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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES
AND TRANSPORTATION
CLOSING REPORT**

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BUDGETS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING: THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION, COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION, MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION, MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION, THE VERIFICATION OF INSURANCE PROGRAM, RECORD SEARCH PROGRAM AND DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

22 PERCENT CAP: PRESENTLY, NRS 408.235 STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT EXPEND MORE THAN 22 PERCENT OF THE FEES COLLECTED (EXCLUDING GASOLINE TAX) FOR THE HIGHWAY FUND ON ADMINISTRATION. THE BUDGETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, EXCEED THE 22 PERCENT CAP IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS AN INCREASE IN THE CAP FROM 22 PERCENT TO 29 PERCENT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN THE 22 PERCENT CAP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO MAINTAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGETS TO WITHIN 22 PERCENT OF FEES AND TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE HIGHWAY FUND:

- THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES (HIGHWAY FUND REVERSIONS) FROM THE RECORD SEARCH ACCOUNT TO THE CENTRAL SERVICES AND AUTOMATION ACCOUNTS TOTALING \$5.7 MILLION IN FY 2004 AND \$6.0 MILLION IN FY 2005 WITH OFFSETTING DECREASES IN HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY THE SAME AMOUNTS.