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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 1, 1991Hearing Room D 1:30 p.m.Tapes 15 - 17

MEMBERS PRESENT:Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Beverly Stein, Vice-Chair (arrived 1:34 p.m.) Rep. Jerry Barnes Rep. Cedric Hayden (arrived 1:55 p.m.) Rep. John Meek Rep. Hedy Rijken Rep. Jackie Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: Bill Carey, Children Services Division
Janice Yaden, Former Human Resources Adviser to former Gov. Goldschmidt
Al Jubitz, Vice-Chair, Steering Committee on the Governor's Task Force for Protecting Oregon's Children

MEASURES CONSIDERED: INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Children Services Division Overview - Children Services Division Budget Overview - Protecting Oregon's Children Report Introduction of LC Drafts - Wrk

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010 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. - Clarifies previous testimony from Meredith Cote, Long Term Care Ombudsman

Program, regarding the proposed 48% budget cut --- the budgeted cuts are not in regards to case management but to payments to nursing homes.

WORK SESSION

MELANIE ZERMER, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Submits and explains LC 147 5-1 (EXHIBIT A), LC 1475-2 (EXHIBIT B), LC 1475-3 (EXHIBIT C), LC 1475-4

(EXHIBIT D), LC 2086 (EXHIBIT E), LC 2360 (EXHIBIT F), LC 2535 (EXHIBIT G), LC 2363 (EXHIBIT H), LC 2443 (EXHIBIT I), and LC 2107 (EXHIBIT J).

REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Does not agree with the concepts contained in all of the drafts, but as a courtesy, will not object to their introduction.

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES LC 1475-1 (EXHIBIT A), LC 1475-2 (EXHIBIT B), LC 1475-3 (EXHIBIT C), LC 1475-4 (EXHIBIT D), LC 2086 (EXHIBIT E), LC 2360 (EXHIBIT F), LC 2535 (EXHIBIT G), LC 2363 (EXHIBIT H), LC 2443 (EXHIBIT I), and LC 2107 (EXHIBIT J) TO BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE BILLS.

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION PASSES.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION

025 BILL CAREY, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION (CSD): Submits and summarizes an overview document regarding CSD (EXHIBIT K). 075 - Discusses handicapped clients.

096 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Concerned about foster parents needing additional money to buy basic items for foster children. Have you addressed this issue?

CAREY: There is an increase in a segment of our budget for those needs. - Discusses juvenile correction services. 148 - Describes CSD programs and budgets (See: Appendix A, Exhibit K).

CHAIR FORD: Would like information regarding premium SAIF increases for CSD.

165 CAREY: Will provide that information at a later date. 300 - Discusses Personal Care Program.

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010 - Discusses early detection screening. - Discusses community and county funds. 060 - Discusses reimbursement and service reductions (See: page 4, Exhibit B).

078 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Concerned that the biggest CSD budget cuts relate to child care, especially migrant day care. The Children and Youth Services Commission has concluded that child care is the number one issue in the state regarding children's needs.

CAREY: We are hoping that new federal revenues will be able to pick up those programs.

REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Are you prepared to advocate for those federal funds to go to migrant and other child care programs?

CAREY: Absolutely. We did retain 25% of the program's general funds to ensure that there was no disruption of the programs. - CSD has to take any child in need. We would like to re-focus this agency and plan meetings to discuss who would and would not be served. - In response to CHAIR FORD, we will be waiting until children are in need of help instead of focusing on prevention.

135 REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: Should CSD be the primary provider for migrant day

care? Do you have a recommendation on who should be the main provider to that group?

CAREY: Currently, there are discussions going on about that. I believe that the DHR has a commitment to day care, especially migrant day care.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Are migrant day care programs receiving contributions from fruit growers?

CAREY: No.

REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Have they been asked to contribute?

LADY IN AUDIENCE: Nods yes.

ZERMER: Please clarify about funding for migrant day care.

CAREY: We have funds to cover for the next six months.

ZERMER: How can we be sure that we will receive federal funding for this program?

CAREY: We can't know for sure. - Oregon was one of ten state participating in policy planning for keeping families together which the federal government showed interest in. We will add the migrant day care program to the list of requested waivers.

ZERMER: There is a pending civil rights regarding difficult access to day care for migrants.

CAREY: The suit pertain to all services, no just day care. - Discusses reimbursement reductions and service reductions (See: page 4-B, Exhibit K). 269 - Discusses the Governor's recommended budget (See: Page 6, Exhibit K). - Discusses how CSD can reduce central office administration (See: Page 7, Exhibit K).

314 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: When service management positions are cut, what happens to the tasks that they perform?

CAREY: We have increased other employees workloads. - Submits an impact statement of the governor's recommended budget of CSD services (EXHIBIT M). - CHAIR FORD has received a copy of a book describing various program evaluations. programs.

380 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Suggests that state colleges conduct research on program evaluation.

CAREY: Discusses national and state recidivism rates for juvenile offenders.

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- Discusses the impact statement of the governor's recommended budget of CSD services (EXHIBIT M). 072 - Discusses funding for drug addicted babies. 080 - Discusses the elimination of positions and reduction in capital outlay (See: page 8, Exhibit K). - Discusses how CSD works with other agencies to improve service delivery (See: page 9, Exhibit K). 160 - Discusses how CSD supports innovation, shares decision making, and streamlines administration (See: page 12, Exhibit K).

184 - Discusses juvenile services.

213 REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: Requests a summary of programs and results (i.e. Robert Wood grants).

CAREY: Will provide that information at a later date.

230 CHAIR FORD: Recesses the meeting at 2:45 p.m. - Reconvenes the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

235 JANICE YADEN, FORMER HUMAN RESOURCE ADVISOR TO FORMER GOVERNOR GOLDSCHMIDT: Submits and summarizes a governor's task force report "Protecting Oregon's Children" (EXHIBIT L). - Introduces Al Jubitz.

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015 AL JUBITZ, VICE-CHAIR, STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR PROTECTING OREGON'S CHILDREN: Explains that he has been a foster parent and feels strongly about looking out for children. - Everybody is interested in children. - There is a strong need for community parenting. - The credibility problem with CSD is that agencies are not good parents. - Suggests that communities become more involved. - The state, as a funding source, has an important role.

080 REPRESENTATIVE BARNES: Have we gone too far in separating the children from the parents instead of working at maintaining the family unit?

JUBITZ: Yes. The school system needs to work closely with the families in determining needs. - Too many resources not being used. - Discusses survey to former foster parents (See: Exhibit L). - Reads quotes from former, present, and potential foster parents. - Foster parents are not professionals but they do know more about their foster children than the case workers.

145 CHAIR FORD: I have spoken with individuals who are interested in being foster parents but are afraid to become part of the "system".

JUBITZ: I feel that CSD needs to remove themselves completely from foster care. - A foster parent association could be more effective, on a local level.

188 YADEN: CSD has too many responsibilities and are spreading themselves too thin. They are unable to prioritize foster parents. Instead, they are pushed to place a child in a home without having time to effectively place the child. 235 - Recommends that CSD only provide protective services (all services provided to families that have abused or harmed their children).

280 REPRESENTATIVE MEEK: Have you addressed the parent who is abused by the

child?

YADEN: That was not addressed, that would fall in the corrections category.

REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR: Do you feel that CSD should maintain case management?

YADEN: CSD should probably maintain the case management function.

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- Continues discussing the report (See: Exhibit L).

021 JUBITZ: Discusses the role of CASA representatives and the need for that program to be fully funded.

YADEN: Discusses how CSD determines caseloads.

066 JUBITZ: CSD must do more partnershpping.

Members comment on the testimony.

335 CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Melanie Zermer

EXHIBIT LOG: A - LC 1475-1 - staff - 1 p. B - LC 1475-2 - staff - 3 pp. C - LC 1475-3 - staff - 1 p. D - LC 1475-4 - staff - 1 p. E - LC 2086 - staff - 1 p. F - LC 2360 - staff - 3 pp. G - LC 2535 - staff - 7 pp. H - LC 2363 - staff - 2 pp. I - LC 2443 - staff - 1 p. J - LC 2107 - staff - 14 pp. K - CSD report - Carey - 38 pp. L - Protecting Oregon's Children report - Yaden - 88 pp. M - Impact statement - Carey - 1 p.