

The Making of the FY2011 Budget: Appropriations Committee acts to approve hurtful cuts

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On February 16, 2010 Representative Sater, chair of the House Appropriations Committee for Health, Mental Health and Social Services presided over the mark up of House Bills 2010 and 2011, the appropriation bills for the Departments of Health & Senior Services, Mental Health and Social Services. He offered two large amendments that made numerous cuts in services and programs. These were approved on a near party line vote, with Representative Grisamore (R) voting PRESENT.

After the approval of Chairman Sater's amendments, amendments from committee members were considered. House bills 2010 and 2011 will now be sent to the House Budget Committee, where additional changes will be made. A summary of the highlights of approved cuts follows.

Amendments offered by Committee members are in orange font.

Cuts made in health, mental health and social services by the H Appropriations Committee

Departn	nent of Mental Health (HB2010)		
Bill section	Description of cuts	General Revenue reduction in Committee Chair's mega amendment	Comments
10.110	Alcohol/Drug Abuse treatment core	\$2.1 mil Final cut: \$1.1 mil	This is about 6 percent of the total GR. McClanahan's amendment to restore \$1 mil passed
10.210	Adult community psychiatric services	\$3.3 mil Final cut: \$2.3 mil	McClanahan's amendment to restore \$1 mil passed
10.225	Youth community psychiatric services	\$1.1 mil	
10.235	Psychiatric Medications core budget for new medication therapies	\$1.1 mil	This is about 10 percent of the total GR
10.410	Development Disabilities community programs core budget	\$2.6 mil Final cut: \$1.6 mil	McClanahan's amendment to restore \$1 mil passed
10.410	Autism waiver (new decision item) Regional centers all had small cuts ranging from \$17 to \$63 thousand	\$1.25 mil	This is a 50 percent GR reduction.
	Habilitation centers all had small cuts ranging from \$191 to \$295 thousand		

	ent of Health & Senior Services (H		
10.635	Core cuts to the Division of	\$.784 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction.
	Community and Public Health		
10.640	Core public health functions	\$.3 mil	Weter's amendment to add \$.3 mil passed
10.645	Core cuts to public health contracts	\$1.0 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
		Final cut: \$.5	McClanahan's amendment to restore \$.5
		mil	mil for youth tobacco prevention passed
10.655	Alternatives to Abortion program	\$1.9 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
			eliminating all funding for the program
	Office of Minority Health	\$.739 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
			eliminating the program
10.680	Core cuts to the Division of Senior	\$.805	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
	and Disability Services		
10.690	Non-Medicaid home and community	\$1.8 mil	This is a 27 percent GR reduction
	based services		
10.710	Alzheimer's grants	\$.471 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
			eliminating the program
10.715	Area Agencies on Aging contracts	\$1.1 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
10.720	AAA grants core budget	\$.161 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
10.730	Div of Regulation and licensure	\$1.0 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
Departm	ent of Social Services (HB2011)		-
11.080	Community Partnerships	\$.616 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction
11.140	Core cuts to domestic violence	\$2.4 mil	This is a 50 percent GR reduction
	programs		1
11.085	Family Nutrition and Gardening	\$.075 mil	Curl's amendment adds \$.075 mil
	grants		
11.175	Children's Division administrative	\$.177 mil	This is a 20 percent GR reduction
	core		1
11.225	Adoption Resource Centers	\$.018 mil	This is a 10 percent GR reduction
11.260	Subsidized child care for low income	\$13.7 mil.	This is a 21 percent GR reduction. It may
	working families		also jeopardize \$38 mil in federal funds
			received through the American Recovery
			and Reinvestment Act. This requires
			maintenance of effort by the state. If this
			proposed cut is made, the state may have to
			pay back the \$38 mil to the federal
			government.
11.415	Women and Minority Health	\$.546 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
	Outreach		eliminating funding for the program
11.450	Diabetic nutrition education	\$.145 mil	Cooper's amendment to increase funds
			by \$.145 mil passed
11.465	Core cuts to the Program for All-	\$1.5 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
	Inclusive Care (services for the		eliminating funding for the program
	seniors)		Program
11.520	Federally Qualified Health Centers	\$9.3 mil	This is a 100 percent GR reduction,
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