

**MINUTES OF COMMERCE & REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

February 8, 1999 - 2:00 P.M.  
Room 414, State Capitol Building

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

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.

Rep. Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 1999. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Bennion absent for the vote.

The Department of Workforce Services budget request was reviewed and discussed. Executive Director Robert Gross and Financial Officer Barbara Gittins discussed the unfunded requests of the Department. They provided a handout showing different ways to provide funds for child care. There is no funding in the Analyst's recommendation for child care. If the committee can provide funding of \$1.5M for child care, it will be matched by the federal government at a rate of 2.8 to 1. Funding of \$1.5M would generate \$4.2M, for a total of \$5.7M.

The three building blocks for ongoing funding included in the Analyst's recommendation are \$1,000,000 for the Food Stamp Employment Services, \$900,000 for the General Assistance Program, and \$400,000 for Wagner Peyser funding reductions. The intent language proposed by the Analyst will be addressed in the next committee meeting.

Scott Green, the Governor's Budget Analyst, responded to questions from the committee members.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to approve the Analyst's budget recommendation for the Department of Workforce Services in the amount of \$381,811,400 of which \$50,373,100 is General Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review:

Bill Greer, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Tax Commission, which administers the tax laws of the State. It collects and distributes revenue from over 40 taxes, surcharges and fees, registers automobiles and regulates the automobile industry. The Analyst recommends a budget of \$57,249,600, \$152,700 less than FY 1999.

The UTAH project is a major overhaul of five major tax systems. The request this year is for \$8,500,000 from bonding. This request is being reviewed by the Capital Facilities Appropriations Subcommittee.

The Analyst recommends \$80,000 ongoing funding from the General Fund to place the label with taxpayer information into the income tax booklets. Because of privacy issues, the taxpayer identification number can no longer be used on the outside mailing label.

The Analyst recommends \$71,200 ongoing General Fund increase to pay for motor vehicle county and branch operations contracts. Several of the larger counties have turned that responsibility back to the state. The Analyst recommends \$12,500 General Fund to help fund lease payments for the second Salt Lake County location, with the remainder being paid from efficiency savings within the Commission.

The 1998 Legislature appropriated \$360,000 to purchase two new remittance processors. There is one processor that is more than ten years old that can no longer be supported by the vendor. No funding is available to purchase another new processor for \$180,000. The Subcommittee may want to consider a recommendation to Executive Appropriations or appropriating funding from the license plate production nonlapsing balances.

Richard McKeown of the Tax Commissioner introduced Bruce Johnson, also a Commissioner. Rod Marrelli and Julie Alsop of the Tax Commission discussed the needs of the department. They concurred with the Analyst's recommendation, while calling attention to needs of the Commission if more funding becomes available, particularly their need for another remittance processor.

Scott Green, Governor's Budget Analyst, responded to questions of the committee members.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bennion moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with Sen Jones absent for the vote.

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Sen. Lorin Jones, Co-Chair

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Rep. Lowell A. Nelson, Co-Chair