

REPORT OF THE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE
TO THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 12, 1984

The Legislative Fiscal Committee met at 10:00 A.M. on June 11, 1984 in Room 24. Members present were:

Senator Arthur Small, Jr., Co-Chair
Representative Thomas Jochum, Co-Chair
Senator Edgar Holden
Senator C. W. Bill Hutchins
Representative Minnette Doderer
Representative Lowell Norland
Representative Hugo Schnekloth
Representative Richard Welden

Also present were Legislative Fiscal Bureau staff and other interested persons.

In the absence of Senator Small at the morning session, Representative Jochum presided. The May minutes were approved. Pat Hipple presented a review of the AEA evaluation. The Committee adopted the following recommendation:

Recommends to the Legislative Council that an interim study committee, the Education Committee, address the recommendations set forth in the program evaluation on the AEA's to determine if and what corrective legislation be written.

The Committee also requested that a letter be written requesting an Attorney General's opinion regarding the charging of user fees by the area education agencies.

Thom Freyer presented possible program evaluations for Committee consideration and authorization. The Committee adopted the following recommendation:

Recommends that the Legislative Council authorize the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to conduct a program evaluation of the Dispute Resolution Centers.

The Fiscal Committee will continue to review the Program Evaluation proposal relating to the Regent's Developmental Leaves (sabbaticals) at the state universities.

Chris Gaare gave a brief history of Comparable Worth. Ms. Gaare, along with Clint Davis, Merit Employment Department and Bill Snyder, Comptroller's Office, answered questions from the Committee. Further discussion on Comparable Worth will be conducted at the next meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

Chairperson Jochum called on Mary Ellis, Director of the Department of Substance Abuse. Ms. Ellis spoke to the funding formula used by the Department. Ms. Ellis distributed three handouts and answered questions from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.