

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

**Call to Order:** By Betty Lou Kasten, on January 21, 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)

**Staff Present:** Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Ellen Garritty, Committee Secretary

#### CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

##### SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Pam Joehler, LFD

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: Staff explained Exhibit #1, Big Picture Comparison of Original Executive Budget and Revised Request of 1/17/97, Child and Family Services Division.}*

Chairman Kasten

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: Chairman explained how voting will proceed today.}*

Rep. Barnhart

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: asked about child care budget.}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Motion:** Sen. Swysgood moved to approve maintenance of effort (MOE) at 80%.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.6.}*

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2; Comments: Sen. Waterman spoke against the motion.}*

Vote: Sen. Swysgood's motion failed 3-3.

Statewide Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 4, Welfare Reform Support Services. The motion passed 5-1.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.2.}*

Motion/Vote: Chairman Kasten moved to accept item 5, AFDC/TANF Caseload Adjustment, reduction. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to approve item 6, Child Care Block Grant Increase. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.1.}*

Motion/Vote: Sen. Swysgood moved to accept item 7, Reduction in Federal Jobs Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.4.}*

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: Child and Family Services staff discussed item 10, Foster Care Caseload.}*

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept item 10, Foster Care Caseload increase. The motion failed 4-2.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to reconsider previous action on item 11, Family Preservation Program. The motion passed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 11, Family Preservation Program. The motion passed 4-2.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}*

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to fund Big Brothers and Sisters at \$250,000 per year. The motion failed 3-3.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.0.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to Fund Big Brothers and Sisters \$200,000 per year. The motion failed 3-3.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.7.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to reconsider previous action on "Other Base Adjustments". The motion failed 3-2.

New Proposals

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 15, State Food Bank Network. The motion failed 3-2.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to appropriate \$1 million each year for Item 16, Family Preservation Services, as a line item. The motion failed 3-2.

*{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 16, Family Preservation Services, as written. The motion failed 3-2.

*{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.7.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to appropriate \$200,000 each year of the biennium for item 16. The motion failed 3-2.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to approve item 17, FAIM Child Care Support.

*{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.2; Comments: members discussed this item with the Department.}*

Vote: Rep. Cobb's motion to accept item 17 passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept item 18, Foster Care Provider Rate Increase. The motion failed 4-1.

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.9.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 19, Day Care Provider Rate Increase, with the language that there can be no across the board increases. The motion passed 4-2.

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}*

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 20, Permanency Planning Staff.

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: members discussed this item with the Department.}*

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: Sen. Swysgood asked for a copy of the Kellogg report showing what has been accomplished.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb amended his motion to read: accept item 20, Permanency Planning Staff, and that this item not be in the base. The motion passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to approve item 21, Contract Monitoring Staff. The motion failed 3-3.

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.1.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to approve item 22, Day Care Licensing Staff. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion: Sen. Swysgood moved to fund 3 day care licensing staff each year of the biennium.

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: Sen. Swysgood spoke to the motion.}*

**Vote:** Sen. Swysgood's motion to fund 3 day care licensing staff each year of the biennium passed 4-2.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to approve item 23, equipment, to correspond with the number of staff approved by the subcommittee. The motion passed 4-2.

1/17/97 Executive-Proposed Revisions

**{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: discussion of 80% MOE option.}**

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept item 25, TANF SSI Changes. The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to approve item 26, Revised Foster Care Caseload. The motion failed 3-3.

**{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.6.}**

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barnhart moved to accept item 28, Base Funding Adjustment. The motion failed 4-2.

**Motion:** Sen. Swysgood moved to appropriate a block grant to administer TANF funds as required by federal law for:

- item 30, Employment and Training Funds,
- item 31, Comm Services Work Site Development,
- item 32, Support Services,
- item 33, Work Participation Tracking System,
- item 34, Tribal Assistance, and
- item 35, Second Chance Home-Teens.

Those monies that are not expended go into a reserve account. And the Department shall come back next session with a tracking record of this program area.

**{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}**

**Vote:** Sen. Swysgood's motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Barnhart

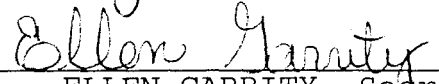
**{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.8; Comments: asked that job coaching be part of Employment and Training.}**

**{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: discussion of action taken today.}**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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