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2003 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1488

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1488

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 6, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	6.0-25.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mickie Schmidt</i>			219-03

Minutes:

**TAPE 1: SIDE B:**

**(6.0) VICE CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON:** We will open the hearing on HB 1488.

**(6.3) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH:** (Testimony in support) On the Bill, lines 4 through 7, section 1: On these cost sharing programs, that sometimes the formulas change in the middle of a biennium, and receiving municipalities for benefit of these farms sometimes gets caught in the middle. They have appropriated funding for projects, and all of a sudden the money is withdrawn and then they are in a dilemma.

**(7.6) TERRY TRAYNOR; ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES:** (Testimony in support) (See attachment #1)

**(10.8) REP. GIL HERBEL:** That word "may", would "shall" be any better?

**(11.0) TERRY TRAYNOR:** I don't know. Generally "shall" is stronger.

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**(11.1) REP. GIL HERBEL:** You've got it applying just to the biennium. Are there any situations which a formula is set up to where this kind of funding needs to go on to the next ten years? Should that exceed the biennium?

**(11.4) TERRY TRAYNOR:** It would be nice. If we would want to try to get one legislature to bind future legislatures in that. We're just hoping to at least get it back in this one. If the formulas going to change, we have an opportunity to state our case to you the legislatures.

**(11.8) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** There's no fiscal note attached to this bill. You're asking to state hold harmless to counties. Do you have an idea how much money wants?

**(12.1) TERRY TRAYNOR:** I have no idea, it could be nothing, it could be huge.

**(12.2) REP. MIKE GROSZ:** Why is the legislature is mandating a calendar year?

**(12.4) TERRY TRAYNOR:** It was prior to working with the counties. I was told that the state was also going to switch to a fiscal year. But when issues of when legislatures met and when budgets needed to be prepared, they found that was enticable. There was no move to change the counties back.

**(12.6) VICE CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON:** How can the legislature approve a salaries change for employee, that that would impact the counties, yet you can't correct the budget until 6 months later? Is that where the big dilemma comes?

**(13.1) TERRY TRAYNOR:** That's one dilemma. The more recent one is with the program HOSS. This is one area they were looking to recapture some revenue. And the formula with the county participation went from ten percent to twenty percent. In that case, they were able to delay the change until January of this year.

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**(13.7) VICE CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON:** So this wouldn't impact salary changes?

This is just a funding program?

**(13.8) TERRY TRAYNOR:** Yes. That is our goal.

**(14.1) CLARENCE DANIEL; DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** I've been doing County Social Service budgets since the 1970's in three different counties in the state. And I can't tell you the number of times that the department has, when they get a shortfall, change the arc formula's on us, they have to increase county funding and basically make a mill levy change without seeing that competition? report to levy the bill. And for example the 10 and 20 percent amount that Terry talked about in our family presentation. In the next biennium, we'll have an impact on counties of \$475,000 dollars, because basically we were paying ten percent. We had a chance to talk to the legislatures and we've made our case in appropriations. From January to June, that was an arbitrary change. We were told they would notify us of the twenty percent if we don't get that service. It's an 80/20 match now. So I would urge a DO PASS on this. It would at least save us the six months.

**(15.6) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** The \$425,000, is that just the counties you prepare budgets for or all of the counties?

**(15.7) CLARENCE DANIEL:** That would be state wide. The impact of this change would be statewide. I only prepare for one county now.

**(16.6) TIM HORNER; DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS:** (Testimony in Opposition) (See attachment #2)

**(19.6) REP. BRUCE ECKRE:** Do you have a certain language?

**(19.9) TIM HORNER:** No.

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**(20.0) REP. WILLIAM KRETSHCMAR:** Has there been instances in the past where you changed things?

**(20.3) TIM HORNER:** In recent years, we did not have to do that. We assume this Bill could be in place for twenty years. Matches have changed. They have gone from 80/20 percent to 81/19 percent. It is possible.

**(21.2) REP. ALON WIELAND:** I don't think this Bill was intended to affect the Dept. of Transportation and I certainly would look towards some possible amendments. One reason is at the annual convention and even more often, the DOT sits down with county engineers and county commissions. And they anticipate what they are going to be doing and they would discuss the kinds of things that you talk about here so that they probably would not run into the type of situation that you are explaining here.

**(21.9) TIM HORNER:** That is possible that we would cover most of that, however, legislation has it rolled out. The legislation is scheduled for September 30th. We would be meeting with the counties usually in October.

**(22.7) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** I know that within the Dept. of Human Services, the money is coming from the federal government. If we do not comply, there are some substantial penalties. Are there penalties?

**(23.0) TIM HORNER:** The requirements must be met before. (can't hear him)

**(23.9) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** Aren't funds impacted if we don't reduce our drinking for drunk driving?

**(24.1) TIM HORNER:** That is correct but it is not the cause, it is reduction in certain categories. The programs are reduced.

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(24.6) VICE CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON: Any more testimony in support?

Opposition? Seeing none, we will close the hearing on HB 1488. (25.0)

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2	X		1.8-3.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Micki Schmidt</i>			<i>2-20-03</i>

Minutes:

TAPE 2: SIDE A

**(1.8) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH:** We will open the hearing on HB 1488. Who would like to work with the DOT to work out an amendment to exempt them.

**(2.0) REP. BRUCE ECKRE:** He's going to bring the amendments here this afternoon. He said he'll bring it to the floor.

**(2.1) VICE-CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON:** If we change those programs, does the state have to try to find a way to control levy's. I think it's tying the hands of the state.

**(2.6) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** I think it does go beyond DOT. There's no fiscal note on this. We're committing the "State" to hold these counties harmless.

**(2.9) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH:** We'll hold this until this afternoon. We will close the hearing on HB 1488. (2.9)

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2		X	0-4.6
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Minutes:

**TAPE 2; SIDE B:**

**(0.0) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH:** I will call the committee back to order. We will open the hearing on HB 1488. This is the Bill that DOT offered an amendment to amend them off of the Bill. Also there were some concerns from the Department of Human Services, the figures and costs were alarming.

**(1.1) VICE-CHAIRMAN NANCY JOHNSON:** I MOVE A DO NOT PASS.

**(1.1) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** I SECOND IT.

**(1.2) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH:** The thing is if you don't put the amendment on it amends out the DOT. It would be better if we amend it first.

**(1.4) REP. GIL FERBEL:** I WILL MOVE THE AMENDMENT.

**(1.4) REP. MARY EKSTROM:** I SECOND IT.

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