

AssemblyHEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTESMARCH 28, 1973MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, WITTENBERG, McNEEL, GETTO, FRY,
HICKEY AND CRADDOCKMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: Lloyd Phillips, EOB Washoe
 Lamar McDaniel, EOB Clark County
 Claude G. Perkins, EOB Clark County
 Dorothy Pool, CCWRO
 Sister Carole Hurray, Franciscan Center
 May A. Miller
 Ollie K. Rodgers, EOB Representative
 Pat Palmer, EOB, Washoe Univ. of Nev.
 Mineva Dunn, Reno Sparks Negro BPW
 Luevene Litzsey, Reno Beautician
 Elnora Fitch, " "
 David Hoggard, EOB Clark County
 J. Baker, State OEO
 Donna Carrington, EOB Clark County
 Charlotte Hill, EOB Clark County
 Nancy Gomes, Welfare Rights
 Assembly Speaker Keith Ashworth

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing AB 741.

Mr. Frank Matthews, Director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity, was the first speaker in support of AB 741. This program offers an alternative to welfare by taking the poor, counseling and training them to fit into jobs, and thus decreases the welfare role. This bill does what the taxpayers have been asking for a long time. The States are going to have to absorb more costs due to President Nixon's cutting off Federal programs and AB 741 will alleviate some of the problems they foresee.

David Hoggard, Executive Director of OEO in Clark County, appeared to answer Mr. Getto's question as to why they have an alcoholism division or program when the State has one. Mr. Hoggard stated they receive Federal funding for various programs when other agencies are not eligible, and delegate the authority to carry out the programs to other agencies.

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Mr. McNeel asked how many components were under Mr. Hoggard in Clark County. His answer was "13". He further explained that components were programs - such as Alcoholism, Concentrated Employment, Community Organization, etc. , and described some of these. He said they received some versatile money which the Board decides how to spend, and the rest of the money was categorized and had to be spent for certain programs. They have about 135 employees in all their programs at the present time. The money they are requesting in this bill would not be set aside for Economic Opportunity Board - any non-profit organization interested in related problems could apply for funds.

All the Federal funds have not been cut off as yet. They have been notified that NYC-2 program, which has to do with drop-out students, will be terminated as of April 30, 1973, and in addition the Youth program under Community Organization is to go out June 30th, although they are dickering for an extension. They are looking forward to revenue-sharing becoming a reality and would be completely funded.

Claude Perkins, Chairman of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, stated that the Board administered 13 programs covering people from pre-school age to senior citizens. They are sanctioned by the County Commissioners and the people of Clark County to take care of poor persons who are usually missed by the other agencies in order to make them job-worthy and increase their chances to participate in the system. The Board consists of 33 people - it involves business, public agencies and also poor. They volunteer their time and services. They are looking forward to the passage of AB 741, as this is the type of legislation the poor people need.

Mr. Perkins described the various services they performed, and expressed their concern about senior citizens, young people and others that would be affected if these services were not available. They would like the people of the State of Nevada to commit themselves to help in all these problems.

Mr. McNeel asked if they had any results of job placements with them or names of people he could call to see how they felt about the program. Mr. Hoggard said he had none with him, but he could call Mr. McNeel back when he returned to his office and supply him with such information. There was then a general discussion on how they trained people for job placement. In answer to a question by Mr. McNeel, they stated they would continue to function if the bill did not pass.

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Mrs. Charlotte Hill, Chairman of the Planning Commission of EOB, stated she had watched the program grow into one that has been well planned and developed. However, they are often frustrated by limitations and guide lines forced upon them by Federal funding, and they cannot spend the money on the priorities they feel are important. The people need the passage of AB 741. She is particularly concerned with youth program and what would happen if it were not available. The youths are now taught skills, able to earn money, learn what Government is about and are not forced out into the street.

According to their guide lines, they have to hire certain supervisory help before they can obtain money for many of these programs. The senior citizen program is not a duplication, but a supplemental one. This is also true of family planning.

If Federal funding ceases, they must look to local Governments - City, County and State, to help continue these very worthwhile programs.

Mr. Fry questioned why Inter Tribal Council was not mentioned in the legislation. Mr. Matthews said he had asked a representative to appear this morning, and he presumed they would be taken care of in the rural areas mentioned. Also if the funds they request are granted they would be available to any citizen or group of citizens in this State.

Donna Carrington, EOB Clark County, stated she was appearing for Henderson since that is where she lives. They have had problems with program because of their distance from Las Vegas. They finally have transportation available. 16% of Henderson would participate in these services and she would hate to see all the work that has been done go to waste. AB 741 is needed to keep it going.

Mr. Lamar McDaniel, Vice-Chairman of the EOB of Clark County, stated the program was very important as they take the total family and work with the total family. He has never received any salary for his services. Mr. Fry again questioned about duplication of efforts with other state agencies. Mr. McDaniels stated that the people they deal with are afraid to go to such state agencies. They know they will not be treated properly, or receive the services they do from EOB.

Mr. Hoggard stated there was a big difference in the Employment Security Department and the Concentrated Employment Program, even if they are both funded by the Department of Labor. Employment Security Department is "Employer oriented" while Concentrated Employment is "EMPLOYEE oriented" and they are required to service only people who are in need.

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Lloyd Phillips, EOB Washoe County, spoke very briefly in support of bill.

Mr. Hoggard then stated for those who were still present that he was not asking to set any precedent as a State making appropriations for support of this program. There are presently 11 states that have made legislative appropriations in support of community agencies. Connecticut states \$5,559,000 in support of 40 Day Care Centers through Community Action centers. The State of Washington funded 13 Community Action Agencies for \$519,000. The State of Wisconsin gives \$650,000. The State of Hawaii, 1,097,296. Also stated that their administrative costs run 8 to 10% of total cost.

The discussion turned to AB 754 and Nancy Gomes, Welfare Rights, appeared as a witness. She did not want to go into all of Mr. Dave Tomlinson's remarks of Monday, but the State of Nevada does deduct from welfare payments if children's earnings are over a certain amount. Those on welfare need every cent to help get children through school.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Wittenberg moved "do pass" on AB 754. Second by Mr. Bennett.

Yes votes: Bennett, Wittenberg, Getto, Fry, Craddock

No votes: Hickey

Motion carried

Mr. Wittenberg moved "Amend and do pass" on AB 592. Second by Mr. Hickey.

Yes votes: Bennett, Wittenberg, Hickey, Craddock.

No votes: Fry and Getto.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

ASSEMBLY

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & WELFARE

Wednesday

Date March 28, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

AB 741 Creates department of economic
 opportunity.

AJR 28 Memorializes Congress to reaffirm
 commitment to war on poverty

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

57TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 28, 1973

SUBJECT AB 754

MOTION:

Do Pass xx Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Mr. Wittenberg Seconded by Mr. Bennett

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bennett, M.	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Craddock, R.	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hickey, T.	<u> </u>	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittenberg, A.	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fry, L.	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Getto, V.	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
McNeel, R.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

TALLY:

Original Motion: Passed x Defeated Withdrawn

Amended & Passed Amended & Defeated

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Attach to Minutes March 28, 1973
(Date)

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HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE March 28, 1973

SUBJECT AB 592

MOTION:

Amend and

Do Pass x Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider --

Moved By Mr. Wittenberg Seconded by Mr. Hickey

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

AMENDMENT:

Moved By Seconded By

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Bennett, M.	X					
Craddock, R.	X					
Hickey, T.	X					
Wittenberg, A.	X					
Fry, L.		X				
Getto, V.		X				
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