

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on February 7, 1997, at 8:32 AM, in room 312-1 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: Reallocation of Community
College Funds Executive
Action.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDS EXECUTIVE ACTION

SEN. GREG JERGESON presented his state aid distribution plan. He stated that this redistribution plan does not effect the amount already appropriated to the Community Colleges, but allocates 70% of funding on student FTE basis and 30% of funding on an "as needed" basis.

EXHIBIT 1 (**SEN. JERGESON**)

Motion: **SEN. JERGESON** MOVED TO APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, BASED ON 70% OF APPROPRIATED AMOUNT AS DIRECT STATE AID ON A PER PUPIL BASIS AND 30% OF AMOUNT ON A TAX

WEALTH MUTUAL BASIS ADJUSTED FOR MILL VALUE ON A PER STUDENT FTE BASIS, AS PRESENTED ON EXHIBIT 1.

Amendment to the motion: SEN. DARYL TOEWS MOVED TO AMENDED THE MOTION: WITH "IF THE MILLAGE IS GREATER THAN 35 FOR EITHER DAWSON OR MILES, THEN THE FORMULA (FOR STATE FUNDING) WILL REVERT BACK TO THE 51%" RULE.

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Discussion on the motion. President of Dawson Community College, Mr. Don Kettner and Mr. Jack Burcham of Flathead Community College commented on the motion. Ms. Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, and Mr. Curtis Nichols, Office of Budget Program Planning, offered comments as well.

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Vote: THE MOTION TO AMEND SEN. JERGESON'S MOTION PASSED, 4-2, with REP. RAY PECK AND CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON VOTING AGAINST THE MEASURE.

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Motion: SEN. JERGESON OFFERED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION (WITH THE AMENDMENT BY SEN. TOEWS).

Discussion on the motion.

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Vote: THE MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED, 5-1.

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 OF GENERAL FUND IN FY 1998, AND 200,000 OF GENERAL FUND IN FY 1999 FOR THE RURAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM (ON PAGE E-137).

Discussion on the motion.

SEN TOEWS stated that these funds should be line-itemed for the rural residency program. Mr. Robert Specter, Montana State University, addressed the issue of finding the difference between 500,000 funding and the 750,000 required for minimum operating expenses (for the program) out of the University System (specifically, Montana State University) operating expenses.

SEN. TOEWS referred to table 1 on page E-133 as further options for funding any additional money required by the rural residency program.

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Commissioner Dick Crofts and Montana State University (MSU) President Michael Malone addressed the issue as well. Further discussion on the motion by members of the committee.

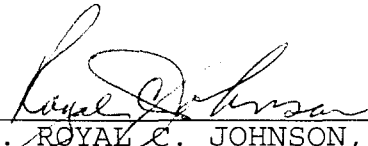
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Vote: THE MOTION PASSED, 5-1.


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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on one (1) 90 minute tape.