

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE 126
FIFTY FOURTH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman Glaser at 2:10 PM, March 15, 1967 in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Glaser, Jacobsen, Mello, Harris, Roy Young, Ashworth, Howard, Bowler.

ABSENT: Tyson

SPEAKERS: Mr. Bruce, Mr. Howard Barrett, Mr. Jim Roberts

Each member of the committee received from Mr. Bruce copies of letters dated March 9, 1967 pertaining to Aid to Dependent Children and Foster Care programs, Staffing Recommendations to quality for federal aid, a copy of a letter dated March 10, 1967 regarding Mentally Retarded Cottages, and one dated March 15, 1967 regarding additional welfare positions. (Attach to and make part of the minutes.)

SB 388 Makes supplemental appropriation for welfare division for old-age assistance and medical assistance for the aged; authorizes, transfers of portion of money previously appropriated for certain types of public assistance for old age assistance and medical assistance for the aged.

Mr. Glaser stated this was virtually the same bill as AB 400 in the Assembly on the Board. Recommended that AB 400 be pulled off the Board and they wait for SB 388 to come to the Assembly for replacement. The Committee agreed that this be done.

Mr. Glaser called for Review of the Welfare Budget starting with Page 238 of the Budget Book.

Page 238 Child Welfare Services

Discussion by the Committee as to whether to add additional case workers to qualify for federal aid. Review of the letter dated March 15, 1967.

Mr. Young moved to accept the additional welfare positions.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Mello moved the budget be adopted with the amendment
Mr. Bowler Seconded
Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Glaser asked Mr. Mello, chairman of the subcommittee for the Department of Health and Welfare for his committees recommendations for budgets in that department.

Page 259 Nevada State Children's Home

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Ashworth Seconded
Motion carried unanimously

Page 264 Nevada Youth Training Center

Discussion on this budget as to the need for two additional instructors. Felt there was justification for at least 2 vocational instructors.

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Nevada Youth Training Center cont'd.

Mr. Young made a motion that the two vocational instructors be added.
Mr. Mello Seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Young recommended that somewhere in the budget \$2000.00 be allocated for the center's share of the cost for television.

Mr. Bowler asked Mr. Barrett where this could be put.

Mr. Barrett stated it could be put in as operating - a new line item.

Mr. Glaser stated this would be a "one shot" expenditure.

Mr. Young moved the allocation be made.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Young moved that the budget as amended be adopted.
Mr. Mello seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 267 Nevada Girls Training Center

Mr. Mello said the subcommittees recommendation had been to go along with the Governor's recommendation but since the resignation of the Superintendent of the Center, and various other happenings they felt they should wait.

Mr. Bowler recommended that this be deferred.

Page 240 U. S. Indian Services

Mr. Mello moved the Governor's recommendations be adopted
Mr. Young seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 241 Work Training Programs Title V

Mr. Ashworth stated he felt the committee should be enlightened about the programs. A more detailed budget should be presented.

Mr. Bowler recommended that this budget be deferred until some figures can be brought up.

Mr. Mello moved this be held
Mr. Howard seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 255 Public Assistance and Child Welfare Administration

Mr. Glaser moved that the budget be adopted
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 262 Nevada State Children's Home (Proposed Las Vegas Facility)

Mr. Bowler moved that this budget be held open until the Capital building program is approved.

Mr. Harris seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Review of the Mental Health Budgets starting on Page 167 on the budget book.

Page 167 Office of the Director

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Passed unanimously

Page 169 Office of the Director of Economic Opportunity

Mr. Mello stated it was the feeling of the subcommittee that this should be a committee decision.

Mr. Roberts stated that the committee should be working from the revised budget. Mr. Roberts explained the revised budget of Mr. Clyde Matthews (which each committee member had in their budget books).

Mr. Glaser recommended that the revised budget be adopted.

Mr. Harris moved a DO PASS
Mr. Howard seconded
Motion passes unanimously

Page 173 Preventive Medical Services.

Mr. Mello stated it was the subcommittees recommendation that this budget be amended to allow for a Mobil Health Coordinator.

Mr. Mello moved that the amendment be adopted
Mr. Harris seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Mello moved that the budget as amended be adopted
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 176 Health Division - Environmental Health

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted
Mr. Harris seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 180-181 Crippled Children's Services and Maternal and Child Health

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendation be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 182 Dental Health

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Howard seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 184 Vital Statistics

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 186 Bureau of Health Facilities

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Jacobsen seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 189 Special Children's Clinic (In Washoe and Clark Counties)

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 191 Venereal Disease Control

Mr. Mello moved that this budget be approved.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 192 TB Mobile Unit

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 193 TB follow up

Mr. Young moved that the budget be adopted.
Mr. Mello seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Page 195 TB Care

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendation be adopted.
Mr. Bowler seconded

The committee discussed this regarding the supplemental amount of \$60,000.00 requested by Dr. Ravenholt.

Mr. Roberts stated that the reversions back each year are more than the monies allocated.

Mr. Howard stated the doctors charges for treatment are \$15.00 per hour or \$50.00 per half day.

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Mr. Harris questioned the \$10,000.00 (on page 196) that was requested as against the \$2000.00 recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Bowler clarified Mr. Harris' question.

Motion passed unanimously.

Page 197 Armed Forces Medical Rejectees Follow-Up program

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 198 Chronic Illness

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Bowler seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 200 Home Health Services Program

Mr. Roberts explained the difference between this program and the Homemaker Services program. This has actually been taken care of under the Homemaker Services program at a reduced cost.

The Governor did not make a recommendation.

Mr. Ashworth moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Harris seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 202 Mental Hygiene Division

Mr. Mello stated it was the subcommittees recommendation that the \$7000.00 amount be amended to \$9000.00 in both years.

Mr. Mello moved that the budget be amended to \$9000.00.

Mr. Young seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations and the budget as amended be adopted.

Mr. Bowler seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 205 Bureau of Mental Retardation

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 207 Mental Retard Cottage

Mr. Young moved that this budget be held.

Mr. Bowler seconded

Motion passed unanimously

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Page 210 Nevada State Hospital

Mr. Mello stated it was the subcommittee's recommendation that the Governor's budget be adopted.

Mr. Bruce asked about the Increase in Community Contact with In-State Travel.

Mr. Roberts stated that this had been taken care of by increasing the Mental Hygiene budget to \$9000.00.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Governor's Recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Ashworth seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 220 In Service Training (Mentally Retarded)

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 222 In Service Education

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Bowler seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 224 Intensive Treatment and Follow Up Program

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Young seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 226 Alcoholism Division

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations be adopted.

Mr. Bowler seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 228 Services to the Blind

Mr. Mello stated that an amendment should be made allocating \$185.00 for the Executive desk rather than the \$370.00 as requested.

Mr. Mello moved that \$185.00 be allocated instead of the \$370.00 as requested.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Mello moved that the Governor's recommendations with the amendment be adopted.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Page 234 Old Age Assistance and Medical Assistance to the Aged

Page 234 cont'd:

It was recommended that this be held for Title 19.

Page 235 Aid to the Blind

It was recommended that this and the other blind bills be held for Title 19.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M. until 7:00 PM. for a meeting with the Taxation Committee.



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PAUL LAXALT
Governor 133

BUDGET DIVISION PERSONNEL DIVISION PURCHASING DIVISION DATA PROCESSING DIVISION BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

March 9, 1967

Senator Floyd Lamb, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Floyd:

At the time the Budget was prepared, it was the belief of this office that the staffing recommendations met the federal requirements necessary to qualify for maximum federal contributions to our Welfare program. Subsequent discussions with the Welfare Division and federal administrators in San Francisco and Washington make it reasonably clear that the following additional positions are necessary to so qualify:

5 Social Work Supervisors

Federal regulations require a ratio of one supervisor for every five caseworkers. The original budget recommendations provided for such a ratio but on an average. It seemed reasonable that, in some cases, six or seven experienced caseworkers could be supervised by one supervisor. In other areas or work circumstances, one supervisor for four or even three workers might be reasonable. Meeting an average would allow some desired flexibility.

The federal government has taken a different position. It says that no supervisor can have more than five subordinate caseworkers. Since Nevada has eleven district offices with less than five workers, the rural districts have six supervisors for fourteen caseworkers. Just slightly above a two to one ratio. To maintain the one to five ratio in the Reno and Las Vegas area, three additional Social Work Supervisors are necessary.

In the original recommendation, two of the nineteen Social Work Supervisor positions were Social Work Supervisor III positions. These two positions do not supervise caseworkers. Therefore, to maintain the ratio of supervision, two more Social Work Supervisors are needed. The total additionally needed is five.

2 Social Service Specialists

In the original recommendation, two positions were deleted from this category. One was designated to carry out liaison with the State Hospital. Since the State Hospital has its own social work staff this seemed unnecessary. It still does. However, in order to earn approximately \$130,000 in Federal funds for the Hospital's contribution to the Medical Assistance to the Aged program, there must be this social service specialist. The second position is

a requirement to receive child welfare services funds from the federal government.

1 Staff Development Specialist

In order to qualify for 75% matching, the state must show improved quality of service. A staff development specialist can help in this regard. The federal minimum is "a full-time State training director and a full-time training director for each local agency having a substantial number of public assistance staff." Since Nevada has only two offices with more than five caseworkers, the Federal Government will apparently be satisfied with two training officers. With less than 100 caseworkers in the state, this office believed, and continues to believe, that one full-time training officer would be enough, but apparently the Federal Government is not willing to accept this.

1 Chief of Aging

This position is necessary to implement the Older Americans Act. This will mean some \$64,000 in Federal Funds for the State to carry out programs by community groups for the older people in our society. This position was initially not recommended in the belief that the need could be met by the existing position of Chief, Aged and Blind. This is apparently not possible because the Older American Act is financed through a different federal bureau and they want a person hired to specialize in working with programs for the aged.


The changes necessary in the printed budget to fund these additional positions are as follows:

<u>Page 255</u>	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
Social Service Specialist (2)	\$18,000	\$18,912
Social Work Supervisor	8,160	8,568
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Chief Welfare Services Aging	9,936	10,440
Staff Development Specialist	9,000	9,456
Social Work Supervisor (4)	29,664	31,104
Total	<u>\$74,760</u>	<u>\$78,480</u>

75% Fed match
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It should be pointed out that negotiations are still being carried out concerning the rigidity of federal standards.

Sincerely,


HOWARD E. BARRETT
Director of Administration