

REPORT OF THE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 6, 1983

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met on June 6, 1983 at 9:45 a.m. in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Conference Room. Members present were:

Representative Tom Jochum
Senator Arthur Small, Jr.
Senator Edgar Holden
Senator C.W. Bill Hutchins
Representative Hugo Schneklath
Representative Richard Welden

Senator Small moved that Representative Jochum be named Chairman of the Legislative Fiscal Committee. Motion carried and the meeting was called to order. Rules for the Fiscal Committee were adopted.

Chairman Jochum stated that 1983 Interim Visitation Requests would be considered. Committee action on the visitation requests is as follows:

State Government was authorized 1 meeting day for a 6 member visitation committee - total member days - 6

Social Services requested 4 days, full membership of Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee, the Fiscal Committee approved the 4 meeting days but referred the decision on the committee membership to the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council.

Human Resources requested 2 days for a 6 member visitation committee and was approved with the addition of Senator Small and Representative Jochum to the membership of the visitation committee - total member days - 16

Corrections and Mental Health requested 5 days for 6 members and was approved for 5 days for 8 members, the members being the Appropriations Subcommittee chairs, ranking members and Chairs from Human Resources and Judiciary.

Education Visitation request was deferred for additional study.

Transportation & Law Enforcement Visitation request was deferred.

Natural Resources request for 4 days for a 6 member visitation committee was approved - total member days - 24

Thom Freyer, Program Evaluation Supervisor, briefly outlined seven program evaluation requests which have been received and analyzed during the 1983 Session. He asked that a priority list be established and the highest

priority request be recommended to the Legislative Council for authorization. Following the presentation and discussion, Senator Small moved that the first two of the following have the highest priority and be recommended to the Legislative Council:

1. Area Education Agencies -
Specifically the AEA Media Services and Educational Services programs. The problems to be addressed by the requested study are the perceived lack of efficiency in the resource allocation systems for these two service programs and of responsiveness to the needs of Local Education Agencies (LEA's) on the part of some AEA's. Examples of these problems have been described as possible duplication of media services, questionable cost-effectiveness of centralized printing services and a wide variation in the types of data processing services available.
2. State-wide Cost Allocation System
 - Do current Cost Allocation Plans operating within the state capture all allowable costs and assure optimal recovery of federal financial participation dollars and appropriate revenue from state user and license fees?
 - Could extension of a cost allocation system throughout state government allow for more accurate representation of all costs associated with state-administered programs?
 - Does the use of memo billing for central services costs inhibit incentives for cost efficiency?
 - Does agency retention of federal reimbursement for indirect costs by the various agencies increase the state's costs? and
 - Is a statewide cost accounting system feasible and cost effective?
3. Energy Use in State Buildings. Review consumption and conservation measures.
4. Conservancy Districts. Relationship between Conservancy Districts and Soil Conservation Districts.
5. Childcare regulation/licensing. Evaluate effects of current licensing and regulation.
6. Dispute Resolution Programs. Evaluate the role of the centers relating to the Courts and funding.
7. Public Transportation Services. Evaluate the coordinating of transportation services by different levels of governmental bodies.

The motion carried. (Copies of the proposed evaluations may be obtained in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.)

The meeting was adjourned.