased by the amount shown in issue 1, page D-1 of the handout, exhibit 1. He said this is dues for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers. It is a national organization we receive a lot of information in regard to federal happenings, etc.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to approve the Executive budget.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous.

Modification: D-2

MOTION by Senator Hofman to accept the modified.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representatives Cobb and Grinde voting no.

Travel:

Mr. Opitz said they had 2 of the Board meetings by telephone in the base year. Normally they have 6 meetings in Helena, and the increase requested would be required by having the meetings in Helena. Mr. McKinney agreed, he said they based it on '88 actual.

MOTION by Representative Cobb to accept the Executive recommendation.

Discussion: In answer to a question from Representative Cody on open meetings, Mr. Opitz said it was publicized and the public could come in and participate if they desired.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Cody voting no.

Legal Program: The Department has moved from less than 10 computers to over 100 in 4 years, and these PC's are extremely necessary.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to accept the Executive budget.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Cobb and Grinde voting no.

The Lexis Legal Database: This causes a real rapidity in getting the legal work done, Mr. Opitz said.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to accept the Lexis Legal Database.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous.

The Administration Division: C-1. The issue being \$12,000 additional for travel.

Mr. Hoffman said this was travel for himself to attend grant negotiations to the Federal Government which is \$6,135 per year. He said the LFA has zero dollars budgeted. He said it is indirect cost assessment money.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to accept the Executive level of the budget.

Recommendation and vote: Voted, passed, Representative Cobb voting no.

Support Services Bureau: C-2.

Mr. Taliaferro said he believed that is the assessment the Information Services Bureau charges them for computer support.

MOTION by Representative Cobb to accept issue 1. (\$5,000 more for Dept. of Administration information services than is in the LFA budget.)

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous.

Issue 2. \$6490 for printing expenses. Mr. Taliaferro said the film library prints a catalog once a year, and they did not print it in '88, but we have to print it again in '90. He said it has been recommended they print it every year but do not feel that is cost effective. We print it every other year and send out updates.

MOTION by Representative Grinde to accept the printing expense.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous.

Issue 3, \$8,338 more for data processing supplies than in the LFA budget.

Discussion: Mr. Taliaferro said this is supplies to maintain our data processing, replacement parts, etc. Mr. Hoffman said the reason for this has to do with the \$7.6 million worth of budget the Department has added.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to approve the funding.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representatives Grinde and Cobb voting no.

Issue 4. \$5,156 for computer-related phone expenses.

Discussion: Mr. Taliaferro said that is the cost it will cost to connect some off campus lines needed to maintain their internal network. The Underground Storage Tank people are

down town and are on the network.

Questions from the Committee: Rep. Cody asked for further explanation and was told to tie into the network it involved high speed modems and dedicated telephone lines to hook them together. He said they were planning to tie the Billings office in on the same procedure so they could all share files and information.

MOTION by Representative Grinde to accept the issue.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Cobb voting no.

Issue 5. \$11,025 for an automobile that is not in the LFA budget.

Discussion: Mr. Taliaferro said it is actually a delivery van. They have a 1973 GMC that has approximately 156,000 miles on it and they needed to replace it. He said they use it to receive their lab samples, central mail and deliver.

Questions from the Committee: Chairman Bradley asked if the present budgeting method gave them no flexibility within the Department so with on-going expenses it would average out and they could buy a new van. She was told there was no flexibility.

MOTION by Senator Hoffman they get the new car.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Grinde voting no.

Issue 6. \$6,400 for office equipment that is not in the LFA budget.

Mr. Taliaferro said this is for a postage machine. They could mail faster, and we would have less repair.

Questions from the Committee: Representative Cobb asked if we go back to vacancy savings would you still buy this equipment right away or hold it? Mr. Hoffman said if it comes between people and equipment, we would let the equipment go. If Vacancy Savings is mandated and I have no vacancy savings turn over, that causes centralized services great problems. The number of mail we receive has nothing to do with vacancy savings. We still get the mail in. Mr. Taliaferro asked if they approved this if they would also put language in so he could trade the old one in. He said if the language was not in, he would have to surplus the old one and would lose whatever trade in it would have.

MOTION by Representative Cobb to accept issue 6 for the office equipment along with the trade- in language.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Cobb and Senator Hofman voting no.

Program Analyst: Modified: C-3

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman said this was a budget amendment 6 or 8 months ago. He said this is in direct relationship to the computer network. He said it has automated reports, receipting process (about 30,000). He said you enter the name once and it goes on the other forms required. He said you use a lot less FTE's.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg to accept the programmer Analyst.

Vote and Recommendation: Voted, passed, Representative Bradley voting no.

Discussion: Senator Hofman asked where indirect funds came from. Mr. Hoffman answered the Dept. of health is about 80% federally funded. The remainder is general fund and earmarked revenue. Of the 20%, about 15% is general fund, approximately 80% of that general fund is required for matching or level efforts. There is not a great amount of discretionary general fund in DHES. There are about 40 programs that must pay their share of the administrative operation and are assessed the amount the federal government and the Department agrees to, to each of those programs.

Administration FTE: Said this is a budget amendment that will be added to the budget amendment bill. It is FTE that will be added to the centralized services division to provide the support that is required for these grants. It is for the additional services. He said it is part of the \$7.6 million budget amendment for the Department.

Questions from the Committee. Representative Cody asked about the \$7.6 million in a budget amendment. She asked if the Department had been underfunded so badly that it results in this and Mr. Hoffman said last time in the committee they realized there would be a lot more funding available to the Department of Health, but did not know where, what, or how much would be coming in. The Committee put in language in the last session that said the Department could use what came in and if they got additional FTE in the budget amendment, the Centralized Services could then put in a budget amendment for additional staff to provide the support for these services. Senator Van Valkenburg said if a Department if under funded they come in for supplementals, budget amendments are new programs added while Legislature is not in session from non general fund funding sources.

MOTION by Representative Cobb to accept the modified.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, failed, Representative Grinde,

Cobb and Senator Hofman. Tie vote.

Records and Statistics Bureau: Mr. Taliaferro said the first issue, is the printing expense for \$10,000 not in LFA. He said this for the biennial printing for all the certificates and reports. The state provides these to the counties every other year.

MOTION by Representative Cobb to accept issue 1.

Discussion: Senator Van Valkenburg asked if this is a typical first year expenditure then why is it not in. Mr. McKinney said this was originally a modified and was not in current. Somewhere along the line the Executive put it in as current level. He said the budget request they received did not have this in.

Recommendation and Vote: Issue 1, \$10,000 for printing, was voted, passed, unanimous.

Issue 2. \$2,000 for travel for a required meeting which is a condition of the contract. There is \$1,000 difference between the Federal and LFA budgets.

MOTION by Representative Grinde to accept the Executive budget.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous.

Increase of Vital Certificates: C-2.

Discussion: This is a contract with the Federal Government for data they require. This is the first year Montana has been required to do it. It is coding, additional data, more tapes to the Federal Government.

Questions from the Committee: Representative Grinde asked if this could be a change in birth certificates, what else? He was told this included birth, death, fetal death, divorce and abortions.

MOTION by Senator Van Valkenburg the committee accept the modification.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Grinde and Cobb voting no.

Chemistry Lab Bureau: C-7. Mr. McKinney said the only differences were vacancy savings and indirect costs.

ACTION, none was taken since the committee indicated approval.

Safe Drinking Water Amend: Modified:

Discussion: This was equipment and one FTE to run the equipment. The safe Drinking Water Amendments require additional

testing for organic compounds. The Lab Bureau was phased in last year and there are 40 more compounds to analyze for starting in June of '89 and every 3 years the law requires the EPA to regulate 25 more additional compounds. He said they also expect a lot of work from the solid waste people and from the underground storage tank program.

Questions from the Committee: Rep. Cobb asked how many tests on underground storage tanks are to be done. The answer was between 200 and 250 samples a year. Mr. Taliaferro said there is a general fund loan with this modification that isn't in there. General fund loans are a year pay back, and we are asking the Legislature to take this into consideration and that the pay back be extended through the biennium. They need the general fund money up front to pay the fees. They will get it by charging fees for the test, and as they come in they will pay back the loan.

MOTION by Senator Hofman to accept the modified and include the request for a general fund loan with a biennium pay back.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, Representative Grinde and Cobb voting no.

Discussion: Representative Cobb said he would like to go back to something that was just passed. He asked about the Increase of Vital Certificates. Once the modified is accepted it becomes a part of the budget for the next session? Chairman Bradley answered, generally, unless stated otherwise. Representative Cobb said the committee did not put the language in, and if it is for every 10 years, if we accept this modified the way we voted on it they will get the money every year, not every 10 years. Mr. Hoffman answered, with the increased data the National for Health Statistics is asking them to collect, they will be collecting it every year. With the new data element, we have to punch it into a magnetic tape we sell to the federal government. The forms are revised every 10 years.

Public Health Lab: Chairman Bradley said there are no issues, so the committee can go to the Chlamydia Lab Screening.

Chlamydia Lab Screening: Mr. McKinney said several of these tie together.

Discussion: This is a request for Chlamydia Lab Screening. He said Chlamydia hit Montana, and is recognized as the most commonly transmitted sexual disease in the country. He said in the clinics it had climbed dramatically and they had to go into extra funding. They are requesting one FTE and to continue this in the next biennium.

Representative Cobb asked if this FTE was doing the tests. He was told they spread the tests among the FTE's. This is a support FTE. He said they did 24,000 tests this past year,

and are running about 20,000 but could go up to 24,000 again this year. Senator Hofman asked why it was a modification and not in the regular budget. Mr. Hoffman said it was a budget amendment. Rep. Grinde said you indicated the case load was going down and you provided these services with the FTE's you had, then why the addition. Mr. Taliaferro said this is maintenance of what they are running now.

MOTION by Representative Cobb that the committee accept the screening.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous vote.

Herpes Lab Screening: Modified. These are all fees.

Discussion: C-11, Herpes Lab Screening, C-12, HIV (AIDS) Lab Screening, C-13 Changes in EPA Testing, C-14 Mycoplasmas/Ureaplasma Lab, C-15 Vector Borne Diseases, C-16 Immunizable Diseases, C-17 Mycobacterial Disease, C-18 Equipment, C-19 Streptococcal Diseases, all being paid by fees were handled as one motion.

MOTION by Representative Grinde to adopt 10 through 19.

Questions from the Committee: Representative Grinde asked if he could tell them the rate of increase on AIDS in the state. Mr. Taliaferro said they will be covering AIDS in the Public Health Bureau, he feels the educational program has taken hold a little. He had predicted a higher rate than we had.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, approved, unanimous.

Mr. Hoffman said there is one issue left, a contingency fund in the Lab that is currently in the current biennium budget. We would like to have that language continued for the next biennium. If we see an outbreak of something and do not have adequate authority to provide the testing, the contingency fund would be tapped. In answer to a question as to spending it last year, Mr. Hoffman answered they did, they have about \$20,000 out of that \$50,000. It was spent predominately on chlamydia testing.

MOTION by Senator Keating that the language be adopted for this biennium.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 11 a.m.

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REP. DOROTHY BRADLEY, Chairman

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EXHIBIT 11
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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

PROGRAM: DIRECTOR

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	\$271,105	\$264,289	\$258,896	\$5,393	\$264,878	\$259,473	\$5,405	-4.50%
Operating Expenses	88,137	45,525	38,409	7,116	47,820	38,307	9,513	-56.42%
Equipment	1,685	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$360,927	\$309,814	\$297,305	\$12,509	\$312,698	\$297,780	\$14,918	-17.63%
FUNDING								
General Fund	\$226,938	\$78,739	\$72,687	\$6,052	\$78,982	\$73,365	\$5,617	-67.97%
State Special Rev	23,128	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Federal Revenue	110,861	231,075	224,618	6,457	233,716	224,415	9,301	102.61%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$360,927	\$309,814	\$297,305	\$12,509	\$312,698	\$297,780	\$14,918	-17.63%

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$2,930 more for dues than the LFA budget

FTE	0.00	Gen Fund	0	Total Funds	2,930
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Program: 01 - Director's Office

Control: 92021

Title: Natural Resources Lawsuit

The Natural Resources Lawsuit modification provides for continuation of a contract to represent the state of Montana on pending civil action against the responsible parties for destruction, loss of or injury to the natural resources of the state.

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	200,000	200,000
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$200,000	\$200,000
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$200,000	\$200,000
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total Funds	\$200,000	\$200,000

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

PROGRAM: BOARD OF HEALTH

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	\$1,700	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$0	85.29%
Operating Expenses	4,344	6,781	4,285	2,496	6,785	4,289	2,496	-1.36%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,044	\$9,931	\$7,435	\$2,496	\$9,935	\$7,439	\$2,496	23.01%
FUNDING								
General Fund	\$6,044	\$9,931	\$7,435	\$2,496	\$9,935	\$7,439	\$2,496	23.01%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$6,044	\$9,931	\$7,435	\$2,496	\$9,935	\$7,439	\$2,496	23.01%

FTE	Gen Fund	Total Funds
0.00	4,992	4,992

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$4,992 more for travel than the LFA budget.

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE PROGRAM: LEGAL

BUDGET ITEM	LEGISLATIVE ACTION				PROGRAM: LEGAL				FY 88-90 % Change
	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference		
FTE	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00		0.00%
Personal Services	\$104,521	\$102,044	\$99,962	\$2,082	\$102,399	\$100,309	\$2,090		-4.36%
Operating Expenses	14,344	36,202	25,269	10,933	36,325	24,727	11,598		76.16%
Equipment	10,323	1,783	0	1,783	368	0	368		-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$129,188	\$140,029	\$125,231	\$14,798	\$139,092	\$125,036	\$14,056		-3.06%
FUNDING									
General Fund	\$114,833	\$140,029	\$125,231	\$14,798	\$139,092	\$125,036	\$14,056		9.05%
Federal Revenue	14,355	0	0	0	0	0	0		-100.00%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$129,188	\$140,029	\$125,231	\$14,798	\$139,092	\$125,036	\$14,056		-3.06%

FTE	Gen Fund	Total Funds
0.00	2,151	2,151

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$2,151 for computer and office equipment that is not in the LFA budget.

Robert

Control: 92008 Title: Lexis Legal Database

The Legal Assistant Base modifications funded continuing support of the Lexis database system used in the department's legal unit.

FTE	Fiscal 1990	Fiscal 1991
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	2,880	2,880
Equipment	-0-	-0-
Subtotal	\$2,880	\$2,880
Other	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$2,880	\$2,880
Funding		
General Funds	\$1,440	\$1,440
Other	1,440	1,440
Total Funds	\$2,880	\$2,880

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

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PROGRAM: DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Fiscal 1990 Executive LFA Curr Lvl	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Fiscal 1991 Executive LFA Curr Lvl	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	\$87,489	\$93,837	\$91,922	\$1,915	\$93,919	\$92,003	\$1,916	5.07%
Operating Expenses	92,495	80,157	74,027	6,130	82,522	76,392	6,130	-19.97%
Equipment	451	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$180,435	\$173,994	\$165,949	\$8,045	\$176,441	\$168,395	\$8,046	-8.03%
FUNDING								
State Special								
Federal Revenue	\$180,435	\$173,994	\$165,949	\$8,045	\$176,441	\$168,395	\$8,046	-8.03%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$180,435	\$173,994	\$165,949	\$8,045	\$176,441	\$168,395	\$8,046	-8.03%

FTE	Gen Fund	Total Funds
0.00	0	12,270

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$12,270 more for travel than is included in the LFA budget.

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

PROGRAM: SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	16.50	14.50	15.00	-0.50	14.50	15.00	-0.50	-9.09%
Personal Services	\$341,700	\$342,332	\$335,345	\$6,987	\$342,767	\$335,772	\$6,995	-1.86%
Operating Expenses	94,768	135,532	123,690	11,842	86,530	74,075	12,455	30.52%
Equipment	2,963	17,425	0	17,425	0	0	0	-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$439,431	\$495,289	\$459,035	\$36,254	\$429,297	\$409,847	\$19,450	4.46%
General Fund	\$191,239	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-100.00%
State Special	248,192	0	435,363	(\$435,363)	0	391,181	(\$391,181)	
Federal Revenue		495,289	23,672	\$471,617	429,297	18,666	\$410,631	75.41%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$439,431	\$495,289	\$459,035	\$36,254	\$429,297	\$409,847	\$19,450	4.46%

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$5,338 more for Dept. of Admin. information center services than is in the LFA budget.

Issue 2. The executive budget includes \$6,490 more for printing expenses than is in the LFA budget.

Issue 3. The executive budget includes \$8,338 more for data processing supplies than is in the LFA budget.

Issue 4. The executive budget includes \$5,156 more for computer-related phone expenses than is in the LFA budget.

Issue 5. The executive equipment budget includes \$11,025 for an automobile that is not in the LFA budget.

Issue 6. The executive equipment budget includes \$6,400 for office equipment that is not in the LFA budget.

FTE	Gen Fund	Total Funds
0.00	0	5,338
0.00	0	6,490
0.00	0	8,338
0.00	0	5,156
0.00	0	11,025
0.00	0	6,400

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92049

Title: Programmer Analyst

The Support Service Programmer modification will fund a position to assist in developing computer programs for the Support Services Bureau to provide input into the Statewide Budgeting and Accounting System and to automate federal reporting.

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	1.00	1.00
Personal Services	\$25,387	\$25,404
Operating Expenses	3,733	3,788
Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,927</u>
Subtotal	\$31,120	\$31,119
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$31,120	\$31,119
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>31,120</u>	<u>31,119</u>
Total Funds	\$31,120	\$31,119

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Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92052

Title: Administration FTE

	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
FTE	2.00	2.00
Personal Services		
Operating Expenses	\$54,999	\$55,036
Equipment	-0-	-0-
	-0-	-0-
Subtotal	\$54,999	\$55,036
Other	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$54,999	\$55,036
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>54,999</u>	<u>55,036</u>
Total Funds	\$54,999	\$55,036

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

PROGRAM: RECORDS AND STATISTICS BUREA

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	\$305,606	\$333,320	\$326,517	\$6,803	\$334,074	\$327,256	\$6,818	6.84%
Operating Expenses	86,401	166,991	123,251	43,740	154,405	118,351	36,054	42.65%
Equipment	6,044	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$398,051	\$500,311	\$449,768	\$50,543	\$488,479	\$445,607	\$42,872	12.99%
FUNDING								
General Fund	\$243,965	\$306,897	\$260,007	\$46,890	\$295,047	\$255,834	\$39,213	6.58%
State Special Rev	94,083	108,418	106,921	1,497	108,421	106,921	1,500	13.65%
Federal Revenue	60,003	84,996	82,840	2,156	85,011	82,852	2,159	38.06%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$398,051	\$500,311	\$449,768	\$50,543	\$488,479	\$445,607	\$42,872	12.99%

Issue 1. The executive budget includes \$10,000 for printing expenses that is not included in the LFA budget.

Issue 2. The executive budget includes \$2,000 more for out-of-state travel expenses than is included in the LFA budget.

FTE	Gen Fund	Total Funds
0.00	10,000	10,000
0.00	0	2,000

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92044 Title: Increase of Vital Certificates

The Vital Statistics modification provides service associated with increased demand for vital certificates.

	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00
Personal Services	\$15,609	\$15,619
Operating Expenses	3,648	3,650
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$19,257	\$19,269
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$19,257	\$19,269
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>19,257</u>	<u>19,269</u>
Total Funds	\$19,257	\$19,269

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

PROGRAM: CHEMISTRY LAB BUREAU

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Executive	Fiscal 1990 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	Fiscal 1991 LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	FY 88-90 % Change
FTE	6.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.00	0.00%
Personal Services	\$174,473	\$176,787	\$173,179	\$3,608	\$177,666	\$174,040	\$3,626	-0.74%
Operating Expenses	81,983	121,238	103,229	18,009	123,510	104,322	19,188	25.92%
Equipment	78,815	18,020	18,020	0	0	0	0	-77.14%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$335,271	\$316,045	\$294,428	\$21,617	\$301,176	\$278,362	\$22,814	-12.18%
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FUNDING								
General Fund	\$78,797	\$92,432	\$85,595	\$6,837	\$92,500	\$79,454	\$13,046	8.63%
State Special Rev	256,474	223,613	208,833	14,780	208,676	198,908	9,768	-18.58%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$335,271	\$316,045	\$294,428	\$21,617	\$301,176	\$278,362	\$22,814	-12.18%
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Issue 1. The funding percentages for the executive and LFA budgets are:

	Exec	LFA
General Fund	30.0	28.9
St Spcl (lab fees)	70.0	71.1

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The Safe Drinking Water modification funding was associated with amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act which require additional mandated monitoring for an additional 47 unregulated organic compounds.

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	1.00	1.00
Personal Services	\$ 22,513	\$22,565
Operating Expenses	13,228	19,174
Equipment	<u>223,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$258,741	\$41,739
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$258,741	\$41,739
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>258,741</u>	<u>41,739</u>
Total Funds	\$258,741	\$41,739

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AGENCY: DEPT OF HEALTH & ENVIR SCIENCE

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PROGRAM: PUBLIC HEALTH LAB

BUDGET ITEM	FY 1988 Actual	Fiscal 1990			Fiscal 1991			FY 88-90 % Change
		Executive	LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	Executive	LFA Curr Lvl	Difference	
FTE	14.50	16.00	16.00	0.00	16.00	16.00	0.00	10.34%
Personal Services	\$377,683	\$386,856	\$378,961	\$7,895	\$388,805	\$380,870	\$7,935	0.34%
Operating Expenses	189,628	256,430	217,747	38,683	255,538	208,615	46,923	14.83%
Equipment	15,264	10,250	10,250	0	0	0	0	-32.85%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$582,575	\$653,536	\$606,958	\$46,578	\$644,343	\$589,485	\$54,858	4.19%
FUNDING								
General Fund	\$260,343	\$291,208	\$264,201	\$27,007	\$291,463	\$261,252	\$30,211	1.48%
State Special Rev	267,739	295,571	276,302	19,269	286,063	261,701	24,362	3.20%
Federal Revenue	54,493	66,757	66,455	302	66,837	66,532	305	21.95%
TOTAL FUNDING	\$582,575	\$653,536	\$606,958	\$46,578	\$644,343	\$589,485	\$54,858	4.19%

Issue 1. The funding percentages for the executive and LFA budgets are:

	Exec	LFA
General Fund	44.9	43.9
St Spcl (lab fees)	44.8	45.0
Federal Revenue	10.3	11.1

Control: 92014

Title: Chlamydia Lab Screening

The Chlamydia Lab Screenings modification provides for supplies and materials, communications, and repair and maintenance to maintain the funding for the number of tests performed in fiscal 1988 to continue into the 1990-91 biennium.

	<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Fiscal</u>	
	1990	1991	
FTE	1.00	1.00	
Personal Services	\$17,187	\$17,187	
Operating Expenses	33,016	33,025	
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
Subtotal	\$50,203	\$ 20,251	
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
Total Expenses	\$50,203	\$50,251	
Funding			
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
Other	<u>50,203</u>	<u>50,203</u>	
Total Funds	\$50,203	\$50,203	

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Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92015

Title: Herpes Lab Screening

The modifications for additional lab screenings provide for expanded services in the Microbiology Lab.

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	7,500	7,500
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$7,500	\$7,500
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$7,500	\$7,500
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total Funds	\$7,500	\$7,500

Control: 92016

Title: HIV (AIDS) Lab Screening

The Division Administration modification addresses the increase in the number of contracts associated with increasing federal grants coming into the department.

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	2,500	2,500
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$2,500	\$2,500
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,500
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Funds	\$2,500	\$2,500

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92017

Title: Changes in EPA Testing

EPA Testing modification funding activities associated with changes in testing procedures for water samples which include additional procedures.

	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
FTE	-0-	-0-
Personal Services		
Operating Expenses	\$ -0- 50,000	\$ -0- 50,000
Equipment	-0-	-0-
Subtotal	\$50,000	\$50,000
Other	-0-	-0-
Total Expenses	\$50,000	\$50,000
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	50,000	50,000
Total Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	1,500	1,500
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$1,500	\$1,500
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Funds	\$1,500	\$1,500

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92025

Title: Vector Borne Diseases

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	2,000	2,000
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$2,000	\$2,000
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Funds	\$2,000	\$2,000

Control: 92026

Title: Immunizable Diseases

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	4,500	4,500
Equipment	-0-	-0-
Subtotal	\$4,500	\$4,500
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,500	\$4,500
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total Funds	\$4,500	\$4,500

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92027

Title: Mycobacterial Diseases

	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
FTE	-0-	-0-
Personal Services		
Operating Expenses	\$ -0- 6,000	\$ -0- 6,000
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$6,000	\$6,000
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Funds	\$6,000	\$6,000

Control: 92028

Title: Equipment

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	-0-	-0-
Equipment	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Subtotal	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$7,000	\$7,000
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total Funds	\$7,000	\$7,000

Program: 02 - Central Services

Control: 92029

Title: Streptococcal Diseases

FTE	<u>Fiscal 1990</u>	<u>Fiscal 1991</u>
	-0-	-0-
Personal Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Operating Expenses	2,500	2,500
Equipment	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Subtotal	\$2,500	\$2,500
Other	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,500	\$2,500
Funding		
General Funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Other	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Funds	\$2,500	\$2,500

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
em HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION COMMENTS TO
HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
February 2, 1989

Madam Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee. My name is Dale Taliaferro. I am Administrator of the Health Services Division. I have been before you in the past as Bureau Chief of Health Planning.

The Health Services Division is responsible for programs directed to preservation and improvement of the health of Montana residents. The Division contains five Bureaus involved in different aspects of public health. The Emergency Medical Services Bureau is responsible for planning, education, regulation, and implementation of statewide emergency medical services. The Licensing and Certification Bureau administers the State's program for state licensure and federal certification of medical facilities. The Family/Maternal and Child Health Bureau has programs associated with birth and early life. The Health Planning Bureau develops the State Health Plan and administers the Certificate of Need program for medical facilities. The Preventive Health Services Bureau includes programs designed to improve health through education, early intervention, and services to prevent and control disease.

The Health Services Division unit provides the administrative functions for the activities of these Health Services Bureaus.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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February 2, 1989

Madam Chairman, and members of the committee. I am Drew Dawson, Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Bureau.

EMS BUREAU DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES

The Emergency Medical Services Bureau is responsible for the development of a statewide emergency medical services program and works with a variety of personnel and agencies including ambulance services, Quick Response Units, Fire Departments, Law Enforcement agencies and other volunteer and paid providers such as physicians, nurses, EMTs and hospitals.

We are very proud of the considerable progress made in improving Montana's Emergency Medical Services system. This certainly has been a joint effort with the many extremely dedicated EMS providers in Montana. There are many folks in each of your home communities who dedicate numerous volunteer hours to improving your local emergency medical services system. Our job is to provide every bit of assistance we can to make the jobs of your local EMS providers a little bit easier, to assure that they receive updated, quality training, and to assure the quality of emergency medical care offered in Montana.

The EMS Bureau has a total of eight (8) staff members - all of whom are extremely dedicated to improving emergency medical services. Among the highlights of our activities during the past biennium are the following:

*In compliance with statutory requirements, we annually inspected and re-inspected as necessary, each of Montana's ambulance services. We investigated complaints as necessary and as provided by law. There are 134 ambulance services in Montana with 233 vehicles.

*We conducted numerous programs to train local EMS persons to teach First Responder and EMT training programs and also to improve their ability to teach practical skills. Since we are not able to provide direct training to all EMS providers in Montana, these persons return to their home communities to provide EMS instruction. This "train the trainers" approach is the most cost effective method of assuring that quality training programs are provided. Refresher training is also provided for these individuals in order to keep them up to date on recent EMS training and treatment procedures.

*Our film library continued to make training films and other training aids available to local emergency medical training programs.

*On behalf of the Montana Board of Medical Examiners, we certified by written and practical examination approximately 300 Emergency Medical Technicians each year. Also each year, approximately 500 EMTs met the continuing education requirements and were recertified through our office. To assure the EMT examination is offered in a fair and reliable fashion, we conduct an annual training program for those persons who administer the examination.

*There are currently about 1600 certified EMTs in Montana, with nearly 50% of the ambulance attendants being EMT trained. The percent of ambulance attendants trained as EMTs is increasing each year.

*For the first time in Montana, we now have Advanced Life Support training being offered to EMTs. St. Peter's Hospital in Helena has just completed an EMT-Intermediate training program and yesterday began their ALS service. Paramedic programs are currently being conducted at Billings Deaconess Hospital and in Hardin. We are delighted these folks have shown the rest of Montana that Advanced Life Support training can be offered in rural areas.

*There are 336 EMT-Ds certified in Montana. EMT-D training involves about 16 hours of additional training beyond the EMT level and allows EMTs to defibrillate (electrically shock) persons whose heart has stopped. We are very proud of this program since it can provide substantially increased chances of survival to patients in cardiac arrest without a great deal of expense. EMT-D services currently are in operation in 26 communities.

In many of these services there is a joint effort between the ambulance service and the fire department demonstrating an excellent example of the cooperative relationship among a variety of public safety providers. This program was developed in close cooperation with the Board of Medical Examiners and the Montana Medical Association.

*We developed and printed a number of publications to assist with local EMS instruction including banks of test questions, continuing education programs, practical skills scenarios and other educational tools.

*We certify approximately 400 First Responders each year. These are folks who work for public safety agencies such as law enforcement and fire services. We are now working on methods to make it easier for First Responders to become EMTs.

*We contract with the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center in Denver for the Montana Poison Control System. The Montana Poison Control system is now averaging approximately 11,000 cases per year. This amounts to more than 30 cases per day of which 85% are actual poisoning emergencies.

*We also conduct statewide public information and education activities regarding emergency medical services and poison control including radio spots, television spots, informational packets for local EMS personnel and other activities.

*We provide technical assistance to local EMS systems.

*In a joint effort between the Montana Law Enforcement Academy and the EMS Bureau, all new law enforcement officers trained in Montana are certified as medical First Responders.

*Seven (7) two-day Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) programs were conducted in which 112 rural physicians and nurses were trained in acute trauma care. The EMS Bureau provides for the coordination of the program; however, the actual expenses are paid by the tuition fees of the physician.

*We completed a new state plan for the improvement of emergency medical services, and conducted public information sessions at ten sites throughout Montana to solicit the input and recommendations of EMS providers and local officials.

During the next biennium we intend to continue many of these same activities. We are going to work very diligently at expanding training opportunities in rural areas; we want to make maximum use of all avenues of audio-visual technology.

We want to take a good look at the problem of trauma in Montana and determine if trauma systems could improve our trauma, mortality and morbidity rates.

There have been numerous recommendations made in our state plan which we will begin to implement. We will be working very hard on better integration of all of our training programs - making it easier to progress from one level of EMS training to another.

EMS BUREAU BUDGET

The proposed budget for the 90-91 biennium remains, essentially, at the FY 88 current level.

MONTANA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM

The Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center advised us that our contract costs for FY 90 and FY 91 would increase. (See attached letters.) The Executive Budget reflects these increases in our contract; the LFA budget does not.

Since the Executive Budget was prepared, we were able to negotiate a two-year contract with Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center. In the contract, the cost for both FY 89 and FY 90 will remain the same - \$75,547. As a result of this cost savings and to maintain the very successful Montana Poison Control System, we request that the executive budget be reduced by \$6,390 in FY 90 and accepted. We request the Executive Budget in FY 91.

STATE SPECIAL REVENUE

We request permission to continue the state special revenue fund without the balance being transferred to the general fund. This authorization allows us to accept and expend student fees for the EMT certification program at all levels (Basic, Defibrillation, Intermediate and Paramedic). It allows for the selling of a limited amount of training materials and supplies which are difficult to obtain from other sources.

This fund was established several sessions ago by the specific request of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Commerce.

Given the variety of training programs, and the varying number of persons applying for certification, this is a very difficult budget to project. These funds are used only for the purposes indicated. It would be very difficult for us to administer the EMT certification program without the flexibility of this fund. Since an individual's certification process often crosses fiscal year boundaries, it is essential that the year end balance not be reverted to General Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our program to you. I would be pleased to answer any questions about the EMS Bureau programs or funding.



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Eugene L. Nixon
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Dear Gene,

I hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season, it might be helpful before you go into the budget planning process! Dee Zall, (our administrator), and I have reviewed our budgets and have come up with an estimate of the cost of the Poison Center services for 1990-1991 fiscal years. It appears that the case volume from Montana continues to be leveling off with an estimate this year of approximately 10,500 cases. As reviewed last year the average cost per case is \$10.00 and with corporate and United Way support we hope to lower this cost to about \$8.25/case.

With a volume of 10,500 cases the cost would be \$86,625. However, as agreed we will continue to gradually increase to this cost. The estimated cost for fiscal 1990 would be \$81,847, and fiscal 1991 would be \$85,900. Again, Gene, please remember these are the best estimates that we can give you at this time, and these estimates are based on a Call Volume consistent with '87 and '88.

Hopefully with further corporate and United Way support we will be able to reduce the cost to the state of Montana. Please call if you have any questions and best wishes for a healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

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Dear Gene:

Thank you for your letter addressing the cost adjustments for 1988-89. I hope this letter will help clarify the projected increases and the overall situation. All current contracts with the Rocky Mountain Poison Center have been re-evaluated by the City Auditor. It was determined in reviewing our budget process that it costs approximately \$10.00 per case. It was recommended by the auditors that all contracts be re-evaluated and brought in line with what the City and County of Denver pays for each case. Because of this the Montana contract needed to be adjusted to cover the volume of calls from Montana. The City of Denver obviously does not want to pay for calls coming from outside of its area.

This cost adjustment should have been initiated over the past few years. As you can see at a call volume of 9930 for 1985 we are still below the \$10.00/case charge. We will try to increase the cost gradually, taking into consideration that the Montana call volume appears to be leveling off. You are correct in assuming cost of living increases determined by the city are also a factor, however, we want to make this a gradual increase over the next 3-5 years.

Remember that this cost is a per "case", not per call basis. Each "case" generates 4-6 follow up calls depending on the severity of the exposure, etc.

I hope this provides the information that you need, please contact me any time if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2, 1989

Chairman Bradley, Senators and Representatives, I am Jacqueline McKnight, Chief of the Licensing, Certification, and Construction Bureau.

The Bureau is responsible for monitoring the operation, maintenance, design and construction of various health care facilities and services--hospitals, long-term care facilities (i.e., skilled nursing, intermediate and personal care homes), home health agencies, hospices, laboratories, out-patient physical or speech therapists, PT and OT in independent practice, renal dialysis units, ambulatory surgical centers, swing beds, mental health and retardation facilities, and chemical dependency treatment centers.

The Bureau has legal authority to issue licenses, grant Medicaid certification, Medicaid/Medicare recertifications and recommend new providers of Medicare for certification for facilities and services that meet the regulations. It has the legal responsibility to promulgate and revise licensing regulations, to investigate and act upon citizen complaints, and to revoke the license or certification of any facility or service which falls below minimum standards and jeopardizes the health or safety of the patients or clients.

The Bureau now enters survey and certification data directly into the HCFA computer in Baltimore. The Bureau also has the responsibility of notifying fiscal intermediaries of certifications, changes or other actions as well as the providers by letter.

The Bureau reviews plans for and construction of health facilities for fire safety and minimum construction requirements.

New challenges and responsibilities facing the Bureau now and through the next biennium is the implementation of the appropriate provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987.

1. Physician office laboratories providing care to Medicare/Medicaid patients who do 5000 laboratory procedures per annum must be surveyed and certified as Independent Laboratories by January 1990.
2. Nursing Home Reform mandates nurse aide training, competency/evaluation program, a nurse aide registry with abuse, neglect and exploitation information.
3. Home Health Toll Free Hotline and Investigation Unit-eff. 1-1-90.
4. Education component for surveyors for uniformity in surveying, for Nursing Home staff on regulations and for residents on rights and treatment requirements.

The overall goal of the Bureau is to insure the appropriate quantity and quality of care provided, and, in the case of inpatient facilities, a safe and sanitary environment.

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