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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSION

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 a.m. in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Weise and Mr. Wittenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, John Dolan, Roger Trounday, and Orville Wahrenbrock.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that based upon the rate of commitments to the Boys School and Girls School, a formula was developed to distribute these funds to the Districts. They improve treatment programs for juveniles and reduce commitments. In 1971 this program became fully funded by the Legislature and placed the responsibilities with the Director of Human Resources. The allocation of money is distributed on a population basis. In 1974, there was \$375,000 plus expended in the program. There was some start up lag that caused the under expenditure of funds. Of these monies, the greater portion was spent in case load carrying persons, some was spent for foster care and diagnostic services and a small amount for equipment and operating expense.

This money allowed a Woman Parole Officer for the first time in the rural counties and allowed the Probation Officers to do more to supervise the children. In Washoe County, the diagnostic services were extended to the rural counties. There were sixty-eight youths not committed to state schools because of the Probation Subsidy. Of the 203 children entered into the program in the four counties, seventeen are in Youth Training Schools, forty-two have been successfully terminated and the remainder are still in the program. Out of the forty-two that were terminated, only four were followed. Three of these children are clear and one has been criminally involved.

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Chairman Mello requested that the formula for the distribution to the nine Districts be explained. Mr. Wahrenbrock explained that with this change and with the authority given to them in the program and the distribution of funds, for the next biennium, they went on a population basis. There have been tremendous shifts in population within the state, so they have abandoned the old commitment rate. They have taken figures from the school enrollment from ages 8 to 18 for every school district then combined those into the counties of a Judicial District and related them to the total population of the state. One other reason for shifting was that there was no Ninth Judicial District until January 1975. They found that for this fiscal year they are going on a school enrollment figure and using the percentage of total school enrollment for counties, and are using that amount of money as it relates to the total available. \$508,000 has been asked for in this biennium and \$567,000 in the second year. The total amount of money computed on the basis of the old formula gave them a base figure. They will at some point abandon that for a base figure also, but they needed to come up with some sort of base figure of the money available. On that basis they computed the various requests as they came out of the total. They took \$508,000 and gave each Judicial District \$10,000 base figure, subtracted the \$90,000 in base dollars from the \$508,000 and then computed percentage values of the rest of it..

Since they have computed this, some Judicial Districts have taken a considerable beating. When this was computed, they called in the Chief Probation Officers from every county and discussed their actual needs as it related to this, and recognized that this first year was going to

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be a transition period for many of them. Came up with maintaining total appropriation of \$508,000 and the money will be distributed in the first year of the biennium as follows:

Judicial District I	\$24,556	Judicial District VI	\$20,000
Judicial District II	\$96,000	Judicial District VII	\$19,196
Judicial District III	\$15,000	Judicial District VIII	\$268,504
Judicial District IV	\$20,000	Judicial District IX	\$29,744
Judicial District V	\$15,000		

Met with all Judicial District personnel and agree with these figures, and in the second year the formula will hold.

Mr. Weise stated that in 1973, 181 were committed to training schools and in 1974, 203 were committed to training schools and felt the figure shows more children being committed compared to the 68 mentioned that were not committed.

Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that the 68 are new commitments that would have gone to schools without the probation subsidy.

The Boys Schools and Girls School Revenues were then explained by Mr. Wahrenbrock. There are two parts to the budget: Outside agency care and Reserve for Growth. The Boys Schools shows no reserve as their budget is at full capacity. The Outside Agency care for the Boys School is for sending them to California and they have a contract with the California Youth Authority. Presently, there are five boys, but this has gone as high as 12 - 14. These California facilities have secure facilities, and Nevada does not.

The Reserve for Growth is a tremendous amount for the Girls School as it was based upon the two new cottages requested and the staff for them. Also, money for Lyon County School District for academic programs if the cottages are built. This figure will be refined based upon the decision on the two cottages.

Chairman Mello stated that if there are now only five boys in Outside Care, why is the amount more. Mr. Wahrenbrock stated that this is an estimate amount based upon twelve boys being in California. The cost is \$1,150 for the first month and \$1,000 per boy per month thereafter. What money is not spent reverts.

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Home of the Good Shepherd was explained. The cost is \$375 per month per girl up to fifty girls. This has been increased from \$350 and the girls are court committed cases primarily out of Washoe County and Clark County. The Judge's decision to place these girls in the Home of the Good Shepherd is usually based on the probation report.

Dave Nicholas explained the Comprehensive Health Planning which has two basic facets. 1. Planning, which involves the preparation of planning, and 2. Regulatory, (a) certificate of need and (b) Section 1122 of the Social Security Act which the Federal Government participates. The letters of approval are for institutions and Homes costing over \$100,000 or for an increase of four net beds. The New Law will change this program, but not substantially. There is no substantial difference in financing for upkeep. The Planning will be changed slightly in B agencies as it will ask for the establishment of a B agency. Under 1122, the certificate of need will still exist. The Planning function is tying together local plans. \$140,000 of the \$166,000 shown in the budget is Federal money.

The Out-of-State money was for a trip to San Francisco and one to Chicago to consult with the Federal Government on the new law.

No New Positions are being requested. They had asked for six and the Governor recommended none. Mr. Nicholas stated that the results of the Comprehensive Health Planning are only as good as the data submitted, and these positions were requested for setting up a data bank. He defends the exclusion of these positions from the budget due to the fact that many agencies collect data and they are waiting to see how this data collection will be effective. He stated this is not a cancellation of positions, but only a Delay. He stated that much of the operating

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money was based on the New Positions and that they could work with the amount of money that the Governor is requesting. It will represent some cut-backs, but they can live with it.

The Planning and Regulatory functions were set up by the Federal Government and wondered if the Federal Government would back out of this program as they have in others. Mr. Nicholas stated that he had asked that question because he too had heard rumors, and was told by the Federal Government that they felt this was a good plan and it would continue.

The In-State travel expense is a considerable amount because they meet eight times per year throughout the State, and have additional meetings for putting together the plan.

The Communications expense is \$5,500 as they do a good deal of their work by phone and they also have a planning draft that they mail out twice to five-hundred people. Most of these drafts are mailed to people in Nevada - Health Agencies, anyone who has expressed an interest in the plan or someone who has had in-put at one time. Mr. Robinson requested the figure of this mail-out that is mailed to doctors. Mr. Nicholas stated that he would supply a copy of the list and would show the number of doctors it is being mailed to.

The people on the committees are on Contract in Contractural Services.

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Chairman Mello read AB 252, "Makes additional and supplemental appropriations from general fund for support of Nevada mental health institute." BDR S-845. This can be found on page A-28.

Bill Bible stated that this should be amended to include another \$23,375 to replace the fire hazard mattresses and overstuffed furniture. Chairman Mello stated that this would be in Subsection 3 of Section I. He also stated that the amendment would be in the necessary language to ask for this \$23,375 necessary for the replacement of these mattresses and furniture.

Mr. Wittenberg made a Motion to adopt the amendment. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Dreyer made a Motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

This was assigned to Mr. Glover.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.