

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on February 5, 1997, at 8:08 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)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. William "Red" Menahan

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2/5/97; 1/30/97

-COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIVISION

SWAN RIVER CORRECTIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Mike Ferriter, Administrator, Community Corrections Division
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.9; Comments:
Introduction.}

Dan Maloughney, Swan River Correctional Training Center
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments:
Presentation.}

EXHIBIT 1

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.6; Comments: Mr. Maloughney answered questions on the site transfer regarding to staff, training, and offender population increase.}

MONTANA YOUTH ALTERNATIVES PROJECT

Mr. Ferriter

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.0; Comments: Introduction.}

Jim Bauch, Superintendent of the Orientation Program, MYA

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.2; Comments: Presentation and budget request.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: Mr. Bauch continued.}

REP. VICK

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: Mr. Bauch answered questions on the source of the Conservation Corp's funding, and its volunteers.}

John Recore, Administrator, Aspen Youth Alternative

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

Lee Gault, Boulder Regional Site Supervisor, Conservation Corps

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: Presentation of program and phases.}

PUBLIC TESTIMONY - YOUTH ALTERNATIVES PROJECT

Fred Hall, Father of Aspen Youth Alternatives Graduate

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.4; Comments: Testimony: Proponent.}

Miles Hall, Graduate, Aspen Youth Alternatives

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.8; Comments: Testimony: Proponent.}

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.5; Comments: Several questions asked of Mr. Bauch on daily costs and reimbursement.}

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director, Conservation Corps

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Answered questions from SEN. TAYLOR and MOHL on other funding sources, building ownership, staff and success compared to programs in other states.}

Fred Hall

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: Additional comments in support of Aspen's program.}

Mr. Ferriter

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.5; Comments: Overview of previously asked questions.}

EXHIBIT 2

TRANSITION CENTERS

Mr. Bauch, Secure Care, Juvenile Females

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.9; Comments: Presentation of proposal.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: Asked questions of Mr. Bauch on future population growth in transitional centers, and discussion of Medicaid reimbursement.}

Mr. Ferriter

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: Answered committee questions on Medicaid possibilities for transitional centers, offenders cost per day, and education to be provided.}

JUVENILE PLACEMENT UNIT

Teri Young, Placement Unit Manager, Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Division

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.2; Comments: Presentation.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.2; Comments: Ms. Young continued.}

EXHIBIT 3

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: Ms. Young answered questions on AWARE.}

Joe Williams, Fiscal Bureau Chief, Administrative Services Division, Department of Corrections

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.8; Comments: Answered SEN. CHRISTIAENS question on Medicaid funding and judicial status of offenders in program.}

Mr. Ferriter

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: Answered SEN. CHRISTIAENS question of possibility of parental support.}

Ms. Young

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: Answered
REP. FELAND'S question on variance in youth home rates.}

Gwen Massey, Deputy Youth Probation Officer, Gallatin County

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments:
Presentation.}

EXHIBIT 4

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.3; Comments: Ms. Massey
answered questions on opening of secure care facility, community
services for sex offenders and difference in costs between
facilities.}

Candy Wimmer, MBCC

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.2; Comments: Responded
to questions on treatment for sex offenders, family services, and
effect of SB 37.}

Mr. Bauch

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.3; Comments: Responded
to questions on changes to Aspen program, future youth facilities
and long range plans.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Mr. Bauch
continued.}

PUBLIC TESTIMONY - JUVENILE PLACEMENT UNIT

Craig Anderson, Chief Probation Officer, Seventh Judicial
District

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: Testimony:
Proponent.}

Ted Huber, Executive Director, Bozeman Shelter Care

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: Testimony:
Proponent.}

EXHIBITS 5, 6

COMMITTEE questions

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.2 - 30.0; Comments: Mr.
Huber answered questions on budget requests, shelter rates and
expenses vs. care days.}

Bob Cooper, Director, Montana Youth Homes, Helena

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: Testimony,
Proponent.}

Toni Jensen, Montana Association of Homes and Services For
Children

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.0; Comments: Testimony,
Proponent.}

EXHIBIT 7

Sheryl Hoffarth, Community Corrections Unit Manager

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.4; Comments: Testimony,
Proponent.}

Teri Young, Director, Youth Evaluation Program, Great Falls

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: Testimony,
Proponent.}

Tom Pinsonnault, Probation/Parole Officer, Missoula

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: Testimony,
Proponent.}

SEN. TAYLOR

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: Asked Ms.
Hoffarth about nonprofit transition centers in Montana.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:02 P.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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This meeting was recorded on three 90 minute audio-cassette tapes.