

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Morse Arberry Jr. at 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/committees/. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin
Assemblyman Mo Denis
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Joseph (Joe) P. Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain
Assemblyman John Ocegüera
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Mark Krmpotic, Senior Program Analyst
Laura Freed, Program Analyst
Rex Goodman, Program Analyst
Linda Blevins, Committee Secretary
Vickie Kieffer, Committee Assistant

Chair Arberry advised the Committee they would be hearing budget closing reports.

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Washoe County Assembly District No. 27, Chair for the Joint Subcommittee on Human Services/CIPS read the following closing report for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE 19
BUDGETS OF THE DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES.
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE RESULT IN A
GENERAL FUND REDUCTION OF \$373,920 IN FY 2010 AND

\$402,184 IN FY 2011. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADJUSTMENTS TO SEVERAL BUDGETS TO REFLECT INCREASED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM BASED ON PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA). THE ADJUSTMENTS ALLOW FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT WITH FEDERAL FUNDS, WHICH PROVIDES A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS IN THE DIVISION OF APPROXIMATELY \$3.0 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND \$3.2 MILLION IN FY 2011. THE OTHER SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

COMMUNITY JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS (101-1383): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$466,904 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BLOCK GRANT, WHICH IS PROVIDED TO THE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS STATEWIDE TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT ARE PLACED IN STATE JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. WITH REDUCTIONS IN BEDS AT THE THREE STATE JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED INCREASED FUNDING FOR DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS IN THIS BUDGET AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL YOUTH PAROLE COUNSELORS IN THE YOUTH PAROLE SERVICES BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF ONE PROGRAM OFFICER POSITION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

WASHOE COUNTY INTEGRATION (101-3141): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS OF \$1.6 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM TO CREATE AN ENHANCED FOSTER CARE RATE FOR SIBLING GROUPS. THE ENHANCED RATE WAS REQUESTED BY CLARK COUNTY BUT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF AN ENHANCED FOSTER CARE RATE FOR SIBLING GROUPS IN WHICH ONE CHILD REQUIRES HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE SERVICES BUT RECOMMENDED THAT THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING BE PLACED IN THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE'S CONTINGENCY FUND AND THAT THE DIVISION AND COUNTIES REQUEST THE FUNDING WHEN THEY HAVE DETERMINED A DAILY AMOUNT FOR THE ENHANCED RATE THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE FEDERAL TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT AND WHEN THEY ARE IN CONCURRENCE ON THE PROJECTED CASELOAD GROWTH OF THE SIBLING GROUP POPULATION.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENTS FROM THE DIVISION TO THE COUNTIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING RECOMMENDED FOR CASELOAD GROWTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS AND ADOPTION SUBSIDIES BUT ADJUSTED THE AMOUNT FOR ADOPTION SUBSIDIES TO REFLECT A STANDARDIZED METHOD FOR CALCULATING ADOPTION SUBSIDY GROWTH CONSISTENT

FOR ALL THREE CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO SUPPORTED FUNDING RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR TWO NEW CASEWORKER POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE INCREASED NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS FINALIZED IN WASHOE COUNTY.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST FRINGE BENEFITS IN BOTH WASHOE AND CLARK COUNTIES' BUDGETS, INCLUDING PERS CONTRIBUTIONS AND EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS. UPON FURTHER REVIEW, THESE TYPES OF ADJUSTMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE SINCE THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS WERE INTEGRATED AND WERE NOT REQUESTED BY THE COUNTIES. THE FULL COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DISAPPROVING THE M-300 DECISION UNIT IN THESE TWO BUDGETS.

CLARK COUNTY INTEGRATION (101-3142): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED SEVERAL ITEMS IN CLARK COUNTY'S BUDGET THAT WERE DISCUSSED IN WASHOE COUNTY'S BUDGET. THE TRANSFER OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENTS FROM THE DIVISION TO THE COUNTY WAS APPROVED, AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR CASELOAD GROWTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS AND ADOPTION SUBSIDIES, WITH SUBSIDY AMOUNTS ADJUSTED FOR THE NEW STANDARDIZED METHOD FOR CALCULATING GROWTH. FUNDING FOR TEN NEW POSITIONS WAS APPROVED IN FY 2011 TO SUPPORT CASELOAD GROWTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS. APPROXIMATELY \$3.8 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND \$3.9 MILLION IN FY 2011 WAS APPROVED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING WITH GENERAL FUNDS FOR CHILD WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES DUE TO REDUCED FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY RELATED TO THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR THREE NEW POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL CLAIMING OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND SOCIAL SECURITY SURVIVOR BENEFITS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY'S CUSTODY. THE NEW POSITIONS ARE PROJECTED TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT NEW FEDERAL FUNDS TO OFFSET THEIR SALARIES AND RELATED COSTS OF THE POSITIONS AND OFFSET GENERAL FUNDS IN THIS BUDGET BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.0 MILLION PER YEAR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT A LETTER OF INTENT BE ISSUED TO THE DIVISION TO REQUEST THAT REGULAR REPORTS BE PROVIDED TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE RECEIPT OF THE PROJECTED NEW FEDERAL FUNDING. ALSO, STAFF WOULD RAISE THE SAME CONCERN OVER THE ADJUSTMENT FOR FRINGE BENEFITS IN THIS BUDGET AS IT DID IN THE WASHOE COUNTY INTEGRATION BUDGET.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADMINISTRATION (101-3145): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF FUNDING FOR CASELOAD GROWTH IN MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENTS FOR

CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT IN THE DIVISION'S CUSTODY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING WITH GENERAL FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES AND CHILD WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES THAT HAVE BECOME INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OR FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT HAS DECREASED DUE TO CHANGES IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE FOUR VACANT ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS IN THIS BUDGET AS WELL AS FOUR POSITIONS FUNDED BY THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT, WHICH WILL EXPIRE IN FY 2010. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL FUNDS WITH ADDITIONAL TITLE XX FUNDING IDENTIFIED AS AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (101-3148): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE HALF OF THE BEDS (48) AT THE SUMMIT VIEW YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER AS WELL AS 24 GROUP SUPERVISOR POSITIONS. THE DIVISION INDICATED THAT IT HAS SEEN A 16 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PLACEMENTS TO THE STATE'S YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN EACH OF THE LAST TWO YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY MAINTAINING EACH FACILITY AT THE REDUCED POPULATION THAT THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS FOR THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION IN THIS BUDGET AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

CHILD CARE SERVICES (101-3149): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR FOUR NEW POSITIONS RELATED TO THE RETURN OF CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSING RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION FROM THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS. THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET INCLUDED GENERAL FUNDS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES BUT A BUDGET AMENDMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO CHANGE THE GENERAL FUNDS TO CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, TRANSFERRED FROM THE DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, TO PRODUCE A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$241,984 IN FY 2010 AND \$223,364 IN FY 2011. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE REDUCTION OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT GRANT AND FEE REVENUES, TOGETHER WITH THE BUDGET'S ACCUMULATED RESERVE, WILL BE ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER (101-3179): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE ONE RESIDENTIAL UNIT FOR FEMALES AT THE CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER (20 BEDS) AND ELIMINATE TEN POSITIONS. THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDED ELIMINATING NINE GROUP SUPERVISOR POSITIONS RELATED TO THIS CLOSURE BUT THE DIVISION INDICATED IN SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS THAT A TOTAL OF TEN POSITIONS COULD BE ELIMINATED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000 PER YEAR IN GENERAL FUNDS TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL

DISTRICT RELATED TO THIS CLOSURE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND APPROVED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST POSITION, WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN DIFFICULT TO FILL AND APPROVED THE USE OF THE SAVINGS FROM THIS POSITION FOR A CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING FOR AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION IN THIS BUDGET.

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (101-3181): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW INTEREST EARNED ON FEES COLLECTED IN THIS ACCOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS ACCOUNT, RATHER THAN BEING DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL FUND. A BILL DRAFT WAS REQUESTED TO AMEND STATUTE TO ALLOW THIS CHANGE BUT SINCE THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THIS BUDGET, THE BILL DRAFT REQUEST HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. THE COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO DISAPPROVE DECISION UNIT E-325 IN THIS BUDGET TO ELIMINATE THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GENERATED HAD THIS BILL BEEN PASSED.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ADDITION OF \$200,000 PER YEAR IN TITLE XX FUNDING TRANSFERRED FROM TANF THAT WAS IDENTIFIED AS AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

RURAL CHILD WELFARE (101-3229): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING OF CASELOAD GROWTH IN MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN THE DIVISION'S CUSTODY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE REPLACEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING WITH GENERAL FUNDS IN THIS BUDGET DUE TO CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES AND CHILD WELFARE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BECOMING INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OR FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT HAS DECREASED DUE TO CHANGES IN FEDERAL REGULATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR CASELOAD GROWTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS AND ADOPTION SUBSIDIES IN THIS BUDGET BUT ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,280 IN FY 2010 AND \$139,183 IN FY 2011 WERE APPROVED DUE TO ERRORS IN THE METHOD USED TO CALCULATE GROWTH IN ADOPTION SUBSIDIES.

SIMILAR TO CLARK COUNTY'S BUDGET, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED TWO NEW POSITIONS TO INCREASE THE CLAIMING OF FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE DIVISION'S CUSTODY. WITH THE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REVENUES PROJECTED TO BE GENERATED, THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED EIGHT NEW FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER POSITIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A LETTER OF INTENT HOWEVER TO INSTRUCT THE DIVISION TO REPORT TO THE IFC PRIOR TO HIRING THE EIGHT NEW FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER POSITIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW FEDERAL REVENUE IS

BEING GENERATED AS PROJECTED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THE DIVISION'S OFFICE IN HAWTHORNE BUT DID APPROVE FUNDING FOR AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION IN THIS BUDGET.

NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER (101-3259): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE ONE RESIDENTIAL UNIT (20 BEDS) AT THE NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER (NYTC) AND ELIMINATE TEN POSITIONS. THE GOVERNOR HAD RECOMMENDED THE ELIMINATION OF FIVE GROUP SUPERVISOR POSITIONS WITH THIS CLOSURE BUT THE DIVISION TESTIFIED THAT TEN POSITIONS COULD BE ELIMINATED TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY WITH THE CLOSURES AT THE OTHER YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE EXPENSES AND THE FUNDING SOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLOSURE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER FUNDING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT NYTC TO THE ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINED THAT THE SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSFERRING THE SCHOOL'S OPERATIONS WERE MINIMAL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT INDICATED THAT IT DID NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED TRANSFER. THE REJECTION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION RESULTS IN THE RESTORATION OF GENERAL FUNDS IN THIS BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$922,028 IN FY 2010 AND \$930,532 IN FY 2011 BUT OFFSETTING REDUCTIONS AND THE ELIMINATION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT ARE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNT BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND FUNDING FOR AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION INCREASES.

YOUTH PAROLE SERVICES (101-3263): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS OF \$261,472 IN FY 2010 AND \$331,845 IN FY 2011 FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YOUTH PAROLE COUNSELOR POSITIONS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS CHOSE TO ADD THE POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE REDUCED BEDS AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD ONE NEW POSITION TO SUPPORT INCREASED FEDERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH IN THE STATE'S CUSTODY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO ADDED FUNDING FOR ONE NEW POSITION TO SUPPORT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON JUVENILES, WHICH WAS ADDED TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES BY THE 2003 LEGISLATURE, BUT DID NOT BECOME FEDERAL LAW UNTIL 2008. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO OFFSET REDUCTIONS IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PLACEMENT EXPENSES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S RADIO DISPATCH COST ALLOCATION.

WRAPAROUND IN NEVADA (101-3278): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ALL ITEMS IN THIS BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FMAP RELATED SAVINGS, WHICH WERE INCREASED DUE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DIVISION BEGIN REPORTING ON A PERFORMANCE INDICATOR THAT REFLECTS THE FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT SCORES OF CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM, TO HELP MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

NORTHERN NEVADA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES (101-3281): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE 2007 LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT A NEW THERAPEUTIC DAY TREATMENT CLASSROOM FOR CHILDREN. THE PROGRAM WAS NOT IMPLEMENTED DUE TO BUDGET REDUCTIONS.

SOUTHERN NEVADA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES (101-3646): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED, WITH ADJUSTMENTS, THE TRANSFER OF ONE REGISTERED DIETICIAN POSITION AND THE CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE AT THE DESERT WILLOW TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES. FIVE POSITIONS WERE APPROVED FOR ELIMINATION RELATED TO A UNIT FOR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS AT THE DESERT WILLOW TREATMENT CENTER THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE 2007 LEGISLATURE BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED DUE TO BUDGET REDUCTIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONVERT CONTRACT JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE DIVISION'S WEST CHARLESTON CAMPUS TO THREE PART-TIME STATE POSITIONS. THE RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO POSITIONS AND COMBINATION OF TWO PART-TIME POSITIONS INTO ONE FULL-TIME POSITION WERE ALSO APPROVED, AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION.

OTHER ACCOUNTS WITH NO MAJOR CLOSING ISSUES: THE SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE BUDGETS FOR UNITY/SACWIS, YOUTH ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT, REVIEW OF DEATH OF CHILDREN, CHILD WELFARE TRUST, AND TRANSITION FROM FOSTER CARE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THESE BUDGETS BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

In conclusion, Assemblywoman Leslie requested Rex Goodman, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), provide the Committee with an explanation of closing issues encountered by the Subcommittee.

Mr. Goodman noted that included in The Executive Budget were decision units to adjust the fringe benefits for county positions funded by the integration budgets of the state. Historically the state did not adjust the fringe benefits of the county employees and this was the first time it had been proposed. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff had reviewed the issue and, following discussion with the agency, believed it was appropriate to remove those decision units because it was not the precedent the state wanted to set.

Another change described by Mr. Goodman was in budget account (BA) 3181, Victims of Domestic Violence. When the Subcommittee closed this budget, there was a bill draft request (BDR) to allow this budget to receive the interest earned on funds in that budget account. The BDR was subsequently withdrawn, and therefore, this budget did not need the additional revenue authority. The account was also affected by Senate Bill (S.B.) 14 to increase the fee on marriage licenses. The Division anticipated increased funding because of that bill.

Assemblywoman Leslie agreed with both items discussed by Mr. Goodman and recommended the Committee approve the closing report as recommended by Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET CLOSING REPORT AND TO CLOSE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Denis, Assemblywoman Buckley, and Assemblyman Oceguela were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Washoe County Assembly District No. 27, Chair for the Joint Subcommittee on Human Services/CIPS read the following closing report for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES/CIPS HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGETS FOR THE DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING CLOSING RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S CLOSING ACTIONS RESULTED IN DECREASES IN GENERAL FUNDS OF APPROXIMATELY \$4.3 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND \$9.1 MILLION IN FY 2011.

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (101-3228) WELFARE-1: TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE DIVISION'S FIELD OFFICES AND EXPAND THE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ONLINE, THE JOINT GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED AND SUPPORTED FUNDING RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT REQUEST (TIR) IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS ACCOUNT. TO PROVIDE CORRESPONDING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, THE HUMAN SERVICES/CIPS SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP), FORMERLY KNOWN AS FOOD STAMPS, AND TITLE XIX FUNDING OF \$1.6 MILLION OVER THE BIENNIUM, WHICH REFLECTS CLOSING ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE. TO PROVIDE PRODUCT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TIR, THE

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED NINE NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE ADDITION OF EIGHT NEW POSITIONS, WITH THE REDUCTION OF ONE SUPERVISORY POSITION THAT WAS NOT CRITICAL FOR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. IN APPROVING THE POSITIONS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ACCELERATED START DATES TO ALLOW THESE POSITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING AS SOON AS THEY ARE HIRED AND TO BETTER COORDINATE THE TIMEFRAMES THE POSITIONS WILL WORK WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION VENDOR.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADD TWO NEW QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALISTS TO ADDRESS CASELOAD INCREASES ASSOCIATED WITH SNAP CASE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND ONE HEARING OFFICER TO ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF CASELOAD INCREASES ON FEDERALLY- MANDATED HEARINGS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED REVISED PROJECTIONS IN THE COST OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFERS EACH YEAR. IN SUPPORTING THE REVISIONS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED THE ADDITION OF FEDERAL SNAP AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) FUNDS OF \$651,992 IN FY 2010 AND \$217,331 IN FY 2011, WITH OFFSETTING REDUCTIONS TO GENERAL FUNDS.

THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED THE ELIMINATION OF 12 POSITIONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT, INCLUDING FOUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS. UPON CLOSER REVIEW BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ELIMINATION OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS WOULD AFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE DIVISION TO MEET FEDERAL MANDATES RELATIVE TO THE NOMADS SYSTEM. THEREFORE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE ELIMINATION OF EIGHT POSITIONS AND THE RESTORATION OF FOUR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS. TO ADDRESS THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF RESTORING THESE POSITIONS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF AN AUDITOR AND A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR AT HIGHER SALARY LEVELS, IN LIEU OF TWO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD 13 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS, WITH OFFSETTING REDUCTIONS IN MSA CONTRACT EXPENSES, TO CONVERT MSA CONTRACTORS TO STATE POSITIONS. IN CONSIDERING THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED A REVISION IN THE TIME FRAME UNDER WHICH THE MSA CONTRACTORS WOULD OVERLAP WITH STATE POSITIONS FROM SIX MONTHS TO FOUR MONTHS, RESULTING IN SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 OVER THE BIENNIUM.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION EXPENSES, BASED ON THE ADDITION OF POSITIONS RECOMMENDED IN THE FIELD SERVICES ACCOUNT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RESTORED THE GENERAL FUNDED PORTIONS OF THE EXPENSE WITH REMAINING SNAP HIGH PERFORMANCE BONUS FUNDS.

WELFARE/TANF (101-3230) WELFARE-17: THE DIVISION ENDED THE 2005-2007 BIENNIUM WITH A BALANCE OF UNSPENT TANF FUNDING TOTALING \$25.8 MILLION. THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET ASSUMES AN UNSPENT BALANCE OF TANF FUNDING OF \$15.1 MILLION AT THE END OF THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM. THE DECREASE IN THE BALANCE OF UNSPENT TANF FUNDING IS PRIMARILY DUE TO CASELOAD INCREASES. THE BALANCE OF UNSPENT TANF FUNDING IS PROJECTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO BE DEPLETED AT THE END OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM DUE TO TANF-RELATED EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. BASED ON THE PROJECTED DEPLETION OF THE TANF RESERVE, THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS GENERAL FUNDS, IN LIEU OF TANF, OF \$4.4 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND \$7.5 MILLION IN FY 2011 TO PROVIDE FOR CASH ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS. UNDER THE ARRA, NEVADA QUALIFIES FOR EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY TANF FUNDING OF \$18.0 MILLION OVER THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM, BASED ON ACTUAL AND PROJECTED CASELOAD INCREASES IN EACH QUARTER OVER THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008. BASED ON THE ANTICIPATED RECEIPT OF ARRA FUNDS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE REMOVAL OF GENERAL FUNDS, IN LIEU OF TANF, WITH EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY TANF FUNDING BY THE SAME AMOUNTS. BASED ON THE RECEIPT OF ARRA FUNDS, THE GOVERNOR SUBMITTED A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REDUCE GENERAL FUNDS BY \$1.9 MILLION OVER THE BIENNIUM TO REFLECT THE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL TANF FUNDS TO THE TANF-ELIGIBLE PORTION OF THE TIR AND TO NEW POSITIONS RECOMMENDED TO SUPPORT THE TIR. BASED ON THE LACK OF AVAILABLE TANF FUNDS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE AMENDMENT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTS REVISED TANF CASELOAD PROJECTIONS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WITH REVIEW BY STAFF. A TOTAL AVERAGE OF 25,873 CASES ARE RECOMMENDED IN FY 2010, A DECREASE FROM 28,424 CASES RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND 29,376 CASES ARE RECOMMENDED IN FY 2011, AN INCREASE COMPARED WITH 29,287 CASES RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE DOLLAR IMPACT OF THE CASELOAD PROJECTIONS RESULTS IN SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.3 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND AN INCREASE OF \$774,831 IN FY 2011.

BASED ON THE LACK OF AVAILABLE TANF FUNDS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE THE TRANSFER OF TANF FUNDS TO CLARK AND WASHOE COUNTIES BY \$3.6 MILLION EACH YEAR. IN CONCURRING WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN CLARK COUNTY THAT ARE FUNDED WITH TANF FUNDS AND THE RESULTING

IMPACT ON INVESTIGATION CASELOADS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNITS ESTABLISHED WITH COUNTY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES STAFF IF THOSE POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED. TO ADDRESS THE REDUCTION OF TANF FUNDS TO CLARK COUNTY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE IN THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CLARK COUNTY IN ITS USE OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, THE STATE WILL WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO HELP IDENTIFY OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THESE SERVICES.

BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE TANF ACCOUNT, A RESERVE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 MILLION IS PROJECTED AT THE END OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM. IN ESTIMATING THE TANF RESERVE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE EXCLUDED THE TANF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN FY 2011 TOTALING \$2.8 MILLION, SINCE THE GRANT IS NOT APPROVED FOR CONTINUATION BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

ASSISTANCE TO AGED AND BLIND (101-3232) WELFARE-21: THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASES IN PROJECTED CASELOADS, WITH ADDITIONAL INCREASES BASED ON REVISED CASELOAD PROJECTIONS FROM THE DIVISION.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO CONTINUE TO REPORT TO THE IFC OVER THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING THE ANNUAL SSI COST OF-LIVING INCREASE.

WELFARE FIELD SERVICES (101-3233) WELFARE-23: IN ADDITION TO 478 NEW POSITIONS TO ADDRESS PROJECTED INCREASES IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED THE ELIMINATION OF 114.5 POSITIONS, WHICH INCLUDES THE ELIMINATION OF 105.5 EXISTING POSITIONS AND NINE POSITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE YERINGTON, WINNEMUCCA AND HAWTHORNE FIELD OFFICES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE RESTORATION OF 105.5 EXISTING POSITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ELIMINATION AND THE RESTORATION OF THE YERINGTON, WINNEMUCCA AND HAWTHORNE OFFICES, REPRESENTING THE RESTORATION OF 9 POSITIONS. IN RECOMMENDING THE RESTORATION OF POSITIONS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE REDUCTION OF 118 OF THE 478 NEW POSITIONS THAT WERE RECOMMENDED TO ADDRESS ELIGIBILITY CASELOADS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE MODIFICATION OF START DATES FOR THE REMAINING NEW POSITIONS TO BETTER MEET INCREASING CASELOADS DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE BIENNIUM.

BASED ON EFFICIENCIES ANTICIPATED IN FIELD OFFICES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS BY JANUARY 2011 RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

REQUEST, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF 87 OF THE 478 NEW POSITIONS RECOMMENDED TO START IN FY 2011. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO DID NOT SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF 15 NEW LEAD AND SUPERVISORY POSITIONS, BASED ON NUMBERS OF THESE POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING BUDGET.

WITH THE CHANGES IN POSITIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE, A TOTAL OF 258 NEW POSITIONS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FIELD SERVICES BUDGET TO ADDRESS PROJECTED CASELOADS OVER THE BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ADDITION OF 245 OF THE NEW POSITIONS AS INTERMITTENT POSITIONS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DIVISION TO REDUCE ITS WORKFORCE TOWARD THE END OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM ONCE BENEFITS RESULTING FROM THE TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT REQUEST ARE REALIZED. INTERMITTENT POSITIONS WILL PROVIDE THE DIVISION FLEXIBILITY TO ADDRESS FLUCTUATIONS IN WORKLOAD ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS. A TOTAL OF 13 NEW PERMANENT SUPERVISORY POSITIONS ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE RETAINED IN THE BUDGET.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD TEN NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS TO THE CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT TO ADDRESS INCREASED TELEPHONE CALL VOLUME AND LONGER WAIT TIMES FOR CITIZENS CONTACTING THE DIVISION BY TELEPHONE.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD THREE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS TO ASSIST IN MEETING FEDERALLY MANDATED QUALITY CONTROL REQUIREMENTS ON PROJECTED INCREASES IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF THE OWENS FIELD OFFICE IN LAS VEGAS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RESTORED FUNDING FOR THE OWENS OFFICE AND ALSO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WHERE STAFF TRAINING IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTED. TO OFFSET COST INCREASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTORATION OF THE OWENS OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, FUNDING FOR NEW BUILDING SPACE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR ELIMINATION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (101-3238) WELFARE-27: THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.0 MILLION OVER THE BIENNIUM TO FUND A TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT REQUEST TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS AND ESTIMATE COSTS FOR MODERNIZING THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SOFTWARE APPLICATION RESIDING ON NOMADS. IN APPROVING THIS REQUEST, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE

SIZE AND COST OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE STUDY. BASED ON THIS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DIVISION TO TAILOR THE STUDY IN SUCH A WAY AS TO IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS THAT COULD BE FUNDED FROM RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROGRAM WITH THE POTENTIAL USE OF ARRA FUNDS.

THE ARRA TEMPORARILY REPEALS THE PROHIBITION ON USING INCENTIVE FUNDS AS A MATCH TO DRAW DOWN ADDITIONAL CHILD SUPPORT FUNDS FOR CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMS. THE REPEAL IS EFFECTIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. APPROXIMATELY \$1.0 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING WOULD BE RECEIVED IN NEVADA AS A RESULT OF APPLYING STATE INCENTIVE FUNDING TO THE NON-FEDERAL PORTION. AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING ANTICIPATED UNDER THE ARRA, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET TO ADD FEDERAL ARRA FUNDS OF \$1.0 MILLION AND FEDERAL INCENTIVE FUNDS OF \$258,097 AND RECOMMENDED A LETTER OF INTENT TO HAVE THE DIVISION REPORT ON THE PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE ARRA PRIOR TO THEIR EXPENDITURE AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE ARRA FUNDS, SUBJECT TO IFC APPROVAL.

CHILD SUPPORT FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT (101-3239)

WELFARE-44: THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND SUPPORTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET TO ADD FEDERAL ARRA FUNDS OF \$9.3 MILLION AND COUNTY FEDERAL INCENTIVE FUNDS OF \$2.1 MILLION, BASED ON THE REPEAL OF THE PROHIBITION ON USING INCENTIVE FUNDS AS A MATCH TO DRAW DOWN ADDITIONAL CHILD SUPPORT FUNDS.

THE DIVISION APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT TO HAVE THE DIVISION REPORT ON THE PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE ARRA PRIOR TO THEIR EXPENDITURE AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE ARRA FUNDS, SUBJECT TO IFC APPROVAL.

CHILD ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT (101-3267)

WELFARE-46: THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SUPPORT THE CONVERSION OF CHILD-CARE SERVICES FROM UNLV TO THE DIVISION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CONTINUATION OF THE UNLV CONTRACT, WITH ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING OF \$110,992 EACH YEAR FOR ADDITIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNLV AND ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING OF \$256,832 IN FY 2010 AND \$259,101 IN FY 2011 TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY SERVICES AND RENT AT THE WEST WASHINGTON FACILITY TO HOUSE EDUCATION STAFF EMPLOYED BY UNLV. THE SUBCOMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE WITH UNLV UNTIL A COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER IS IDENTIFIED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CHILDCARE SERVICES SIMILAR TO THE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN NORTHERN NEVADA BY THE CHILDREN'S CABINET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A LETTER OF

INTENT FOR THE DIVISION TO REPORT BACK TO IFC ON ITS EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING AND CONTRACTING WITH A COMMUNITY PARTNER TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CHILDCARE SERVICES IN SOUTHERN NEVADA OVER THE BIENNIUM.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTS REVISED CHILDCARE CASELOAD PROJECTIONS, RESULTING IN INCREASED SUBSIDY PAYMENTS FOR NEON AND AT-RISK CASES OVER THE BIENNIUM. TO ADDRESS THE INCREASED CHILDCARE CASELOADS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET TO ADD APPROXIMATELY \$14.3 MILLION IN ARRA CHILDCARE FUNDS OVER THE BIENNIUM. TO FULLY FUND SUBSIDY PAYMENTS FOR NEON AND AT-RISK CASES, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT \$1.2 MILLION IN RESERVES BE REDIRECTED TO SUBSIDY PAYMENTS FOR AT-RISK CASES, \$1.9 MILLION BE REDIRECTED FROM QUALITY ASSURANCE TO SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO NEON AND AT-RISK CASES, AND THAT DISCRETIONARY CHILDCARE CASES BE CAPPED AT 2,500. AS A RESULT OF THE CAP ON DISCRETIONARY CASES, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 CHILDCARE CASES WOULD GO UNSERVED; HOWEVER, \$1.9 MILLION IN DISCRETIONARY CHILDCARE FUNDING WOULD BE REDIRECTED TO NEON AND AT-RISK CASES. IN APPROVING THESE CHANGES, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DIRECTED THE DIVISION TO ADJUST OR REMOVE THE CAP ON DISCRETIONARY CASES IF ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE OR IF CASELOADS ARE NOT REALIZED AT THEIR PROJECTED LEVELS.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (101-4862) WELFARE-52: TO REMAIN WITHIN EXISTING FUNDING LEVELS FOR UNIVERSAL ENERGY CHARGES (UEC) AND FEDERAL LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS OF \$2.7 MILLION FY 2010 AND \$4.4 MILLION IN FY 2011, RESULTING IN REDUCTIONS IN THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAM. THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALSO RECOMMENDED A DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CASE FROM \$903 IN FY 2008 TO \$559 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. BASED ON REVISED PROJECTIONS OF AVAILABLE UEC FUNDS AND LIHEAP FUNDS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTED MODIFICATIONS TO THE BUDGET WHICH ELIMINATE THE REDUCTION RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN FY 2010 AND CHANGE THE DECREASE RECOMMENDED IN FY 2011 FROM \$4.4 MILLION TO \$697,006. THE MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE RESULT IN ALL PROJECTED HOUSEHOLDS SERVED UNDER THE PROGRAM IN FY 2010 AND APPROXIMATELY 4,000 HOUSEHOLDS NOT SERVED IN FY 2011.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Washoe County Assembly District No. 27, Chair for the Joint Subcommittee on Human Services/CIPS read the following closing report for the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Division into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE 18 BUDGETS OF THE STATE HEALTH DIVISION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULT IN A GENERAL FUND REDUCTION OF \$1.6 MILLION IN FY 2010 AND \$1.5 MILLION IN FY 2011. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS DESCRIBE THE MORE SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (101-3223): THE SUBCOMMITTEE ENDORSED THE DIVISION-WIDE REORGANIZATION PLAN, WHICH REDUCES THE NUMBER OF HEALTH DIVISION BUREAUS FROM SIX TO FOUR, ELIMINATES 41.77 DUPLICATIVE POSITIONS ACROSS THE DIVISION, AND TRANSFERS 30 POSITIONS WITHIN THE DIVISION IN ORDER TO ALIGN THE DUTIES OF THE NEW BUREAUS' STAFFS. IN THIS BUDGET, 13 POSITIONS WERE APPROVED FOR ELIMINATION, BUT 13 OTHER POSITIONS WERE APPROVED TO TRANSFER IN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING THE FISCAL AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES WITHIN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

HEALTH STATISTICS & PLANNING (101-3190): THE SUBCOMMITTEE ACCEPTED A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO CORRECT A RECOMMENDED BUDGET REDUCTION THAT INAPPROPRIATELY REDUCED GENERAL FUNDS IN ORDER TO BALANCE A REDUCTION IN THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEY CATEGORY. THE AMENDMENT RESTORED \$486,102 IN STATE GENERAL FUND TO THIS BUDGET OVER THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED GENERAL FUND OF \$236,124 OVER THE BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE NEEDS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRY SYSTEM.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (101-3208): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED TWO CASELOAD ENHANCEMENTS, FUNDED WITH A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$6.5 MILLION OVER THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM. THE TOTAL CASELOAD ENHANCEMENT IS ACTUALLY \$10.4 MILLION OVER THE BIENNIUM, BUT \$3.9 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS WAS UTILIZED IN ORDER TO FUND A PORTION OF THE ENHANCEMENT. THE CASELOAD ENHANCEMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE LIST OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR INTERVENTION THERAPIES LONGER THAN 30 DAYS, WHICH THE DIVISION CALCULATES TO BE 669 CHILDREN, AND TO ADDRESS NEW CASELOAD GROWTH AT A MONTHLY PROJECTED GROWTH RATE OF 1.8 PERCENT. THE ENHANCED FUNDING WILL NOT BE USED IN EIS CLINICS, BUT RATHER WILL BE PROVIDED TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONTRACT WITH THE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION SERVICES TO CHILDREN.

IMMUNIZATION (101-3213): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY PROGRAM EFFORT ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE 2007 LEGISLATURE. THIS RECOMMENDATION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE REINSTATES THE STATE PROGRAM OFFICER POSITION AND PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CONTRACT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WORKERS TO DESIGN AND UPDATE THE WEBIZ DATABASE, WHICH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS USE TO ENTER CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION DATA. THE TOTAL COST OF THIS ENHANCEMENT IS \$256,260 IN FY 2010 AND \$209,230 IN FY 2011, HALF OF WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND AND HALF OF WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL IMMUNIZATION GRANT. THEREFORE, THE TOTAL COST TO THE GENERAL FUND IS \$127,754 IN FY 2010 AND \$104,235 IN FY 2011. FURTHERMORE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE INSTRUCTED THE HEALTH DIVISION TO SEEK FEDERAL STIMULUS OR OTHER FUNDS THAT COULD OFFSET THE GENERAL FUND IN THIS ENHANCEMENT.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (101-3215): CASELOAD PROJECTIONS INDICATE THAT THERE MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP) CLIENTS' MEDICATIONS IN THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT THE DIVISION PLANS TO DIRECT MORE OF ITS FEDERAL RYAN WHITE GRANT MONIES TO MEDICATIONS AND LESS TO "WRAPAROUND" SERVICES, SUCH AS COUNSELING AND DRUG TREATMENT, IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE ANTICIPATED CASELOAD. THEREFORE, AS A RESULT OF CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE CASELOAD GROWTH, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT ACCEPT A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND FROM THIS BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A TOTAL OF \$1.9 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM FOR ADAP MEDICATIONS. PHARMACEUTICAL REBATES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO INCREASE SOMEWHAT IN THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT GIVING THE HEALTH DIVISION THE FLEXIBILITY TO TRANSFER ITS GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS OF THE BIENNIUM WITH APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE, BUT WITH THE CONDITION THAT IT PRESENT COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES FOR ADAP IF IT REQUESTS A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER.

HEALTH FACILITIES HOSPITAL LICENSING (101-3216): THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ADDITION OF 11 NEW HEALTH FACILITY SURVEYORS TO THIS BUDGET IN ORDER TO BRING THE TIME BETWEEN INSPECTIONS OF FACILITIES DOWN TO EVERY 18 MONTHS, EXCEPT WHERE MORE FREQUENT INSPECTIONS ARE MANDATED. IN ADDITION, ONE NEW BIOSTATISTICIAN AND ONE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WERE APPROVED. THE TOTAL COST FOR THESE 13 NEW POSITIONS IS \$790,562 IN FY 2010 AND \$974,304 IN FY 2011, FUNDED BY RESERVED FEES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO ADD ONE NEW MANAGEMENT ANALYST POSITION. THE MANAGEMENT ANALYST WOULD HAVE HELPED TO DEVELOP NEW POLICIES

AND PROGRAM GUIDANCE AS A RESULT OF HEALTH FACILITY SURVEY TRENDS UNCOVERED BY MORE RIGOROUS DATA ANALYSIS BY THE NEW BIOSTATISTICIAN POSITION (WHICH THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID APPROVE). HOWEVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE FELT THAT BUREAU MANAGEMENT COULD EFFECTIVELY DEVELOP THE PROGRAM GUIDANCE AND THAT THE BIOSTATISTICIAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO INTERPRET THE MEANING OF THE STATISTICS AS AN INHERENT PART OF THAT JOB.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (101-3235): AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AUDIT DURING FY 2008 RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGISTRY PROGRAM TRANSFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE HEALTH DIVISION. THE REGISTRY PROVIDES CARDS ENABLING CHRONICALLY ILL PEOPLE TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER NRS CHAPTER 453A. THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED PLACING THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM WITHIN THIS BUDGET. INSTEAD, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ADDITION OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM BUDGET TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND THE TRANSFER OF ONE PROGRAM POSITION FROM THE EMS BUDGET TO THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUDGET, WHERE IT WILL BE FUNDED BY REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FEES. THE POSITION WAS FORMERLY FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, SO \$97,128 IN GENERAL FUND WAS SAVED OVER THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM BY TRANSFERRING ONE POSITION FROM THE EMS BUDGET TO THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUDGET.

PUBLIC HEALTH TOBACCO FUND (263-3212): THE COMMITTEE WILL RECALL THAT THE INTEREST INCOME EARNED BY THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORTS THIS BUDGET'S OPERATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM. HOWEVER, SINCE FUNDS FROM THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE BEEN USED TO HELP WITH THE BUDGET SHORTFALL, THERE IS PROJECTED TO BE ONLY \$1.1 MILLION IN THE TRUST FUND BY THE END OF THE CURRENT BIENNIUM. THEREFORE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF THIS BUDGET ACCOUNT FOR THE DURATION OF THE 2009-11 BIENNIUM, AS IT WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INTEREST INCOME TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF INTENT INSTRUCTING THE HEALTH DIVISION TO CONSULT WITH THE BUDGET DIVISION AND THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC HEALTH TOBACCO FUND IN ITS BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2011-13 BIENNIUM.

OTHER ACCOUNTS WITH NO MAJOR CLOSING ISSUES: THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE BUDGETS FOR RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH, HEALTH RADIOACTIVE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE, CANCER CONTROL REGISTRY, CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION, THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH, WIC, PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, CHRONIC DISEASE, MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THESE ACCOUNTS BE CLOSED LARGELY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR,

WITH SOME TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSING REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH DIVISION.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Arberry requested the Committee consider introduction of the following bill draft requests (BDR):

- **BDR 49-1314**—Eliminates the position of Weed Control Analyst within the State Department of Agriculture. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 556](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST 49-1314.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **BDR 38-1315**—Revises provisions governing the Senior Citizens' Property Tax Assistance Account. . (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 555](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST 38-1315.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **BDR S-1291**—Makes an appropriation for the continuation of programs dedicated to promoting citizen volunteerism. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 558](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST S-1291.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **BDR S-1260**—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Corrections for unanticipated shortfalls in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for increased costs at various facilities. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 557](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST S-1260.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

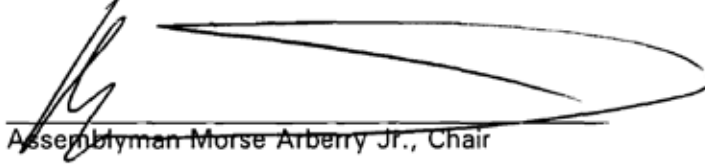
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There being no public comments or questions, Chair Arberry adjourned the hearing at 2:43 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Linda Blevins
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Ways and Means

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