

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY/NATURAL
RESOURCES/TRANSPORTATION
OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-fifth Session
April 7, 2009**

The Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety/Natural Resources/Transportation of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 8:08 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
Senator Bob Coffin
Senator Dean A. Rhoads

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian M. Burke, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mark Krmpotic, Senior Program Analyst
Tracy Raxter, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Patricia O'Flinn, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Captain Philip K. O'Neill, Division Chief, Records and Technology Division,
Nevada Department of Public Safety

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will open the hearing with consideration of closing items found within the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation Closing List #2 ([Exhibit C](#), original is on file in the Research Library).

We will begin with budget account (B/A) 201-4706.
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DPS - Director's Office – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-1 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4706

MARK KRMPOTIC (Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

There are five closing issues in this budget account. The first relates to the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for which the Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides administrative support. However, the OHS reports to the Governor's Office. Based on this arrangement, the *Executive Budget* recommends the inclusion of the OHS in the Department's administrative cost allocation funded with General Funds of approximately \$18,000 each year of the biennium. Staff recently learned that administrative support duties for the OHS will be transferred to the Department of Administration as of April 1, 2009. The Budget Office has submitted Budget Amendment No. 72 to reduce the allocation of funding to the OHS to \$13,434 in fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010 and \$13,605 in FY 2010-2011. Based on this information, staff seeks approval from the Subcommittee to revise the administrative cost allocation to redistribute the costs allocated to the OHS to existing budget accounts within the Department based on established cost allocation methodology.

The next closing issue in this budget is decision unit E-325.

E-325 Services at Level Closest to People – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-2

This is a recommendation for funding of \$1,880 each year of the biennium to provide for travel and training expenses for two Honor Guard members to attend the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association Honor Camp. The DPS indicates the attendees will train other members of the team upon their return and are provided with compact discs and notebooks to act as refresher materials. Based on the availability of refresher materials and the intention to train other members of the Honor Guard, the Subcommittee may wish to fund this expense every other year rather than annually. Therefore, staff recommends approval of funding in FY 2009-2010 but not in FY 2010-2011.

The next item is decision unit E-607 which recommends funding reductions of \$11,065 in each year of the biennium to eliminate out-of-state travel for the Honor Guard and to reduce training for office staff. This decision unit appears reasonable to staff.

E-607 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-3

The last two items are decision units E-901 and E-903.

E-901 Transfer from Directors to Dem – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-4

E-903 Transfer from Directors to Admin – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-5

Decision unit E-901 continues the decision of the August 2008 Interim Finance Committee (IFC) to transfer the public information officer to the Division of Emergency Management. Decision unit E-903 continues the IFC decision to transfer an administrative assistant position to the Administrative Services Division. Staff recommends approval of both these decision units.

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SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE
TO APPROVE B/A 201-4706 INCLUDING STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

Staff requests authority to make technical adjustments to cost and technology
allocations in all the DPS budgets.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL
COMMITTEE TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO
INTERNAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY ALLOCATIONS IN
ALL THE DPS BUDGETS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now open the hearing on the DPS Office of Professional Responsibility,
B/A 201-4707.

DPS - Office of Prof Responsibility – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-7
(Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4707

MR. KRMPOTIC:

This budget is 100-percent funded from costs allocated to all agencies with
sworn personnel within the DPS. Each agency's cost allocation is calculated as
a percentage of the number of sworn full-time equivalents (FTEs) in the division.
The Governor recommended a reduction in non-State-owned building rent to
reflect the cost savings associated with moving the Office of Professional
Responsibility to State-owned office space. Since the February 10, 2009
hearing for this budget account, staff has received information from the Agency
that the landlord has agreed to reduce the rent equivalent to the rent they would
enjoy by moving to State-owned office space. The Agency indicates its
preference is to remain within its leased space since it keeps it independent of
other sworn organizations within the DPS which it investigates. The Agency
provided information to staff that reflects a savings of \$759 in FY 2009-2010
and \$1,326 in FY 2010-2011. These reductions reflect revised calculations for

State-owned building rent and incorporate the cost to move in FY 2009-2010. Based on the Agency's preference to remain in an independent location and the reductions in the cost of rent, staff recommends the Agency remain at its existing leased space with the technical adjustments noted.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN B/A 201-4707.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will open the hearing on the DPS Administrative Services, B/A 201-4714.

DPS - Administrative Services – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-11 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4714

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Administrative Services is a 100-percent cost allocated budget account. The Governor recommends the elimination of an accounting assistant position responsible for scanning fiscal accounting documents in decision unit E-612. This position has been vacant since May 2008. In testimony provided to the Subcommittee on February 10, 2009, the Agency indicated the elimination of the position would not compromise its ability to meet its internal controls or delay its ability to close out the fiscal year. The Agency stated the elimination of the position would delay its ability to scan documents into the system. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff.

E-612 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-14

Several enhancement unit decisions were made at the IFC meeting on August 14, 2008 as cost savings measures for the Department. Decision unit E-606 recommends the elimination of a loss control coordinator position beginning in FY 2009-2010. A management analyst position within the unit would assume some of the duties performed by the loss control coordinator position. Decision unit E-609 recommends the elimination of a 0.49 FTE administrative assistant position that assists in prescreening potential candidates for open law enforcement positions within the Department. This recommendation also includes the increase of three remaining administrative assistant positions from 0.49 FTE to 0.51 FTE which makes them eligible for State retirement and health benefits and, therefore, may make those positions more attractive to potential candidates. Decision unit E-903 recommends the transfer of an administrative assistant position from the Director's Office to Administrative Services. Decision unit E-500 reclassifies revenues to reflect allocation of the costs of the position from the Administrative Services Division.

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E-500 Adjustments – Transfers In – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-12

E-606 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-13

E-609 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-13

E-903 Transfer from Directors to Admin – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-16

Decision unit E-611 recommends reductions to in-state travel and training expenses, and unit E-710 recommends funding for replacement of desktop computers, monitors and one printer.

E-611 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-14

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-16

Staff recommends approval of the aforementioned decision units.

The Subcommittee will note technical adjustments recommended by staff eliminate recruitment supplies totaling \$4,597 in FY 2009-2010 and revise contract advertising expenses, resulting in an increase of \$3,775 in FY 2009-2010 and the elimination of this expense in FY 2010-2011 as indicated on page 6 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-500, E-606, E-609, E-611, E-612, E-710 AND E-903 IN B/A 201-4714 ALONG WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET ACCOUNT AS MADE BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to B/A 101-4738.

DPS - Dignitary Protection – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-101 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4738

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Dignitary Protection detail provides security to the Governor and the First Lady. In addition, funding of approximately \$500,000 each year is transferred to the Capitol Police account to pay the salary expenses for five positions that provide around-the-clock security at the Governor's Mansion. The Governor recommends the elimination of one DPS officer position. The DPS testified that security is provided for the First Lady only at official functions she attends, and

they would be able to provide all necessary security without this position. The elimination of the position is a cost-saving measure to offset the costs in position upgrades included in this budget account: one sergeant to a lieutenant; one DPS officer to a sergeant. The position upgrades are associated with increased duties and responsibilities relating to the administrative function of the Dignitary Protection unit. Staff has identified technical adjustments associated with this decision unit that reduce the cost of uniforms and cell phone charges associated with the position elimination. The decision before the Subcommittee is whether to approve the elimination of this position as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments as noted.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

Budget Amendment No. 83 reduces General Funds by \$32,836 in FY 2009-2010 and \$35,113 in FY 2010-2011 to correct the transfer to the Capitol Police account for the cost of maintaining 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week coverage at the Governor's Mansion. This amendment will match the amount transferred out of the Dignitary Protection account with the amount recommended to be received in the Capitol Police account. Staff recommends approval of Budget Amendment No. 83 and seeks authority to make adjustments to the transfer based on technical adjustments to the Capitol Police account and final decisions by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means regarding decision units E-670, E-671, E-672 and E-673.

E-670 Temporary 6% Salary Reduction – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-104

E-671 Suspend Merit Salary Inc for FY10 & FY11 – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-104

E-672 Suspend Longevity for FY10 & FY11 – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-105

E-673 Implement SAGE Commission Recommendation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-105

Staff seeks authority to make adjustments to cost allocations for decision units M-800, E-650 and E-800 once the budgets are approved by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

M-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-103

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E-650 Program Limits or Rate Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-104

E-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-105

SENATOR COFFIN:

Did we receive testimony the agency will be able to keep up with the registries, or did we hear they would fall behind with this budget?

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The information you are asking about is included in the Criminal History Repository (CHR) budget.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 83 AND TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO DECISION UNITS E-670, E-671, E-672, E-673, M-800, E-650 AND E-800.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will open the hearing on the DPS, Criminal History Repository.

DPS - Criminal History Repository – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-164
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4709

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The CHR provides a number of functions within the State, including civil fingerprint background checks, updating the criminal history records repository, providing background checks for prospective gun buyers under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993 and operating the civil name check program. The CHR is largely a fee-based budget which derives its revenue from the various kinds of background checks it performs. Revenues are projected to decline in FY 2008-2009 by approximately \$4.7 million. This impacts the ending reserve balance to be carried forward into FY 2009-2010. Subsequently, the Agency is also recommending revenue reductions in FY 2009-2010 of \$1.2 million and approximately \$200,000 in FY 2010-2011 in comparison with the Governor's recommended budget. The declines in revenue projected over the 2009-2011 biennium would result in a reserve at the end of FY 2010-2011 of \$760,000. The Budget Office submitted Budget Amendment No. 140 to reflect the projected declines in revenue as provided by the Agency.

The Agency's primary concern with respect to the declining reserve relates to operating cash flow requirements. Based on the projected reserve at the end of

the biennium, staff calculates a reserve level equivalent to 60 days of operating expenses to be approximately \$2.3 million. The Agency has provided staff proposed reductions in expenditures which will allow it to maintain a reserve level over the biennium of not less than \$1.7 million. The proposed reductions to expenditures include adjustments to FBI fingerprint fees which total \$466,822 in FY 2009-2010 and \$185,076 in FY 2010-2011. The Agency projects reductions in its fees paid to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) of \$84,434 in FY 2009-2010 and \$21,925 in FY 2010-2011 for the projected number of transactions requiring access to the SCOPE system, a criminal history database operated by the Metro. Finally, the Agency proposes the elimination of two fingerprint technician positions that are projected to be vacant by the beginning of FY 2009-2010, resulting in a reduction of \$134,514 in FY 2009-2010 and \$135,510 in FY 2010-2011. The agency indicates it can meet its level of service without these two positions even as the economy improves and activity levels increase.

Revisions to the budget as proposed by the agency appear to be a reasonable means of maintaining a reserve at a level that will allow the agency to meet its operating requirements. Court assessments, which remain a significant source of funding for the CHR, are projected to exceed the levels programmed into the *Executive Budget*; however, the Subcommittee will recall, court assessments are programmed as General Fund revenue over the next biennium. The proposed budget amendment and the proposed reductions in expenditures appear reasonable to staff. The agency also has the ability through the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) to receive an advance in the beginning of the year based on its level of court assessments received for the prior fiscal year.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Can someone from the agency come forward? Please confirm for the record that the agency will be able to meet its level of service without the two fingerprinting technician positions proposed to be eliminated.

CAPTAIN PHILIP K. O'NEILL (Division Chief, Records and Technology Division, Nevada Department of Public Safety):

After careful review, we believe we can meet these needs with the reduction in staff. We originally had a considerable backlog that necessitated the additional personnel. In the last two years, we have overcome that backlog and we are keeping up with current requests. We have also put in place new processes and acquired new technology that will allow us to maintain our current level of service.

MR. KRMPOTIC:

If fingerprint fees were to turn around significantly in the next biennium, which would cause a steep increase in workload for the agency, the agency would have the ability to approach the IFC to add the positions back.

Other closing items for B/A 101-4709 include the Governor's recommended decreases in the reserve of approximately \$300,000 each year of the biennium to fund hardware and software maintenance contracts in decision unit E-275.

Under decision unit E-710 there are reductions in reserves of \$69,411 in FY 2009-2010 and \$28,284 in FY 2010-2011 to fund replacement computers, printers and scanners. Staff has included a technical adjustment to decrease funding from the reserve by \$26,152 in FY 2009-2010 based on the inclusion of local printers for 14 positions in lieu of network printers.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-170

Decision unit E-250 recommends increases to the reserve of \$1,140 in FY 2009-2010 and \$3,338 in FY 2010-2011 based on reduced expenses associated with moving to the new Campos Office Building located in Las Vegas. Finally, staff seeks authority to make adjustments to the administrative and technology cost allocations reflected in decision units M-800, E-650 and E-800 once the budgets are approved by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

E-250 Working Environment and Wage – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-167

M-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-167

E-650 Program Limits or Rate Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-168

E-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-170

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 140; DECISION UNITS E-275 AND E-250; DECISION UNIT E-710 WITH ADJUSTMENTS BY STAFF; AND TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO DECISION UNITS M-800, E-650, AND E-800 IN B/A 101-4709.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will move to the DPS, Child Volunteer Background Checks Trust Account.

DPS - Child Volunteer Background Checks Trust Acct – Budget Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-173 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4710

MR. KRMPOTIC:

This budget account was not heard in Subcommittee. It contains General Fund appropriations of approximately \$19,000 each year of the biennium to fund background checks for volunteers from nonprofit organizations who work with children. Staff recommends approval of this budget account as recommended

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by the Governor, with language included in the General Appropriations Act to allow the agency to transfer funding between fiscal years.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF B/A 101-4710 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO ALLOW THE AGENCY TO TRANSFER FUNDING BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will move on to the DPS, Technology Division budget.

DPS - Technology Division – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-174 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4733

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Technology Division supports the technology needs of the DPS and includes three components: programming, systems and network support. This budget account is 100-percent cost allocated and does not contain any reserves. The Governor recommends the elimination of three programming positions in decision unit E-606 totaling approximately \$184,000 in each year of the biennium. Staff had noted concerns during the Subcommittee hearing about the Agency's ability to maintain its existing systems and to accomplish new system development over the next biennium. The positions are recommended for elimination based on projected needs from the user divisions within the Agency which have declined based on decreases in funding. Staff notes the Agency's concerns to meet future requirements with in-house staff. The agency may need to seek contractors to complete necessary work.

E-606 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-177

Other closing items include decision unit E-250 which provides funding of \$16,968 in FY 2009-2010 to update an application development software package. The second item, on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#), is decision unit E-251 in which the Governor recommends funding of \$50,500 each year of the biennium to support ongoing costs for the GangNet database. Based on discussion with the Agency and information provided to the IFC in July 2007, staff is recommending reductions of \$13,000 each year of the biennium to more accurately reflect the costs associated with the GangNet database.

E-250 Working Environment and Wage – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-175

E-251 Working Environment and Wage – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-176

Decision unit E-275 requests funding of approximately \$282,000 each year of the biennium to provide leases for routers, ongoing expenses for development software, ongoing expenses for cell phones and circuit charges of \$75,000 each year. In this decision unit, the two routers recommended to be leased would cost approximately \$100,000 to purchase. The lease is for a five-year period and will cost \$22,000 each year for each router. These are core routers that are critical to the agency's ability to communicate with its criminal history database. Additionally, service agreements on existing routers and communication firewalls throughout the State will cost approximately \$110,000 each year of the biennium. Staff has made a technical adjustment to decrease the cost of the development software in FY 2010-2011 to reflect the reduced ongoing maintenance expense associated with this software.

E-275 Maximize Internet and Technology – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-176

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE B/A 201-4733 WITH THE ADJUSTMENTS TO DECISION UNITS E-250, E-251 AND E-275 AS SUGGESTED BY STAFF.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to the DPS Training Division budget.

DPS - Training Division – Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-211 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3775

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Governor recommends the consolidation of the Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission with the Training Division, decision units E-900 through E-909, to create a consolidated Peace Officer training function under the DPS. The recommendation to combine these entities results in the elimination of four positions from the P.O.S.T. Commission, decision unit E-225, and the elimination of one position from the Training Division, decision unit E-226.

E-225 Eliminate Duplicate Effort – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-214

E-226 Eliminate Duplicate Effort – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-215

E-900 Trans Base from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-219

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E-901 Trans E-250 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
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E-902 Trans E-277 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-220

E-903 Trans E-670 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
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E-904 Trans E-671 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
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E-905 Trans E-672 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-221

E-906 Trans E-710 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
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E-907 Trans E-711 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-222

E-908 Trans E-673 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
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E-909 Trans M-300 from POST to DPS Training Division – Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-223

Based on direction from the Subcommittee at the work session on March 25, 2009, staff has reflected the fiscal impact of removing the P.O.S.T. Commission from the Training Division as listed in the adjustments on pages 16 and 17 of the closing packet [Exhibit C](#). The removal of the P.O.S.T. Commission from the Training Division results in the addition of court assessments of \$693,128 in FY 2009-2010 and \$755,838 in FY 2010-2011. The addition is the result of restoring four positions from the P.O.S.T. Commission recommended for elimination in decision unit E-225 totaling \$344,319 in the first year of the biennium and \$349,357 in the second year of the biennium. Court assessments of \$348,809 in FY 2009-2010 and \$406,481 in FY 2010-2011 are also added back based on the reversal of decision unit E-500 which was recommended to reallocate revenues in the combined organization. The Subcommittee will recall that court assessments not programmed into the Governor's recommended budget are reflected as revenue to the General Fund; therefore, court assessments added back to this budget account would essentially come from the General Fund.

E-500 Adjustments – Transfers In – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-215

The removal of the P.O.S.T. Commission from the Training Division also results in the addition of General Funds, net of technical adjustments, of \$34,450 in FY 2009-2010 and \$35,704 in FY 2010-2011 based on the restoration of a lieutenant position recommended for elimination in decision unit E-226. Finally, removal of the P.O.S.T. Commission from the Training Division also results in the addition of Highway Funds of \$109,215 in FY 2009-2010 and \$111,878 in

FY 2010-2011 based on the same actions indicated above in decision units E-226 and E-500. Following the actions listed above, \$2,783 remains in decision unit E-226 each year of the biennium. Staff has determined, in conjunction with the Agency, that this funding was recommended to provide physicals to sworn positions included in this budget account. Funding for employee physicals was omitted from the base budget. Staff recommends the inclusion of funding for physicals for sworn employees in each fiscal year.

The decision before the Subcommittee is whether to approve changes in the funding to remove the P.O.S.T. Commission from the Training Division which would involve not approving decision units E-900 through E-909 and decision units E-225, E-226 and E-500.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO NOT APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-900 THROUGH E-909, E-225, E-226 AND E-500 AS WELL AS TO INCLUDE THE FUNDING FOR PHYSICALS FROM DECISION UNIT E-226.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR RHOADS:

Can staff tell us what will be the total cost?

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The court assessments which are essentially General Fund additions to this budget account total approximately \$700,000 in each year of the biennium. There are separate direct General Fund additions of approximately \$35,000 each year of the biennium. In the first year of the biennium, the General Fund add back would be approximately \$730,000 and in the second year the General Fund add back would be approximately \$790,000. Subsequently, the Highway Fund add back would be approximately \$110,000 in each year of the biennium.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I hope staff has the ability to track some of the other reductions which are more than the funding in the Governor's budget so we can have a running total at the end.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

It is my understanding they are keeping that total.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

The next item for the Subcommittee includes the elimination of the southern training academy on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor proposes to eliminate General Fund appropriations of \$52,387 in FY 2009-2010 and \$54,494 in FY 2010-2011, and Highway Fund appropriations of \$78,580 in FY 2009-2010 and \$81,741 in FY 2010-2011 for a leased facility in Las Vegas at which the

department operates the southern training academy, decision unit E-608. Decision units M-160 and E-607 eliminate funding for a DPS officer position and an administrative assistant respectively.

M-160 Position Reductions Approved in 07-09 – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-212

E-607 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-216

E-608 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-216

The agency indicates there are approximately 60 slots to train recruits each year in Carson City and it would not have the ability to provide academy training in southern Nevada. There are no new law enforcement positions recommended by the Governor for the DPS over the next biennium. The training needs of the DPS over the next biennium will be focused primarily on new employees slated for existing vacant positions.

Staff has questioned the agency on the need to maintain the sergeant position in southern Nevada who served as the academy commander. The agency has indicated this position, along with two DPS Officers, will focus on in-service training needs for the sworn positions in southern Nevada. Peace Officers must meet ongoing training requirements set out in the *Nevada Administrative Code*. Staff also questioned the need to maintain in-state travel funding since much of that travel involved staff travelling specifically to attend opening and graduation ceremonies at the southern academy. The agency indicates it will be redirecting its in-state travel budget to meet the training needs of sworn officers throughout the State.

If the Subcommittee wishes to approve the Governor's recommendation to eliminate funding for the southern academy, staff recommends approving the elimination of the DPS officer in decision unit M-160 and the administrative assistant in decision unit E-607 as recommended by the Governor. The Subcommittee may also wish to encourage the DPS to revisit its basic academy training needs and, if needed, request the reestablishment of the training academy in southern Nevada in the 2011-2013 biennium. The Subcommittee may also wish to consider a letter of intent to have the Agency report on its ability to meet its basic academy training requirements in the south once the southern academy is closed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF THE SOUTHERN ACADEMY AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE DPS OFFICER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AS SET FORTH IN DECISION UNITS E-608, M-160 AND E-607. FURTHER, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE DEPARTMENT TO REVISIT THIS CLOSURE AT THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND SUBMIT REPORTS ON THEIR ABILITY TO MEET THEIR TRAINING NEEDS IN THE MEANTIME.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The other closing items for B/A 101-3775 include decision unit M-425 in which the Governor recommends funding of \$114,380 in FY 2009-2010 for facilities maintenance at its donated Carson City training facility: \$93,380 to replace heating and air conditioning (HVAC) units; and \$21,000 for lighting. Dollar amounts included in the budget were based on quotes obtained from contractors over one year ago. Based on updated information requested by staff, the Agency indicates the cost to replace the HVAC units has decreased to \$67,347, which staff has included as adjustments to this budget. Additionally, staff has removed HVAC repair costs of \$2,500 from the base budget in FY 2010-2011 based on the installation of new units in FY 2009-2010.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-213

Decision units M-800, E-650 and E-800 recommend changes in the Department's internal allocations for the Director's Office, Administrative Services, Office of Professional Responsibility and Technology Division accounts. Staff seeks authority to make changes to the amounts allocated under the internal cost allocations based on final approval of the budget accounts of the department.

M-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-214

E-650 Program Limits or Reductions – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-217

E-800 Cost Allocation – Page PUBLIC SAFETY-219

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT M-425 AS ADJUSTED BY STAFF; AND TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES IN M-800, E-650 AND E-800 BASED ON FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will move on to the P.O.S.T. Commission budget.

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Budget Account 101-3774

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The primary decision for this budget account is the proposed consolidation with the DPS Training Division which the Subcommittee already considered. Other closing items include decision units E-250, E-277, E-710 and E-711.

E-250 Working Environment and Wage – Page POST-3

E-277 Maximize Internet and Technology – Page POST-3

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page POST-5

E-711 Replacement Equipment – Page POST-6

The Governor recommends increased court assessments of \$6,000 each year of the biennium in decision unit E-250 to pay Carson City for use of its Edmonds Sports Complex parking lot for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training for new cadets. This funding is necessary given the IFC's actions in reverting funding for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 07-C52 approved by the 2007 Legislature to construct an EVOC facility adjacent to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center. Decision unit E-277 recommends court assessments of \$1,300 in FY 2009-2010 and \$1,800 in FY 2010-2011 to fund an external Web hosting service for the purpose of offering online development classes. Decision unit E-710 recommends replacement of computers and one Scantron machine at a cost of \$17,969 in FY 2009-2010 and \$19,037 in FY 2010-2011. Finally, decision unit E-711 recommends funding of \$9,045 in FY 2010-2011 to replace a server. Staff recommends approval of all the aforementioned decision units.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I realize it is only \$6,000 for the rent on the Edmonds Sports Complex, but this is a service the P.O.S.T. supplies to Carson City as well as the rest of Nevada. Why are we paying another government entity for the rent? I can pursue this with local authorities, but it concerns me.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-250, E-277, E-710 AND E-711 IN B/A 101-3774.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to B/A 101-3650, the Office of the Military.

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Budget Account 101-3650

BRIAN M. BURKE (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The major closing issue with this account relates to Project ChalleNGe. The Governor proposes to eliminate State funding for a Project ChalleNGe program in Nevada in decision unit M-160. However, as an enhancement in decision unit E-325, the Governor recommends restoring \$389,007 in FY 2009-2010 and \$680,000 in FY 2010-2011 to support the program by sending 50 students per class to the Project ChalleNGe in California.

M-160 Position Reductions Approved in 07-09 – Page MILITARY-3

E-325 Services at Level Closest to People – Page MILITARY-4

During a Work Session, the Subcommittee was supportive of the concept, but the consensus was to reduce the number of targeted graduating students from 50 in each class to 12 in each class. This would result in General Fund savings of \$258,400 in FY 2009-2010 and \$516,800 in FY 2010-2011. Does the Subcommittee wish to confirm its Work Session consensus to fund Project ChalleNGe at 12 graduating students each class?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FUND PROJECT CHALLENGE FOR 12 STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS LEVEL.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. BURKE:

The other closing items include the transfer of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Maintenance budget from the main military account to a new, separate account in decision unit E-900.

E-900 Transfer Emergency Operations Center – Page MILITARY-8

Another item is the continuation of budget reductions in decision unit M-160 which eliminated two custodial workers, one maintenance repair worker and two Project ChalleNGe program officers. One of the Project ChalleNGe officers has been restored in decision unit E-325. In addition, there is a technical adjustment to address a fund map error that will result in a General Fund savings of \$77,117 in FY 2009-2010 and \$77,073 in FY 2010-2011. The

Executive Budget recommends funding of \$330,596 in FY 2009-2010 and \$329,971 in FY 2010-2011 to fund new and replacement equipment in decision units E-710 and E-720, as well as funding of \$827,395 in each year of the biennium for deferred maintenance in decision unit E-733. There is one further technical adjustment to correctly classify position types that were misclassified as new, rather than existing, in this budget account.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page MILITARY-6

E-720 New Equipment – Page MILITARY-7

E-733 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds – Page MILITARY-7

CHAIR MCCLAIN:

Did the State have Project ChalleNGe program officers previously?

MR. BURKE:

There was one program officer when Nevada sent 12 participants to the Arizona program. The number of officers was increased to two when the State decided to start its own program. Since the Project ChalleNGe program did not get started in Nevada, the number of officers is being reduced to one again.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE POSITION REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED IN DECISION UNIT M-160 AND TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO CORRECT FUND MAP ERRORS.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNITS E-710, E-720 AND E-733 AND TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUESTED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to the Military Carlin Armory budget.

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Military Carlin Armory – Budget Page MILITARY-11 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3651

MR. BURKE:

As the Subcommittee will recall, the Military Carlin Armory budget is a new account proposed by the Governor to reflect the transfer of operations and maintenance costs for the Fire Science Academy (FSA). As discussed at the March 6, 2009 Joint Subcommittee hearing, the timeline for the project has been reevaluated. The Budget Division anticipates the Office of the Military will not accept assignment of the site until July of 2011. The Budget Division has submitted Budget Amendment No. 37 to eliminate this account. This will not result in General Fund savings of \$456,242. The operations and maintenance funding would be restored to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) operating budget. Does the Subcommittee wish to approve Budget Amendment No. 37 to eliminate this new account?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

If this budget account does not move forward, does the CIP budget move forward?

MR. BURKE:

The CIP budget is independent of this operating decision. The CIP Subcommittee will be hearing this issue on April 23, 2009. They can still move forward with the renovation of the FSA to make it ready for the Office of the Military. But, the transfer of the site to the Office of the Military will not occur until the next biennium.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I am concerned that the CIP will move ahead with the \$10 million purchase from the National Guard for the FSA and the UNR will pay bills for the next two years for a facility which will no longer belong to them. How will the UNR pay the \$29 million they would still owe for that facility?

MR. BURKE:

I understand that the UNR proposes to dedicate an additional \$4.5 million to the retirement of the capital debt. There is about \$27 million in capital debt and \$12 million in operating debt that is on the UNR's books. Those do not affect this account, but you will want to look at it in the CIP Subcommittee.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, is there a motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 37.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to the Military EOC budget.

Military Emerg Operations Center – Budget Page MILITARY 13 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3655

MR. BURKE:

The *Executive Budget* establishes an independent EOC budget account to be responsible for the maintenance and operations costs independent of the main Military budget account in decision units E-900 and E-500. Decision unit E-325 establishes a reserve account with \$8,394 in FY 2009-2010 and an additional \$7,336 in FY2010-2011. Decision unit E-710 recommends \$5,280 in each year of the biennium. Decision unit E-720 recommends \$2,065 in each year of the biennium for operating equipment.

E-325 Services at Level Closest to People – Page MILITARY-13

E-500 Adjustments – Transfers In – Page MILITARY-13

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page MILITARY-14

E720 New Equipment – Page MILITARY-14

E-900 Transfer Emergency Operations Center – Page MILITARY-14

Does the Subcommittee wish to establish this account and, if so, do they wish to approve the other items recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING B/A 101-3655 AND DECISION ITEMS E-325, E-500, E-710, E-720 AND E-900 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to the Military Adjutant General Construction Fund.

Military Adjutant General Construction Fund – Budget Page MILITARY-17
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Budget Account 101-3652

MR. BURKE:

This account on the staff closing list was not previously heard by the Subcommittee. However, when the account was assigned to that list there was

approximately \$35,000 a year in the account. A budget amendment has been submitted to reflect \$1.5 million in additional federal funding in FY 2009-2010 to construct a new paint bay at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop in Carson City. The decision for the Subcommittee is to accept the Governor's recommendation with staff's adjustment to reflect the additional \$1.5 million.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR B/A 101-3652 WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE \$1.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move on to Military National Guard Benefits.

Military National Guard Benefits – Budget Page MILITARY-18 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3653

MR. BURKE:

There are no major issues in this account. The adjusted base provides funding for the summer school costs for members and recruits of the Nevada National Guard. The Nevada System of Higher Education provides waivers for the fall and spring semester, but not for the summer. The adjusted base has been revised upward to \$55,000 in each year of the biennium to be more consistent with the amounts they have actually been spending.

Following Subcommittee inquiries about inventory levels of the Nevada War on Terrorism Medal, staff contacted the Office of the Military. The Office anticipates it should have enough medals to last for five or six years at the current rate of deployments. There is no action required on this item.

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR B/A 101-3653 AND TO GIVE STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON FINAL ASSESSMENT ACTIONS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now move to the Military Patriot Relief Fund.

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Budget Account 101-3654

MR. BURKE:

There are two closing issues in this budget account. The first is decision unit E-737 in which the Governor recommends using reserves totaling \$30,000 each year to pay a \$100 entitlement to any member of the Nevada National Guard who attends a course on reintegration training upon return from active duty. The Subcommittee should note that a revision to NRS 412.1435 is necessary to enable this new program to proceed. The Department of Administration has submitted a Bill Draft Request (BDR) 36-1183 to expand the statutory authority. Any motion on this issue is contingent upon approval of BDR 36-1183.

E-737 New Programs – Page MILITARY-20

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 36-1183: Authorizes payments from the Patriot Relief Account in the State General Fund to certain members of the Nevada National Guard who return from deployment in a combat zone. (Later introduced as [Senate Bill 408](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-737 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF BDR 36-1183.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR COFFIN:

I would like to have the Subcommittee refer to the full Committees the suggestion that we approve that bill when it appears.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Is that amendment acceptable to both the person who made the motion and the person who seconded the motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

Yes.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

Yes.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. BURKE:

The last item on this account is related to interest income. The 2005 and 2007 Legislatures appropriated General Funds totaling \$1.32 million to the

Military Patriot Relief Fund. Pursuant to NRS 412.1435, these appropriations do not lapse. The balances of these appropriations are being used as the funding source for the expenditures recommended in the *Executive Budget*.

Chapter 412.1435 of the NRS provides that the interest and income earned on the money in the Patriot Relief account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the account. The Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means of the 2007 Legislature issued a Letter of Intent to the State Treasurer providing that interest earned on the funds within the Patriot Relief Fund should be calculated and credited to the account. However, interest income distributions are not taking place. Staff from the Office of the Treasurer contend that an account does not earn interest on General Fund appropriations; the agency only has authority, not cash. If the Subcommittee wishes to confirm its intent to allow the Patriot Relief Fund to earn interest, Legislative Counsel Bureau fiscal staff suggests additional language be added to the NRS 412.1435 providing that interest and income earned on the sum of unexpended appropriations made to the account from the State General Fund must be credited to the account. Does the Subcommittee wish to have staff draft such legislation?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN THE INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PATRIOT RELIEF FUND EARNS INTEREST.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

What is the potential amount of interest income on this account?

MR. BURKE:

It would probably not be much; during this biennium it would be in the \$20,000 range.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:
Is there any public comment to come before the Subcommittee today? Seeing none, and as there is no further business, this hearing is adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Patricia O'Flinn,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair

DATE: _____