

DED Reorganization, Stressing Regional Development, Proposed

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ALBANY, N.Y.—A reorganized Department of Economic Development, stressing regional development and responsible in a broader advisory role, was proposed Tuesday by consultants hired by the legislature.

Revision of the Advisory Board to the status of an advisory body between the commission and the governor was recommended by the former Development Commission when formed in 1959 in the state agency in the nation authorized to spend public funds for state development.

The new commission would be headed by a five-member advisory agency, which is authorized to advise the governor on the state's economic development.

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and economic development, stressed in a study directed by John Hulse and James O'Neil, presented in mid-March at the time the Administration Commission was formed.

The study recommended, however, that no substantial change be made in the DED budget until a \$100-million plan is drafted by the long-range development of Maine's economy.

A temporary advisory department should start work at that time, the report said, and should limit its staff to 100.

The report suggested reducing the present five DED divisions to three:

- A Promotion Division to be responsible for developing a coordinated promotional program to include tourism, industry and all other important economic interests.

—A Development Division "designed to include provision in all economic areas such as mining, agriculture, recreation, tourism and manufacturing," and coordinate the regional center for development.

—A Research & Planning Division to provide advisory services to the Development and Promotion Divisions.

"FOR TOTAL COMMITMENT," said the report, "the state will have to make changes beyond those in the study."

He said many of the recommendations are "yet unfulfilled" and that the DED must have the confidence of the people of the state.

He said the firm will report suggested legislative bills.

possibly this work for presentation to the legislature.

Gov. Reed said he will review the report and the report will be his to do with as he sees fit.

DED Commissioner John K. Hulse had no comment on the report.

DED has been the object of heavy criticism and has been probed in one way or another by the legislature since 1957. No major changes resulted.

One of the heaviest blows was the resignation of Commissioner Lloyd K. Rice, who was replaced by the current Commissioner, John K. Hulse.

The study was prepared by the Maine Legislative Council on Economic Development, which was created by the legislature in October.

The Advisory Council was set up to study the economic development project.

that agencies would be encouraged to include one member from each of the five economic regions, one representative of each political party and three others.

According to the report, it would "expand the advisory and operating planning functions of the DED," and recommend a chief operating executive officer to be appointed by the governor; organize task force assistance throughout the state; and advise and assist the commissioner.

The commissioner would, in turn, report to the governor.

The department's proposed development role would operate through the regional economic development centers, although operating under the direction of development project.

The five regional operations

would have voluntary development committees with the aid of each of the five economic regions.

The report said: "The new advisory department would coordinate and coordinate the regional economic development project with the preparation of these programs and with promotion of economic development."

Present vacation and travel promotion materials, the report said, should be revised to encourage private business as well as having common interests and development of promotional facilities.

The methods and techniques used for the selection and placement of personnel and the promotion material follow accepted practices, it is reported. But it added that the major plan will provide a better

basis for planning advertising campaigns.

The new Promotion Division consists of Vacation Travel, Publicity and Public Relations, and would handle advertising and public relations performed by the commissioner.

On departmental personnel, the report recommended "Qualifications for all positions in the Department Division should be reviewed to reflect a higher degree of leadership, business experience and education. This should permit salary levels which will attract the caliber of men who can effectively represent the state of Maine to business executives."

In the Research & Planning Department, it would be desirable to recruit recent college graduates with majors in statistics, marketing, civil engineering and so on.



LBJ Asks \$700 Million To Back Fight Against Commie Aggression

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson "is writing the authorization of \$700 million of additional aid to the United States to help fight against Communist aggression."

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Receives Food

A Santo Domingo woman weeps as she is given bread, flour and dried milk Tuesday after U.S. Marines and soldiers linked a two-mile corridor through the revolt-torn Dominican Republic city. (AP Wirephoto)

Forest Danger Soars: Fire Destroys Oakland Ax Factory, Burns Over 200 Acres At Brunswick

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News, Features On The Inside

The Weather
Fair, cooler today; partly cloudy, warmer Thursday.

ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, the first winners in the murder trial of a Klansman, say a jury that a spent bullet was found in or in slain woman's right eye.

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Prayer For Today

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