

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on January 10,  
1997, at 8 a.m., in room 108

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Joanne Chance, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Ellen Garrity, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:  
Executive Action:

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman Swysgood

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Comments: Vice Chairman Swysgood explained that there is \$64 million difference between the executive budget and LFD. It is agreed that the governor's budget will be reduced by \$32 million and the legislative budget by the same amount. Seven million dollars will be taken from the Department of Public Health and Human Services. The 3% vacancy savings will go to the ending fund balance.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION

BUDGET ITEM: Department of Public Health and Human Services:  
Director's Office Budget

Tape 1; Side A; 35.7

Motion/Vote: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to accept the FY 1996 base budget as a starting point for all Department of DPHHS divisions' budgets. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to accept the statewide personal services, present law adjustment, item 01. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept the inflation/deflation, statewide present law adjustment, item 02. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept statewide fixed costs, present law adjustment, item 03. The motion passed.

Motion: Chairman Kasten moved to take out the \$82,068 for public relations in coordinating boards and councils.

Tape 1, Side A, 39.9

Vote: The motion passed 5-1.

Tape 1, Side B, 2.0

Motion: Chairman Kasten moved that TDD increase be deleted because long distance range should be going down because of deregulation.

Tape 1, Side B, 6.0

Vote: The motion failed 5-1.

Tape 1, Side B, 7.9

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.5; Comments: Discussion on contracted services with University of Montana.}*

Motion/Vote: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to reduce the amount of money in the University of Montana contract to \$115,000 biennially. The funds can be used in either year of the biennium. The motion passed.

Tape 1, Side B, 20.8

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept contracted services as amended. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept reorganization reductions, present law adjustment, item 05. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to accept "Other Base Adjustments". The motion failed 3-3.

Tape 1, Side B, 33.8

EXECUTIVE BUDGET: NEW PROPOSALS, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept NEW executive proposal #1 for legal staff. The motion failed 2-4.

Tape 2, Side A, 10.5

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to approve the legal staff line item and add an FTE for the legal staff. The motion failed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to accept the executive proposal and that the FTE in question be a modified FTE. The motion passed 4-2.

Tape 2, Side A, 14.5

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE DIVISION

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept the statewide personal services present law adjustments.

Tape 2, Side A, 19.6

Substitute Motion: Vice Chairman Swysgood made a substitute motion to accept the statewide personal services present law adjustment less the transferred FTEs identified in the LFD issue. The substitute motion passed.

Motion: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to add the two FTEs and funding to the present law personal services budget as identified in the LFD issue. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side A, 22.2

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept adjustment 02 inflation/deflation of the statewide present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side A, 23.9

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 03, fixed costs statewide present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 04, Lien and Estate Collections present law adjustment. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side A, 31.9

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 06, operational costs reductions, present law adjustment. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side A, 36.0

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept "Other Base Adjustments". The motion passed.

#### OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 01, statewide personal services present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side A, 41.9

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 02, inflation/deflation statewide present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side B, .9

Motion: Chairman Kasten moved to accept item 03, fixed costs statewide present law adjustments. The motion passed 5-1.

Tape 2, Side B, 2.4

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 04, SEARCHS facilities maintenance contract present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Tape 2, Side B, 3.2

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 05, CAPS ISD computer processing, minus \$100,000 each year for juvenile corrections, and inform the corrections committee of this action. The motion passed 4-2.

TAPE 2, Side B, 28.6

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 06, SEARCHS ISD computer processing, present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Motion: Sen. Waterman moved to accept item 07, TEAMS ISD computer processing, present law adjustment. The motion failed.

Tape 2, Side B, 40.9

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 09, laboratory equipment, present law adjustment. The motion passed 5-1.

TAPE 3, Side A, 1.6

Motion: Vice Chairman Swysgood moved to accept item 12 (TEAMS Administrative Adjustments), item 13 (MMIS Administrative Adjustments), item 14 (CAPS Administrative Adjustments), item 15 (Vital Statistics Administrative Adjustments), and item 16 (Laboratory Janitorial Services), all present law adjustments. The motion passed.

Tape 3, Side A, 3.7

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept "Other Base Adjustments". The motion passed.

Tape 3, Side A, 5.7

#### EXECUTIVE BUDGET NEW PROPOSALS, OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 01, Laboratory Scientist, with the money for the FTE restricted. The motion passed 4-2.

Tape 3, Side A, 14.3

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: noon

  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman

  
Ellen Garrity, Secretary

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