



SB 162 REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

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MINUTES

December 6, 2001
Room 102, State Capitol
Helena, Montana

ROLL CALL

Senator Tom Zook
Senator Linda Nelson
Representative Gary Forrester
Representative Dave Kasten
Jon Moe, Fiscal Specialist
Cindy Campbell, Subcommittee Secretary

Call to Order (Tape 1A-000)

The 2nd meeting of the SB 162 Review - Dedication of State Revenues for Local Government (SB 162 Review Subcommittee) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Senator Tom Zook, Chair, on Thursday, December 6, 2001. The meeting was held in Room 102 of the State Capitol, Helena, Montana.

1. Answer to Questions from October 4, 2001 Meeting (Tape 1A-001)

Jon Moe, Fiscal Specialist for the Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD), provided answers to questions raised by various subcommittee members at the October 4, 2001 meeting. These questions were listed on the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Moe distributed copies of an informational document on the Flathead Basin Commission (FBC), which answered members' questions about the FBC. (Exhibit 1)

2. Discussion of Items Designated for Further Review (Tape 1A-069)

Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Program – Brian Wolf, CIO, and Carl Hotvedt, Bureau Chief for Network Technology Services Bureau, presented information and answered questions regarding the 9-1-1 emergency telephone program. (Exhibit 2)

Noxious Weed Admin Account – Barbra Mullin, Weed Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture, presented information on the noxious weed admin account. (Exhibit 3) She and Director Ralph Peck responded to questions from various subcommittee members.

Junk Vehicle Disposal – Jan Sensibaugh, Director for the Department of Environmental Quality, offered information and answered questions with regard to the junk vehicle disposal program. (Exhibit 4)

Gambling License Fee Account – Gene Huntington, Administrator of Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice, presented the report, Senate Bill 164, Evaluation of the Gambling Special Revenue Fund. (Exhibit 5) In closing, the report offered three options for reversing the trend of appropriations exceeding revenues, which appears in the past few fiscal years. Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities & Towns, addressed the subcommittee expressing opposition to option 2, which stated, “Change the allocation of the video gambling machine permit fees between the state and local governments.”

Subcommittee Action on Previous Four Accounts – The subcommittee took the following action on the four accounts discussed previously.

1. Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Program – Recommended sunset date (2007) be added to provisions related to enhanced 9-1-1
2. Noxious Weed Admin Account – Exempted from further review this biennium.
3. Junk Vehicle Disposal – Exempted from review although additional information was requested.
4. Gambling License Fee Account – Recommended 100% of fines/penalties go to general fund with local share offset by increased entitlement.

3. Review of Remaining Revenue Dedication Provisions (Tape 2A-030)

The subcommittee reviewed the remaining dedicated revenue provisions included in the subcommittee notebook, numbered 5 through 14 in the bottom right-hand corner. (Exhibit 6) Subcommittee action on items 1 through 14 is documented on the attached “SB 162 Review – Dedication of State Revenue for Local Government.”

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2002. A representative from the Department of Revenue will attend the meeting to address HB 124. Jon Moe will begin to draft the subcommittee's report to the Legislative Finance Committee.

Adjournment

MOTION: Representative Kasten moved the meeting be adjourned. **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Senator Tom Zook, Chairman

Cindy Campbell, Committee Secretary