

**MINUTES OF COMMERCE & REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

January 29, 1999 - 2:00 P.M.
Room 414, State Capitol Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Lorin Jones, Co-Chair
 Sen. Ed Mayne
 Rep. Eli Anderson
 Rep. Chad Bennion
 Rep. David Cox
 Rep. Neil Hansen
 Rep. Marlon Snow

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Lowell A. Nelson, Co-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Lyle Hillyard
 Rep. Susan Koehn
 Rep. Martin Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst
 Sylvia Newton, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Sen. Jones called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

MOTION: Sen Mayne moved to approve the minutes for the January 25, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bennion and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

The Department of Financial Institutions' budget request was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to approve the Analyst's budget recommendation for the Department of Financial Institutions in the amount of \$2,693,300. The motion passed unanimously.

The Insurance Department's budget request was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to eliminate the charge for copies of the Relative Value Study reports to insurance companies that pay the license fees. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to approve the Analyst's budget recommendation for the Insurance Department in the amount of \$4,242,700 plus \$160,100 for four FTE. Authorization was also included in the motion for three additional FTE in the Fraud Division and Attorney General's office. The motion passed unanimously.

The budget request of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to approve the Analyst's budget recommendation for the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool in the amount of \$7,909,400, including \$4,135,100 General Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review:

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Labor Commission budget. Recommended funding totals \$8,104,100 from the General Fund and Federal Funds.

There is currently one LAN Administrator for all tasks related to software and hardware. The State estimates one FTE per 80 devices and there are over 160 devices currently online. The cost for an additional FTE would be \$51,300 General Fund. The Analyst recommends this proposal for funding if additional funds are made available.

Two intent statements are recommended by the Analyst, both of which relate to nonlapsing funds. These statements will enable the Commission to utilize savings within the programs for equipment and training. This should reduce the need for building blocks in the future to address these funding issues.

It is the intent of the Legislature to allow the Labor Commission to make fees received from sponsoring and holding seminars as nonlapsing funds, allowing the agency to continue offering yearly training seminars using funds collected from fees instead of using General Fund money.

It is the intent of the Legislature to allow the Labor Commission to make funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year nonlapsing for the purchase of computer equipment and the replacement of a copy machine.

The Analyst also recommended the Commission be authorized to spend up to \$60,000 of the carryover from FY 1999 for computer equipment and a copy machine.

Commissioner Lee Ellertson, Gordon Linnett, Jay Bagley, Joe Gallegos, Alan Hennebold, Larry Patrick, and Joyce Sewell answered questions from the Committee.

Budget Review:

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, described the Workers' Compensation Fund. All funding comes from premiums paid by policyholders. The Company receives no funding from

the State. The budget discussed is for Legislative review rather than for approval.

Lane Summerhays, Executive Director, and Ray Pickup, Financial Officer, talked about the status of the Workers' Compensation Fund and responded to questions from the committee members.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Lorin Jones, Co-Chair

Rep. Lowell A. Nelson, Co-Chair