

**MINUTES**

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

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on January 29, 1997, at 8:10  
A.M., in Room 405.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gary Feland, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)  
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Chance, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
INDUSTRY  
1/29/97; 1/27/97

-JOB SERVICE

-LEGAL CENTRALIZED SERVICES  
DIVISION

Executive Action: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
INDUSTRY

-JOB SERVICE

-UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
DIVISION

Wendy Keating, Administrator, Job Service Division  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.5; Comments:  
Presentation on budget with visuals.}

EXHIBIT 1

## COMMITTEE questions

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: Ms. Keating answered questions on Federal Job Training Funds, and the impact of removing General Funds.}*

Sue Mohr, Administrator, Montana Job Training Participant

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.9; Comments: Clarified question on funds designated for the AFL/CIO and the MJTP.}*

EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3

Brian McCullogh, Department of Labor and Industry

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.0; Comments: Explained where excess funds are routed.}*

## COMMITTEE questions

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.4-23; Comments: Several questions asked on state special revenue, computer request and the Employment Security Account.}*

EXHIBIT 4

Mary Blake, Director, Montana Office of Community Service

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.4; Comments: Clarification on grants and requested funds.}*

EXHIBIT 5

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON JOB SERVICE DIVISIONBASE BUDGET

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved the 1996 base, with the addition of \$26,828 of Federal Funds.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.0; Comments: None.}*

Discussion

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved the 1996 base, with the addition of \$26,828 in Federal Funds, and to reduce the requested FY 98 and FY 99 General Fund appropriation by \$100,000 each year. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.0; Comments: None.}*

PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION: REP. VICK moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 1-14, and Other Base Adjustments.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 41.2; Comments: None.}*

Discussion

VOTE: Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to allow the Office of Community Service to be a biannual appropriation. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 44.2; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to give the Office of Community Service \$25,000 each year of the biennium from the General Fund. Motion **FAILED** 3-3, with SEN. MOHL, SEN. CHRISTIAENS, and REP. MENAHAN voting yes.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.8; Comments: None.}

NEW PROPOSALS

Mr. McCulloch  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: Mr. McCulloch explained about the vehicle lease request. Discussion followed.}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. TAYLOR moved to accept New Proposals. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: None.}

Bob Rafferty, Department of Labor and Industry  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.8; Comments: Explained about the Montana Career Information System, and request.}  
EXHIBIT 6

COMMITTEE questions

EXHIBIT 7

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. TAYLOR moved to accept the proposal, and include language that rate increases are not to exceed \$ 1500. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION

Dennis Zeiler, Administrator, UID  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Explanation of equipment requests.}

EXHIBIT 8

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0-End side A; Comments: Questions asked on equipment, technology bond, and Year 2000 compliance.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: Committee questions continued on FTE.}

BASE BUDGET

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved the 1996 base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.8; Comments: None.}

APPROPRIATION: GENERAL FUND

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to approve \$ 43,484 as a one time only biannual General Fund appropriation, under conditions that it does not become part of the base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.3; Comments: None.}

PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to approve Present Law Adjustments, Items # 1-8. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

NEW PROPOSALS

MOTION: SEN. TAYLOR moved to accept New Proposals.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: Discussion followed.}

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2, with REP. FELAND and REP. VICK voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.4; Comments: None.}

Mr. McCulloch

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.6; Comments: Described updating database (BeAR system).}

EXHIBIT 9

HEARING ON LEGAL CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION

David Scott, Administrator, Legal Centralized Services Division

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.5; Comments:  
Presentation of division.}*

EXHIBIT 10

COMMITTEE questions

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.0-End side B; Comments:  
Mr. Scott answered questions on personnel services increases and  
general funding.}*

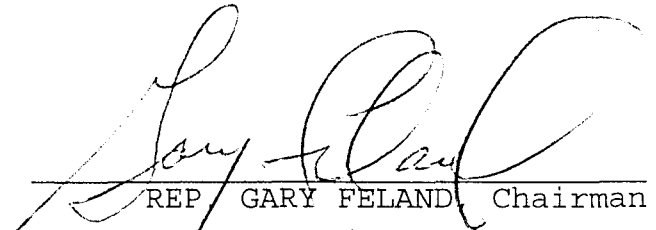
*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0-16; Comments:  
Questions continued on budget increases.}*


EXHIBIT 11

EXHIBIT 12

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:42 A.M.

  
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REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman

  
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HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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