

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on February 6, 1997, at 8:07 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: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2/6/97; 1/30/97

-COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

-SECURE FACILITIES

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: JUVENILE PLACEMENT

Toni Jensen, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Montana
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: Proponent
and funding request for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.}

Doug Brown, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Montana
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.9; Comments: Testimony:
Proponent.}

EXHIBIT 1

SEN. CHRISTIAENS and REP. FELAND asked Mr. Brown questions on the possibility of working with problem children in the program, and where the program's unappropriated funding source is.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5-18.5;.}

Jim Smith, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Montana

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: Testimony, Proponent.}

Joe Williams, Fiscal Bureau Chief, Department of Corrections

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.3; Comments: Discussion of requests including: equipment, leased vehicles, and several adjustments.}

REP. VICK, SEN. MOHL and REP. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Williams questions on the leased vehicles and equipment transfer to the new boot camp facility.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.2-43.5;.}

Mike Ferriter, Administrator, Community Corrections Division

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: Clarifications of presentation and conclusion.}

EXHIBITS 2-4

The COMMITTEE asked several questions of Mr. Ferriter on buildings for secure females, utilizing lesser cost facilities, present adjudication system, and funding sources for juveniles.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.8-39.0;.}

Teri Young, Placement Unit Manager, Community Corrections Division.

Ms. Young answered several questions from the committee, paraphrased as follows below:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.5-end side B;.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS: Youth placement in statute, prerelease expansion and education for secure females.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0;.}

REP. VICK: Additional offender space funding, facility use by which department, and fourth DUI offenders in ISP.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.6-15.0;.}

The COMMITTEE asked several questions of Mr. Ferriter on enhanced DUI treatment in prisons, proposing treatment before DUI violators are incarcerated, increasing offender populations outside of prisons, and linking prerelease funding with sex offenders.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0-42.0;.}

Mr. Williams

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.1; Comments: D.O.C. requests.}

EXHIBIT 5

HEARING ON SECURE FACILITIES

PINE HILLS

Steve Gibson, Superintendent, Pine Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: Presentation followed by questions.}

EXHIBITS 6, 7

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Gibson about funding sources and the possibility of Medicaid assistance.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.6;.}

REP. FELAND asked about costs to implement sex offender program and if it would entail hiring/training new employees.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.1;.}

The COMMITTEE asked questions on the proposed building cost and timelines, religious instruction, federal grants for this instruction, and additional discussion on building cost.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.4-30.4;.}

Mack Cole, Senator

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.3; Comments: Submitted written testimony as read by SEN. MOHL.}

EXHIBIT 8

Mr. Williams

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.8; Comments: Explained issues and questions asked in this department.}

SEN. TAYLOR asked about present costs vs. costs in proposed facility, and offender drug testing.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.4;.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked about juvenile medical plans and parental involvement for health care.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.6;.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS continued questioning with: tying health care and parental involvement, education funding source and ACA accreditation.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0;.}

REP. VICK asked about drug testing.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7;.}

Rick Day, Director, Department of Corrections

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: Submitted Inmate Housing Agreement Audit Report for the Dickens County facility in Texas.}


EXHIBIT 9

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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