

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-fifth Session  
April 24, 2009**

The Joint Subcommittee on General Government and Accountability of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Steven A. Horsford at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009, in Room 2134 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 Steven A. Horsford, Chair  
Senator Joyce Woodhouse  
Senator Dean A. Rhoads  
Senator Warren B. Hardy II

**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah Coffman, Program Analyst  
Joi Davis, Program Analyst  
Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Julie Waller, Program Analyst  
Barbara Richards, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Andrew Clinger, Director, Budget Division, Department of Administration  
Lori Myer, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Industrial Relations,  
Department of Business and Industry  
Donald E. Jayne, CPCU, Administrator, Division of Industrial Relations,  
Department of Business and Industry  
Anthony "Tony" Lesperance, Ph.D., Director, Department of Agriculture  
Dawn Rafferty, Administrator, Plant Industry Division, Department of Agriculture

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We will open this meeting with the Department of Administration.

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Joi DAVIS (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The first budget is from the Department of Administration Hearings Division, Budget Account (B/A) 101-1015. You have been given the Joint Subcommittee on General Government and Accountability Closing List #6, April 24, 2009, ([Exhibit C](#), original is on file in the Research Library).

Administration - Hearings Division – Budget Page ADMIN-92 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-1015

There are no major closing issues in this budget. There is an increase to the security guard contract costs the Hearing Division shares with two other budgets. The new contract was entered into in May 2008. These increased costs were inadvertently omitted from the *Executive Budget*. They total \$4,076 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 and \$4,747 in FY 2010-2011. Staff recommends this budget be closed with the increase to the security guard contract costs, and the remainder of the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE B/A 101-1015 WITH THE INCREASE IN SECURITY CONTRACT COSTS AND TO CLOSE THE REMAINDER OF THE ACCOUNT.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR HORSFORD:

Can we make a motion on all the technical adjustments?

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE VARIOUS STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS, DEPARTMENT-WIDE COST ALLOCATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR REGARDING SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The next budget is Victims of Crime, B/A 287-4895.

Victims of Crime – Budget Page ADMIN-97 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 287-4895

The first closing issue is on the top of page 5 of [Exhibit C](#). When this budget was heard in the Subcommittee Work Session, it was noted that the reserve level at the end of FY 2010-2011 was \$5.6 million which was excessive for this account. The Budget Division provided information regarding the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) work program which was approved by the IFC at their meeting on April 20, 2009. That was the transfer of \$731,822 from the reserve into the victims' claims payment category.

Staff reviewed this account with the Budget Division and the Agency's input. Based on revised projections it was determined that the victims' claims category was under-budgeted for the upcoming biennium. The closing sheet reflects an increase in claims costs for the upcoming biennium of approximately \$1.4 million in each year. The first year is offset by \$544,273 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds the Agency anticipates receiving.

Staff recommends the Subcommittee approve the revised victims' claims category which would bring the reserve level in this budget down to \$2.1 million at the end of FY 2010-2011. Staff also recommends approval of authority to receive the ARRA funds of \$544,273.

On page 6 of [Exhibit C](#), under other closing items, there is an increase in the third-party administrator (TPA) contract costs by \$183,071 in each year of the 2009-2011 biennium. Staff recommends approval of the increase in the TPA contract costs and recommends transfer of the TPA contract costs from the victims' claims category to the operating category.

This budget shares the cost of the security guard contract costs and those adjustments are reflected in [Exhibit C](#); \$428 in FY 2009-2010 and \$499 in FY 2010-2011. Staff notes the Budget Division submitted Budget Amendment No. 26 in March 2009 which increased the TPA contract costs. The budget amendment was modified on April 11, 2009 to include the revised contract costs for victims' claims. Staff does not recommend approval of Budget Amendment No. 26 at this time because it does not include the adjustment for the IFC work program; does not include the ARRA funds; and does not include the security guard increased costs.

Staff seeks a decision on: the increase in victims' claims of approximately \$1.4 million in each year of the upcoming biennium; the authority to receive the ARRA funds of \$544,273 in FY 2009-2010; the increase in the TPA contract costs of \$183,071 and transfer of those costs from the claims category to the operating category; the increase in security guard contract costs; and the remainder of this account be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

We heard Assembly Bill (A.B.) 531 recently which adjusts the percentage split for the administrative assessments. They must share some of their budget with the domestic violence unit in the Attorney General's (AG) office. Will that affect their reserves?

[ASSEMBLY BILL 531](#): Revises provisions governing the distribution of the proceeds of certain administrative assessments. (BDR 14-1192)

Ms. DAVIS:

It should not. It is included in the Governor's recommendation, and this budget is funded for that assessment.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

The TPA contract costs of \$183,071 a year amounts to \$15,000 a month more. Did we bid on that? Is it a competitive bid? It seems exorbitant in this economy.

Ms. DAVIS:

The previous contract was a four-year contract. This is another four-year contract that began in December 2008 with the new revised contract amounts. They will be paying \$95,000 per month.

ANDREW CLINGER (Director, Budget Division, Department of Administration):

I am not familiar with the contract. They provide an invaluable service for the Victims of Crime program. They help to save this program a large amount of money. There is a large net benefit from this contract to this program.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

It is a net savings to the program because the TPA is working to save money on claims. It bothers me because the claims are for victims of violence.

MR. CLINGER:

It saves the program costs but once the claims are paid on behalf of the victims they cannot be brought against the victims again.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I am concerned about a TPA charging 10 percent which is what this amounts to.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

What does the Committee wish to do on this item?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

It does not appear that we have a choice.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Do we want to approve Staff's recommendation with the letter of intent on that item?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE INCREASE IN TPA CONTRACT COSTS AND MOVING THOSE COSTS FROM THE VICTIMS' CLAIMS CATEGORY TO THE OPERATING CATEGORY; APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE IN THE AGENCY'S PORTION OF SECURITY GUARD CONTRACT COSTS; APPROVAL OF THE REVISED VICTIMS' CLAIMS PAYMENTS AND RESERVE LEVELS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITIONAL ARRA FUNDS FOR CRIME-RELATED VICTIMS' COSTS;

TO CLOSE THE REMAINDER OF B/A 287-4895 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS, DEPARTMENT-WIDE COST ALLOCATIONS, DOIT RATES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR REGARDING SALARIES AND BENEFITS; AND AUTHORITY TO ADJUST FEDERAL REVENUE TO REFLECT THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN THE ACCOUNT IS CLOSED BY THE FULL COMMITTEES.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN:

Would it be possible to do a letter of intent to the Department when this contract expires?

Ms. DAVIS:

Are you suggesting the letter of intent is to review the costs and determine the coverage of the contract and what services are being provided?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN:

Yes. We would want the entire concept reviewed and a letter of intent included in the motion.

MR. CLINGER:

We will report to the IFC details of any item in the current contract and at the renewal of the contract, if the Committee desires.

Ms. DAVIS:

The next budget is the NV Attorney for Injured Workers, B/A 101-1013.

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B&I-NV Attorney for Injured Workers – Budget Page B&I-206 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-1013

There are no major closing issues in this account. At the bottom of page 8 of [Exhibit C](#), this is the other budget that shares the costs of the security guard contract costs. The closing sheet reflects that increase of \$10,069 the first year of the biennium and \$10,273 in the second year of the biennium due to the cost sharing.

Staff recommends in decision unit E-710 a reduction of \$4,400 in FY 2009-2010 for Master Service Agreement (MSA) charges that were inadvertently included in both years and only needed in FY 2010-2011.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-209

Decision unit E-712 recommends \$4,022 in FY 2009-2010 to replace two desks and four credenzas. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-712 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-210

Staff recommends this budget be closed with the increase in the security guard contract costs, the adjustment for the MSA charges in FY 2009-2010, and that the remainder of the account be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO CLOSE B/A 101-1013 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INCREASE IN THE SECURITY GUARD CONTRACT COSTS; TO ADJUST FOR THE MSA CHARGES IN FY 2009-2010 IN DECISION UNIT E-710; AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN REVISIONS TO THE VARIOUS STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS, DOIT RATES AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR REGARDING SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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JULIE WALLER (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The next budget account is Industrial Relations, B/A 210-4680.

B&I-Industrial Relations – Budget Page B&I-179 (Volume II)  
210-4680

This account regulates workers' compensation insurance to ensure the injured workers receive the benefits to which they are entitled. This is funded primarily through assessments of workers' compensation insurers. The account receives a small portion of federal grants. There is no General Fund in this account.

There are no major closing items. Decision unit E-710 recommends \$44,010 in FY 2009-2010 and \$39,760 in FY 2010-2011 for replacement of various computer software, equipment and software licenses. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-183

Decision unit E-720 is for new equipment to link the Division's fax machine directly to the in-house phone system and the addition of a Tech Net subscription. This funding is \$1,400 in FY 2009-2010 and appears reasonable to Staff.

E-720 New Equipment – Page B&I-183

Does the Subcommittee wish to approve the Division of Industrial Relations budget as recommended by the Governor? Staff requests authority for technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF B/A 210-4680, INCLUDING DECISION UNITS E-710 AND E-720 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL UPDATED PRICING, COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

When the Division of Industrial Relations fines someone for a violation, where does the money go? Does it pay for the costs of investigating the violation?

LORI MYER (Administrative Services Officer, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry):

We assess all the private insurers and self-insurers in the group associations to fund our programs. When we receive a fine payment, it offsets and reduces their assessments.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

What is the point of having a fine? If you are fining someone, which is a penalty for bad behavior, and it then reduces their assessment in the future, what is accomplished?

MS. MYER:

We examined that. We assess over 600 people. The maximum fine is approximately \$15,000 which would only result in a one-percent difference in their assessment. The other assessed people have nothing to do with that fine and are benefitted by working within the realm of the Workers' Compensation laws.

DONALD E. JAYNE, CPCU (Administrator, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry):

The way we calculate the overall assessment goes to all insurers in the State, private or self-insurers. A macro-pie is assembled for our total aggregate need. From that need, we will subtract any fines that we have collected. By the time it reaches the private insurers versus the self-insurers, and distills further, the impact of a \$1,500 fine is minimal to the individual entity that may have paid that fine. We collect those fines, reduce the aggregate need for our assessment to all insurers and then determine the need for the future budget. We keep the fines that reduce the assessment to everyone. Benefit penalties go directly to injured workers.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

There are still questions. Your committee and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor have been working on these worker safety issues.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO:

How many people work in the Division of Industrial Relations office?

MS. MYER:

The Division of Industrial Relations had 220 employees. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) program has 93 employees. The mining program has 15 employees; the statistics program has 30 employees; and the remaining 82 employees are in the Workers' Compensation Safety Fund, the legal division, the administrative services unit and the administrative office.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

What authority does the enforcement officer have to waive fines? How is that accomplished and how is it tracked?

MR. JAYNE:

There are several different areas where we have enforcement responsibilities. We have enforcement activity in the OSHA area. On the Workers' Compensation side we review the activities of employers, medical providers, insureds and the TPAs. Within that Workers' Compensation arena, we do not negotiate any of the fines or penalties. From the OSHA standpoint, we will investigate, review the situation and recommend citations. The process involves hearings and negotiations can take place. Fines can be reduced within specified authorities and the Nevada State Operation Plan for the OSHA. There are criteria within the *Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Nevada Operations Manual* for the negotiational fines. If the employer contests the citation, discussions can be held during the hearings and a review board can make the final determination on the citation.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Who has the authority, after a citation is issued and before a hearing, to waive or dismiss a fine included in the citation?

MR. JAYNE:

The authority in the OSHA exists with the district managers, one in northern Nevada and one in southern Nevada. Beyond that, there is authority with the chief administrative officer for the negotiations. After that, it goes to the review board. The authority to reduce a fine is capped at about 40 percent. That is used in the negotiation to mediate the hazard in the field.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Does the individual enforcement officer have authority to negotiate and waive or dismiss the fine?

MR. JAYNE:

No. The individual enforcement officer does not have that ability.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

I would like a report on that issue to understand it better.

If there are no more questions, we will take a vote on the motion.



ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. WALLER:

The next budget is Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement, B/A 210-4682.

B&I-Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement – Budget Page B&I-186  
(Volume II) Budget Account 210-4682

There are no major closing issues in this account. Decision unit E-275 is a request for cell phones for the OSHA Mechanical Unit inspectors and supervisors. Twenty-four cell phones are requested at a cost of \$7,834 annually. This decision unit appears reasonable.

E-275 Maximize Internet and Technology – Page B&I-188

Decision unit E-710 requests replacement of two sedans, two SUVs, one truck, and some industrial equipment. The cost of the replacements is \$136,957 in FY 2009-2010 and \$86,448 in FY 2010-2011.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-190

Two of the vehicles recommended for replacement are projected to reach fewer than 85,000 miles in FY 2009-2010. The third vehicle is projected to reach fewer than 90,000 miles. A vehicle scheduled for replacement in FY 2010-2011 has some mechanical issues and is projected to reach about 83,000 miles. Another vehicle recommended to be replaced in FY 2010-2011 is projected to reach approximately 88,000 miles.

Based on this information, Staff has provided the Subcommittee with several options. Does the Subcommittee wish to: approve the vehicle replacements but postpone all purchases until FY 2010-2011 when the vehicles have incurred more mileage; not to approve the Governor's recommendation for the vehicle replacements during the 2009-2011 biennium; or identify specific vehicles for replacement during the upcoming biennium?

Staff recommends approval of the remaining items as recommended by the Governor.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Let us make a determination on these decision units.

SENATOR HARDY:

Do we know the extent of the mechanical difficulties of one of the vehicles? It appears the mileage is low and there must be a compelling reason for us to consider replacement.

Ms. MYER:

I can get that information for you at a later time.

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SENATOR HARDY:

This recommends replacing six vehicles. One has mileage of 110,000 miles and the rest are projected to be under 80,000 miles.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

I do not know if this is the right time to be replacing vehicles. The vehicles are important to have. We might authorize two cars in FY 2009-2010 and one vehicle in FY 2010-2011 subject to the approval of the IFC.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO VEHICLES IN FY 2009-2010; TO REPLACE ONE VEHICLE IN FY 2010-2011 UPON COMPLETION OF A WORKORDER AND APPROVAL BY IFC IN DECISION UNIT E-710; TO APPROVE REMAINING REPLACEMENT ITEMS OF B/A 210-4682; AND TO PROVIDE CELL PHONES FOR THE OSHA MECHANICAL UNIT IN DECISION UNIT E-275.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. WALLER:

Decision unit E-715 is for equipment, primarily desktop and laptop computers. These would be replaced in accordance with the DoIT's replacement schedule. The cost is \$67,606 in FY 2009-2010 and \$8,575 in FY 2010-2011.

E-715 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-190

Decision unit E-720 is a request for \$800 in FY 2009-2010 to link OSHA's fax machine directly to the in-house phone system.

E-720 New Equipment – Page B&I-191

Both of these recommendations appear reasonable to Staff.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF DECISION UNITS E-715 AND E-720 IN B/A 210-4682 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL UPDATED PRICING, COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

There are ARRA funds available for the OSHA. Can you elaborate on what the process is and how those funds may be utilized?

MR. JAYNE:

We were informed by federal OSHA of an allocation of ARRA funds over \$3 million to the western states to supplement and enhance the training activities as they relate to the ARRA program. We have provided preliminary information to them. We have not requested the formal grant yet. However, we asked for slightly under \$800,000 in two areas: one is the OSHA enforcement and the other is the Nevada Safety Consultation and Training Section (SCATS), the training component. The funds would be to enhance our current activities. The criteria in the initial request was to prepare for enforcement and inspections of the projects that will come from the ARRA funds, and to provide training for those projects. We requested about \$480,000 for the training and for the enforcement about \$320,000. We believe the training funds will be used to enhance our OSHA training, and the enforcement training will allow us to train our enforcement people at the OSHA Training Institute. We do not know if this has been approved. We have been told the states would be approved for \$10,000 to \$900,000. Once we receive initial activity from the federal OSHA, we will formally request a grant.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Does this mean you would hire additional enforcement people temporarily for those projects? What does "enforcement enhancement" mean?

MR. JAYNE:

Those are the OSHA people that do inspections. We are not looking for additional staff there. We have had turnovers and the new hires are in need of formal training to perform the inspections. We need to train the people responsible for the enforcement activities to improve their skill levels. On the SCATS side, those people would be used to train the workers on the sites.

Nevada funds their OSHA programs adequately. We are in an enhanced position to qualify for these funds with an over-matched situation.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

Can this money be used for vehicle replacement?

MR. JAYNE:

I do not think the money is intended to be used for vehicle replacement. It is not my intention, at this time, to use it for that purpose.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

If these funds are approved, how will they be used? We will need accountability as to how they will benefit the people of Nevada.

MS. WALLER:

If the grant award is received prior to the final closing of the budget, we can include the amounts in the budget going forward. Otherwise, those would come forward in a work program and go before the IFC for approval. There are indications that Nevada will be receiving funds to improve OSHA enforcement.

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MR. JAYNE:

That is consistent with what we are hearing from the regional federal OSHA people in the field. We are encouraged, but it is too early to predict what will happen. We have an aggressive request, based on the parameters provided.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

With no further questions, we will now vote.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. WALLER:

The next account is for Safety Consultation and Training, B/A 210-4685.

B&I-Safety Consultation and Training – Budget Page B&I-193 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 210-4685

There are no General Funds in this account. There are no major closing issues. Decision unit E-325 is increased funding for the multimedia program.

E-325 Services at Level Closest to People – Page B&I-195

The Governor recommends a \$25,000 increase to this budget each year of the biennium for the rising cost of reproducing mandated written safety program guides, pamphlets and increased media costs. The Agency has outlined where the increases would be applied, and their annual budget.

Does the Subcommittee wish to approve this additional \$25,000 each year of the biennium, as outlined in decision unit E-325?

Decision units E-710 and E-715 request \$48,828 in FY 2009-2010 and \$43,633 in FY 2010-2011 for replacement equipment, including replacement of a 1993 Dodge Shadow with an SUV. Laptop and desktop computers are also included and the Agency indicates these computer systems are six years or older.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-197

E-715 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-197

The Agency indicates the SUV would be more appropriate for the driving conditions. The current mileage of the vehicle to be replaced is 77,599 and there have been repair costs of about \$1,100. Based on this information, Staff has several options for consideration: approve the vehicle replacement, but postpone the purchase until FY 2010-2011 when the vehicle mileage would be over 80,000 miles; do not approve the recommendation to replace this vehicle during the upcoming biennium; or approve the vehicle replacement as recommended in the *Executive Budget*.

The other items in these decision units appear reasonable to Staff.

The last item for consideration is E-720, a small request for bar code scanners, printers for the DVD and video library, and one laptop computer. This request is for \$4,589 in FY 2009-2010.

#### E-720 New Equipment – Page B&I-198

SENATOR HARDY:

Is this vehicle replacement requested because it is not sufficient for their needs?

MS. WALLER:

This vehicle has been in this area the entire time. Staff wonders why this vehicle was purchased for the terrain it was to be used in.

SENATOR HARDY:

I can understand the replacement of the Dodge Shadow. I am not as concerned about this replacement as I am the other vehicle replacements, especially if there is a need.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

When the Agency purchases new cars, do they look at the fuel efficiency standards? Are they purchasing flex-fuel or hybrids?

MR. JAYNE:

I do not have an understanding of the criteria they use. I have ridden in several hybrid vehicles with my staff, so I know some hybrids are being purchased.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

This vehicle only travels 5,000 miles a year and is one of 18 vehicles in the Agency's fleet. I think they could manage one more year with it.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNITS E-710 AND E-715 OF B/A 210-4685 TO REPLACE THE 1993 DODGE SHADOW, BUT TO POSTPONE THE PURCHASE UNTIL FY 2010-2011 AND APPROVE THE REMAINING REPLACEMENT ITEMS IN THESE DECISION UNITS; TO APPROVE THE INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE MULTI-MEDIA PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNIT E-325; TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNIT E-720; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL UPDATED PRICING, COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. WALLER:

The next budget account is Mine Safety & Training, B/A 210-4686.

B&I-Mine Safety & Training – Budget Page B&I-200 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 210-4686

The Mine Safety and Training section is also funded through assessments of Workers' Compensation insurers. There are no General Fund allocations in this account. They receive some federal grant funding. There are no major closing issues in this account.

Decision unit E-710 requests \$38,502 in FY 2009-2010 and \$40,589 in FY 2010-2011 for the replacement of two trucks, two camper shells, fax machines and printers. The mileage is well over 100,000 miles on each vehicle. This decision unit appears reasonable to Staff.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page B&I-203

Decision unit E-720 is for \$4,000 each year of the 2009-2011 biennium for clamp-on ground resistivity testers. Based on updated pricing, Staff recommends a reduction of \$500 per fiscal year as reflected on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#). Does the Subcommittee wish to approve this decision unit, as adjusted, to provide \$3,500 per fiscal year in the 2009-2011 biennium to purchase this equipment?

E-720 New Equipment – Page B&I-204

Staff recommends approval of the decision units, as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-710 AND THE NEW EQUIPMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-720, AS ADJUSTED; APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF B/A 210-4686 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL UPDATED PRICING COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO:

Are these gasoline or diesel trucks?

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Ms. MYER:

I will get that information for you. I think they are gasoline trucks.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

If there is no further discussion, we will vote on this motion.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SARAH COFFMAN (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The first budget account is Administration, B/A 101-4554.

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Budget Account 101-4554

The first major closing issue in decision units M-160 and E-606 is the elimination of five positions.

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

E-606 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-4

The Governor is recommending the elimination of two vacant accounting assistant positions, two administrative assistant positions and one vacant deputy director position. The existing staff at the Department of Agriculture has assumed the duties of the accounting assistants and the deputy director. The two administrative assistant positions are currently filled and perform the duties of the front desk in the Reno and Las Vegas offices. The Reno office receives approximately 25 walk-in constituents a week. The Las Vegas office receives approximately 150 walk-in constituents each week. It would be difficult for the Agency's existing staff in the Las Vegas office to perform their duties and administer the front desk as well. Most of the duties performed by the Las Vegas administrative assistant are related to the Weights and Measures Division. At the Work Session on March 24, 2009, the Subcommittee reached a consensus to restore the administrative assistant position in Las Vegas, transfer it to the Weights and Measures Division and then eliminate the four positions recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN LAS VEGAS, TRANSFER IT TO THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIVISION AND ELIMINATE THE FOUR OTHER POSITIONS AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS M-160 AND E-606 OF B/A 101-4554, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

Decision units E-607, E-608 and E-901 recommend the transfer of the medicinal marijuana program from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). If approved, two vacant positions within the Department of Agriculture would be eliminated. Assembly Bill 538 was introduced to provide the necessary legislation required to transfer this program. This transfer appears reasonable to Staff.

E-607 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-5

E-608 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-5

E-901 Trans Medical Marijuana from AG to Health – Page AGRICULTURE-9

ASSEMBLY BILL 538: Transfers the program for the medical use of marijuana from the State Department of Agriculture to the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-1180)

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE DHHS, OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-607, E-608 AND E-901 OF B/A 101-4554, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Decision unit E-900 recommends the transfer of an Information Technology (IT) professional III position from the Division of Veterinary Medical Services to the Division of Administration. Currently, this position is federally funded. The transfer would change the funding source of the position to a combination of General Fund appropriations and cost allocation receipts, which is outlined in decision unit E-500.

E-500 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-4

E-900 Trans IT Prof Vet Med Services to Administration – Page AGRICULTURE-8



The position provides IT support to all of the agencies within the Department of Agriculture. The Division is concerned that if a federal audit is performed, the federal government could take issue with the fact that most of the duties performed by this position are unrelated to the grants that fund it. The Veterinary Medical Services account does not have enough federal funds to support this position along with the seasonal positions supported by the grants.

If the Subcommittee denies this transfer, they should recommend eliminating this position in the Veterinary Medical Services account.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER THE IT PROFESSIONAL POSITION FROM THE DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION TO BE FUNDED BY A COMBINATION OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND COST ALLOCATION RECEIPTS, AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-500 AND E-900 OF B/A 101-4554, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:

As discussed in the Subcommittee's Work Session, the *Executive Budget* provides for the elimination of 23 positions in the Department of Agriculture. It does not properly adjust revenue sources to correspond with the organizational changes. The Department indicated they will reassign staff's responsibilities as a result of the reductions, causing numerous staff-related cost allocation discrepancies. The Subcommittee may wish to recommend issuing a letter of intent directing the Department to perform a time and motion study on its existing staff and to incorporate the results in the 2011-2013 biennium budget. The Subcommittee may wish to recommend the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means ask the Legislative Audit Division to conduct an audit on the Department's staff-related cost allocations during the 2009-2011 interim.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PERFORM A TIME AND MOTION STUDY OVER THE 2009-2011 INTERIM PERIOD TO DETERMINE THE PROPER FUNDING SOURCE FOR EACH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMS AND CORRESPONDING POSITIONS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE BUDGET SUBMITTAL FOR THE 2011-2013 BIENNIUM; AND TO RECOMMEND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS REQUEST THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION CONDUCT AN AUDIT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF-RELATED COST ALLOCATIONS DURING THE 2009-2011 INTERIM PERIOD.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

Decision unit E-609 eliminates the Department of Agriculture's \$20,000 contribution each year to the High School Rodeo Association. During the Work Session, the Subcommittee reached a consensus to restore the full \$20,000 contribution.

E-609 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-6

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE THE RESTORATION OF THE FULL \$20,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION, IN DECISION UNIT E-609 OF B/A 101-4554.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

Decision unit E-610 eliminates General Fund support for the Department of Agriculture's \$10,000 contribution each year to the U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for its statistical reporting services. This was in the Department's original priority list as the second priority to be restored. However, the Agency indicated it would prefer \$5,000 of the \$10,000 contribution be restored. This was not discussed during the Subcommittee's Work Session.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

What happens if they do not have the money? Is it just statistics? Are they paying to get information from another agency?

Ms. COFFMAN:

This would be to print the report associated with the statistics. The statistics are online, but quarterly and annual reports are published. The \$10,000 is for the publication and to assist the NASS in compiling the survey. The report would not be published without the \$10,000 funding.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO

ELIMINATE THE \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION EACH YEAR TO THE NASS,  
AS SPECIFIED IN DECISION UNIT E-610 OF B/A 101-4554.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

Decision units E-928 and E-929 are vehicle transfers. Numerous vehicle transfers are recommended by the Governor throughout the Department of Agriculture's budget. These transfers have already occurred. The recommended decision units provide budget corrections to properly align the insurance costs with the proper accounts. I would like to limit my discussion regarding these in future budget accounts being heard today.

E-928 Trans Vehs frm Administration to Weights & Measure – Page  
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E-929 Trans Vehs from administration to Plant Industry – Page  
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SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE VEHICLE TRANSFERS AS  
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECISION UNITS E-928 AND  
E-929 OF B/A 101-4554; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO  
MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE  
SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND  
ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is Gas Pollution Standards, B/A 101-4537.

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Budget Account 101-4537

The only major issue in this account is the reserve level which is somewhat excessive. The Budget Office has submitted Budget Amendment No. 15 to

increase the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) pollution control funds by \$90,215 in FY 2009-2010 and \$74,184 in FY 2010-2011. If Budget Amendment No. 15 is approved, the Agency would have a reserve equivalent to 16 months worth of operating expenses. The Agency states a six-month reserve for this account would be adequate. Staff recommends that Budget Amendment No.15 not be approved. The Subcommittee might wish to consider reducing the DMV Pollution Control funds to \$347,733 in FY 2009-2010 and \$343,802 in FY 2010-2011. This would provide the Agency with a six-month reserve. This recommendation would leave additional funds in the DMV Pollution Control account to be used for other programs.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE NOT TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 15; AND TO REDUCE FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE DMV POLLUTION CONTROL ACCOUNT TO THE GAS POLLUTION STANDARDS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE THE AGENCY WITH A RESERVE LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO SIX MONTHS' WORTH OF OPERATING EXPENSES.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Does this reduce the reserve to an appropriate level going forward?

Ms. COFFMAN:

Yes. It reduces it to a six-month reserve. It would free up approximately \$70,000 in the first year and almost \$100,000 in the second year.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Decision unit E-275 in this budget account recommends funding of \$9,992 each year for a service agreement for the Agency's two gas chromatographs. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-275 Maximize Internet and Technology – Page AGRICULTURE-14

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION OF RESERVE FUNDING OF \$9,992 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM FOR A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE AGENCY'S TWO EXISTING GAS CHROMATOGRAPHS, AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNIT E-275 OF B/A 101-4537 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

Decision unit E-326 recommends reserve funding of \$3,170 in each year of the biennium to send an additional chemist position to the annual American Society for Testing Mechanisms Technical and Professional Training Courses. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-326 Services at Level Closest to People – Page AGRICULTURE-14

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF USING RESERVE FUNDS OF \$3,170 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL CHEMIST POSITION TO THE ANNUAL AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MECHANISMS TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

In decision units E-711 and E-712 the Governor recommends reserve funding of \$46,090 to replace an anti-knock index analyzer and various computer hardware equipment. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-711 Replacement Equipment – Page AGRICULTURE-16

E-712 Replacement Equipment – Page AGRICULTURE-17

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF USING RESERVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,090 TO REPLACE AN ANTI-KNOCK INDEX ANALYZER AND VARIOUS COMPUTER HARDWARE EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECISION UNITS E-711 AND E-712 OF B/A 101-4537.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Plant Industry, B/A 101-4540.

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Budget Account 101-4540

Decision units M-160 and E-610 recommend elimination of nine positions, including three agriculture enforcement officers (AEO), five agriculturist positions and one regional manager position. If the three AEOs are eliminated, there will be no AEOs remaining in the Plant Industry Division (PID). Funding for the officers is 75-percent General Fund and 25-percent livestock inspection fees. The Department indicates deputy brand inspectors will take over the duties of the AEOs. Unlike the AEOs, who can test plant disease and pest infestations during vehicle stops, the deputy brand inspectors would be limited to the review of vehicle cargo manifests. If these three AEOs are eliminated, the *Executive Budget* still provides fund transfers from the Livestock Inspection Division (LID) of \$184,140 in FY 2009-2010 and \$118,335 in FY 2010-2011. The Governor's recommendation results in livestock inspection fees being used to support the PID.

M-160 Position Reductions Approved in 07-09 – Page AGRICULTURE-21

E-610 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-23

The Subcommittee expressed a preference to restore two of the three AEOs during its Work Session. If the two positions are restored, a total of \$88,421 in FY 2009-2010 and \$88,991 in FY 2010-2011 would be needed from the LID. If the Subcommittee restores the two positions, fund transfers from the LID would still be overstated by \$95,719 in FY 2009-2010 and \$29,344 in FY 2010-2011.

Fiscal Staff has provided the following options for the Subcommittee to consider:

Option No.1: Confirm the Subcommittee's Work Session consensus to restore two of the three AEOs within the PID. If this option is chosen, General Fund appropriations of \$66,164 in FY 2009-2010 and \$115,513 in FY 2010-2011 would be needed to add back to the PID account. If the Subcommittee wishes to correct the funding imbalance described above, the additional General Fund appropriations of \$95,719 in FY 2009-2010 and \$29,344 in FY 2010-2011 would be required.

Option No. 2: Approve the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the three full-time equivalent (FTE) AEOs in the PID account and transfer the associated duties to the deputy brand inspectors in the LID. The Department indicates 30 percent of the deputy brand inspector's time would be spent doing

plant-related vehicle inspections, even though they are 100-percent funded by the livestock industry. Therefore, the livestock industry would be subsidizing the PID. If this option is chosen, the residual operating expenses in the PID, associated with the AEO of \$45,643 in each year, should be transferred to the LID. The Subcommittee may also wish to correct the revenue imbalances noted and would then need to add General Funds of \$122,424 in FY 2009-2010 and \$72,692 in FY 2010-2011.

Option No. 3: Eliminate the Agriculture Enforcement Unit in its entirety. If this option is chosen, a full-time AEO within the LID and the three FTE AEOs within the PID would be eliminated. Fund transfers from the LID would be provided to the PID to cover the termination costs associated with the elimination of the positions. There would be no more fund transfers from the LID. The livestock division administrator would ultimately be moved from the PID to the LID if this option is chosen. If the Subcommittee wishes to correct the fund imbalance with this decision, General Funds of \$122,424 in FY 2009-2010 and \$72,692 in FY 2010-2011 will need to be added.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF OPTION NO. 1 OF B/A 101-4540, RESTORING TWO OF THE THREE AEOS WITHIN THE PID, ADDING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$66,164 IN FY 2009-2010 AND \$115,513 IN FY 2010-2011 TO THE PID; AND TO CORRECT THE FUNDING IMBALANCE BY ADDING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$95,719 IN FY 2009-2010 AND \$29,344 IN FY 2010-2011 WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION TO FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE LID.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:

The next issue is the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the agriculturist IV position responsible for the Seeds and Organic Materials Certification programs. The Budget Office submitted Budget Amendment No. 38 restoring this position. To restore the funding of this position, Budget Amendment No. 38 eliminates two Reno-based part-time administrative assistants responsible for processing phytosanitary certifications. This is the Department's top priority for receiving potential General Fund restorations. During the Work Session, the Subcommittee expressed a preference to restore the agriculturist IV position and eliminate the two part-time positions.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 38 IN B/A 101-4540, RESTORING THE AGRICULTURIST IV POSITION AND ELIMINATING TWO PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS; AND ADDING GENERAL FUNDS OF \$10,437 IN FY 2009-2010 AND \$11,042 IN FY 2010-2011 TO THE PID ACCOUNT.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next agriculturist IV position recommended by the Governor to be eliminated is the one responsible for the Winnemucca area. This position provides product inspections, insect identification and weed abatement. This position has been vacant since May 2008. During this time, inspections have been performed by an intermittent agricultural inspector II position. Inspection response times have increased from 30 minutes to approximately 24 to 36 hours for Humboldt, Pershing, Elko, Lander and Eureka counties. According to the Department, if the two part-time administrative assistant positions are eliminated in Budget Amendment No. 38, and this position is restored, it could perform the phytosanitary certifications as well as the product inspections for the Winnemucca area. The Department believes if the two part-time administrative assistants eliminated in Budget Amendment No. 38 are eliminated along with this agriculturist IV, it would be impossible to ensure timely product inspections and certifications for Humboldt County which is a predominant producer of seeds, potatoes, grain and hay. The Subcommittee expressed a preference to restore this position at the Work Session. This is number four on the Department's priority list.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE AGRICULTURIST IV POSITION IN B/A 101-4540 AT A GENERAL FUND COST OF \$60,902 IN FY 2009-2010 AND \$61,422 IN FY 2010-2011.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR RHOADS:

This Agency got hit harder than any other agency. They terminated 22 people and it is the third largest industry in Nevada.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I am supportive of agriculture but we have to be careful, considering the budget, that we do not reach the \$1 million figure.

SENATOR HARDY:

We are speaking of an increase in the response time. What are the consequences if we are not able to respond in a timely manner?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

We need to respond more quickly than 24 to 36 hours. I do not have a problem in reestablishing the agriculturist IV in northern Nevada. However, I am concerned that we are putting too many funds back in the budget.



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ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY:

We need to be mindful that we added almost \$500,000 back in here.

CHAIR DENIS:

During our meetings, the big issue was that this is bringing business to the rural areas. There are many crops needing attention in those areas.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We have a motion. Is there any other discussion? If not, we will vote on that motion.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:

The next position recommended for elimination by the Governor is the southern regional manager position. This position oversees the PID office in Las Vegas and regulates the nursery, greenhouse and pest control industries. The Subcommittee, at its Work Session, asked what the difference was between the southern regional manager and the northern regional manager. The Department indicated the northern regional manager is responsible for vertebrate pest programs and covering the vacant natural resources position. He also attends board and commission meetings, conducts annual strychnine bait preparation and distribution, conducts produce inspections and oversees the Winnemucca office. The southern regional manager predominantly deals with the nursery, greenhouse and pest control industries.

If this position is eliminated, the Department has indicated that the manager of the Weights and Measures Division would assume the daily managerial responsibilities of the PID in the south, while the northern regional manager would assume the functional managerial responsibilities.

This is number seven on the Agency's priority list. The Subcommittee did not reach a consensus on whether this position should be eliminated during their Work Session.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN B/A 101-4540, ELIMINATING THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL MANAGER POSITION.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next position for elimination is an agriculturist IV position, responsible for noxious weeds management. This position is established in the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS), and therefore if the Subcommittee wishes to eliminate this position, legislation will need to be introduced to amend the NRS 555.031. The Department did not include this on their priority list for General Fund restorations. This was not discussed in the Work Session.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN B/A 101-4540 TO ELIMINATE THE NOXIOUS WEEDS AGRICULTURIST IV POSITION AND TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THIS POSITION.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next position recommended for elimination is the agriculturist II position responsible for nursery inspections and licensing in Las Vegas. The Department did not include this position on its priority list of potential items to be restored with General Funds. This position was not discussed during the Work Session. This elimination appears reasonable to Staff.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN B/A 101-4540 TO ELIMINATE THE AGRICULTURIST II POSITON RESPONSIBLE FOR NURSERY INSPECTIONS AND LICENSING IN LAS VEGAS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The final position recommended for elimination in this budget account is an agriculturist III position responsible for natural resources. The Department did not include this on its priority list for potential items to be restored. This was not discussed in the Subcommittee's Work Session.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN B/A 101-4540 TO ELIMINATE THE AGRICULTURIST III POSITION RESPONSIBLE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next major issue is the transfer of the Pest Control Operator Program which has four positions and the Nursery Program which has two positions from the PID, a General Fund account, to the Registration and Enforcement account which is a nonGeneral Fund account. This is recommended by the Governor to consolidate the Department's licensing and registration programs. It would provide the two programs with access to the Registration and Enforcement account reserve. No reserve was established in decision units E-900, E-909 and E-921 which transfer the programs. If the two programs experience any shortfalls in the revenue projections, the programs would not be able to sufficiently support their operating expenditures.

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E-909 Trans Nursery Prog frm Plant Industry to Reg/For – Page  
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E-921 Trans Vehs from Plant Industry to Reg/Enforce – Page AGRICULTURE-27

The existing reserve and the Registration and Enforcement account should not be used by the two programs since the existing reserve funding has been accumulated to support the existing programs within the account.

If the Subcommittee wishes to approve the program transfers, it may wish to consider issuing a letter of intent for the Division to provide quarterly reports to the IFC identifying each program's revenue and expenditure's activities with corresponding impact to the reserves

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

Can some of these positions assume some of the duties we eliminated?

Ms. COFFMAN:

I believe some of those positions already perform some of the duties. For example, in the Nursery Program, two individuals already perform the duties of the agriculturist II position that was eliminated.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION, OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-900, E-909 AND E-921 OF B/A 101-4540, TO TRANSFER THE PEST CONTROL OPERATOR AND NURSERY PROGRAMS FROM THE PID TO THE REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT; AND TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT FOR

THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS IDENTIFYING EACH PROGRAM'S REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACTIVITY.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DENIS:

Is this the group that approves the licensing of the pesticide?

ANTHONY "TONY" LESPERANCE, PH.D (Director, Department of Agriculture):  
I would like Dawn Rafferty, the administrator of the PID, to respond to your question.

DAWN RAFFERTY (Administrator, Plant Industry Division, Department of Agriculture):

I do not believe that moving this pesticide account into B/A 101-4540 would have any effect on the length of time it takes to register the pesticides.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

Are there any other questions on the motion? If not, we will have the vote.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:

Decision unit M-804 requests General Fund appropriations for cost allocations associated with the Nevada Highway Patrol dispatch system. Two positions will be restored in the PID account for the Agriculture and Enforcement unit. The dispatch system is used by this particular unit, as well as the deputy brand inspectors and the LID account. If the Subcommittee chooses to approve this increase in cost allocations for the Nevada Highway Patrol dispatch system, Staff recommends it be cost allocated between the PID and the LID.

M-804 Cost Allocation – Page AGRICULTURE-22

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AS PART OF THE COST ALLOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL DISPATCH SYSTEM OUTLINED IN DECISION UNIT M-804 OF B/A 101-4540; AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO PROPERLY ALLOCATE DISPATCH SERVICE COSTS BETWEEN THE PID AND THE LID.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

There are a number of vehicle transfers in Decision units E-502 through E-504, E-920 through E-925, E-929 and E-930.

E-502 Adjustments - Transf E-502 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-22

E-503 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-23

E-504 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-23

E-920 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Pest/Plant Dis/NX – Page AGRICULTURE-27

E-921 Trans Vehs from Plant Industry to Reg/Enforce – Page AGRICULTURE-27

E-922 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Grade & Cert Prod – Page AGRICULTURE-28

E-923 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Grasshopper/Crick – Page AGRICULTURE-28

E-924 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Weights & Measure – Page AGRICULTURE-28

E-925 Trans Vehs frm Pest/Plant Dis/Nox Weed to Plant In – Page AGRICULTURE-29

E-929 Trans Vehs from Administration to Plant Industry - Page AGRICULTURE-29

E-930 Trans Vehs frm Livestock Inspection to Plant Industry – Page AGRICULTURE-29

These vehicle transfers appear reasonable to Staff.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION OF NUMEROUS VEHICLE TRANSFERS OUT OF AND INTO THE PID ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECISION UNITS E-502 THROUGH E-504, E-920 THROUGH E-925, E-929 AND E-930 OF B/A 101-4540; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Grade and Certification of AG Products, B/A 101-4541.

AGRI - Grade & Certification of AG Products – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-32  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4541

Staff is responsible for developing the closing recommendations for this account which was not previously heard by the Subcommittee. There are no major issues in this account.

Decision unit E-922 is for vehicle transfers.

E-922 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Grade & Cert Prod – Page  
AGRICULTURE-34

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO CLOSE B/A 101-4541 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The next budget account is the Agriculture Registration/Enforcement, B/A 101-4545.

AGRI - Agriculture Registration/Enforcement – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-36  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4545

There is one major issue which has been previously discussed. It is the transfer of the Pest Control Operator and Nursery Programs.

Decision unit E-327 is the first closing item, the Governor-recommended A.B. 529, which provides this account the authority to earn and retain interest income.

E-327 Services at Level Closest to People – Page AGRICULTURE-39

ASSEMBLY BILL 529: Revises provisions governing certain accounts administered by the State Department of Agriculture. (BDR 50-1181)

This account earned \$60,230 in FY 2008-2009, according to the Treasurer's Office, which was retained in the General Fund. If this recommendation is approved, the General Fund will lose income. The Agency projects it will earn about \$5,425 in interest each year of the biennium. It was based on 1 percent of the Agency's average beginning cash balance for the past nine years. If the Agency bases its calculations on the beginning cash balances for the two years in the next biennium, the Agency could potentially earn \$19,879 in FY 2009-2010 and \$23,662 in FY 2010-2011.

If the Subcommittee approves the Governor's recommendation to allow this account to earn interest, Staff would recommend adjusting the amounts to reflect Staff's revised calculations.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

If they keep the money, will that offset some of the General Fund?

MS. COFFMAN:

This is not a General Fund account. Any interest earned would be placed in this account.

MARK W. STEVENS (Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The bottom line is that A.B. 529 would have to pass for that interest to be allowed and put into this account. In the end, what is going to control this issue is whether A.B. 529 passes or not.

MS. COFFMAN:

The decision today would be whether or not to establish the funding to be placed in this account.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

Are we anticipating that \$42,000 would be available to the Agriculture account?

MS. COFFMAN:

That is correct. As it stands right now, the *Executive Budget* is recommending that only \$5,425 be generated in interest. If A.B. 529 is passed, that would allow that funding to be approved.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

The budget is based on the \$5,425 coming in, right? With or without the passage of A.B. 529, that \$5,425 would be available.

MS. COFFMAN:

Yes, the budget is based on the \$5,425 coming in. If A.B. 529 is not passed, we would have to eliminate the \$5,425 from the budget.

MR. STEVENS:

If we assume A.B. 529 is going to pass, and we included funding in this budget, it would depend on when that decision is made. If it is too late in the Session, we would not be able to go back and adjust the budget. If it is soon enough, we would be able to adjust the budget if it was determined that A.B. 529 is not going to pass. If the \$5,425 is listed in this budget, assuming that A.B. 529 is going to pass, and it does not, there will be authority in this budget for interest earnings that it cannot receive.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

If we do not pass A.B. 529, there will be an additional \$10,000 hit in the biennium for this budget.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

What does the Subcommittee want to do?

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNIT E-327 OF B/A 101-4545 TO ALLOW THIS ACCOUNT TO EARN AND RETAIN ITS ASSOCIATED INTEREST INCOME CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF A.B. 529.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:

Decision unit E-710 is for replacement equipment. The Governor recommends reserve funding of \$559,055 in the 2009-2011 biennium to replace pesticide and fertilizer laboratory equipment. The Department has been accumulating reserve for the past four years in the anticipation of equipping the new pesticide and fertilizer laboratories which are currently being constructed in the new Sparks Agriculture Headquarters. Most of the equipment recommended for replacement was purchased before 1995 and some pieces were purchased in the 1960s and 1970s. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page AGRICULTURE-41

Decision unit E-720 recommends new equipment and decision unit E-931 recommends vehicle transfers.

E-720 New Equipment – Page AGRICULTURE-42

E-931 Trans Vehs from Pest/Plant Dis/Nox Weed to Reg/Enf – Page  
AGRICULTURE-44



ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNITS E-710 AND E-720 OF B/A 101-4545 TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF \$559,055 FOR REPLACEMENT AND NEW PURCHASES OF PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER LABORATORY EQUIPMENT; TO ALIGN INSURANCE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN DECISION UNIT E-931; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Livestock Inspection, B/A 101-4546.

AGRI - Livestock Inspection – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-47 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4546

The major issue is the restoration of fund transfers from the PID. As mentioned earlier in the PID budget discussion, a funding imbalance was created. As this is being corrected on the LID side, no decision will need to be made.

The only other issue is vehicle transfers in decision unit E-930.

E-930 Trans Vehs frm Livestock Inspect to Plant Industry – Page  
AGRICULTURE-52

The transfers appear reasonable to Staff. There will need to be a decision on the vehicle transfers in E-930.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO ALIGN INSURANCE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE VEHICLE TRANSFERS DESCRIBED IN DECISION UNIT E-930 OF B/A 101-4546; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Veterinary Medical Services, B/A 101-4550.

AGRI - Veterinary Medical Services – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-55  
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Budget Account 101-4550

The first major issue is the elimination of a program officer I position responsible for managing the Virginia Range Estray Horses (VREH) program. The Department plans to transfer the duties associated with this position to the LID. The *Executive Budget* continues to provide the Veterinary Medical Services Division (VMSD) with General Fund appropriations of \$38,753 in each year for operating costs associated with responding to VREH nuisance complaints. If this position is eliminated, operating expenses for the program could either continue to be paid from this account, or a transfer in authority would need to be established to reimburse the LID for these expenditures. This is eighth on the Department's priority list. At the Work Session, the Subcommittee expressed a preference to restore this program officer I.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I need a clarification. Does the program officer I just oversee the VREH?

Ms. COFFMAN:

Yes. The Governor's recommendation is to eliminate that position. If it is restored, the Subcommittee would need to add \$59,122 in FY 2009-2010 and \$87,035 in FY 2010-2011.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I think the LID will be able to provide adequate coverage for a few years. That was the original recommendation from the Department.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION E-606 OF B/A 101-4550 TO ELIMINATE THE PROGRAM OFFICER I POSITION; TO TRANSFER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING TO NUISANCE CALLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VREH PROGRAM TO THE LID, USING THE OPERATING AUTHORITY OF \$38,753 ALLOCATED TO THE VMSD EACH YEAR TO REIMBURSE THE LID FOR OPERATING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VREH PROGRAM.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next issue is a transfer out of an IT professional III position. We have already discussed this issue in the Division of Administration's account.

The Budget Office has submitted Budget Amendment No. 30 which decreases West Nile cooperative agreement funds by \$99,774 in each year of the biennium with a corresponding increase in General Fund appropriations in order to correct a funding error. Staff has received the amendment and concurs there is a funding discrepancy. If the Subcommittee does not wish to approve the amendment, the Department has asked for General Funds to remain unchanged from the VMDS account. If the amendment is not approved, the Department suggests reducing General Funds in the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control account to cover the shortfall. This suggestion would result in the elimination of two field specialist positions.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I need clarification on this issue. Are we talking about two additional field specialists besides the four we are already proposing to reduce in Wildlife Services?

Ms. COFFMAN:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN:

There is confusion on the last motion we just voted on.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

We went with the Governor's recommendation which eliminated the position for the VREH.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

What is the pleasure of the Committee?

SENATOR RHOADS:

If we do not accept Budget Amendment No. 30, will we need to eliminate two field specialists? Are they brand inspectors?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

These two specialists are connected to another budget. I do not know if this is appropriate. Could we hold this until we decide what we are going to do with the other four positions?

Ms. COFFMAN:

We could definitely hold this until we discuss the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control account.

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CHAIR HORSFORD:  
We will move to the next item.

MS. COFFMAN:  
The second closing item is the federal fund discrepancy. The *Executive Budget* indicates grant awards total \$234,977 in each year. The corresponding expenditures only account for \$222,315. Therefore, there is approximately \$12,662 in federal funds that subsidize General Fund appropriations. The error can be isolated and the seasonal salaries funded by the federal funds. The Budget Office and the Agency are aware of this issue. However, no budget amendment to correct this issue has been provided. Staff suggests reducing operating supplies associated with the VREH program, which is a General Funded program, by \$12,662 in each year of the biennium to eliminate the General Fund shortfall with a corresponding increase in seasonal salaries.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO REDUCE OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE VREH PROGRAM BY \$12,662 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM WITH A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN SEASONAL SALARIES SUPPORTED BY VARIOUS GRANT FUNDS IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE NOTED FUNDING DISCREPANCY.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. COFFMAN:  
Decision unit E-927 is a vehicle transfer. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-927 Trans Vehs Vet Med Svcs to Pet/Plant Dis/Nox Weed – Page  
AGRICULTURE-60

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNIT E-927 OF B/A 101-4550 TO TRANSFER VEHICLES TO THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ACCOUNT FROM THE VMSD; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is Weights and Measures, B/A 101-4551.

AGRI - Weights & Measures – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-63 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4551

There is only one major issue. The Agency originally requested a new weights and measure inspector II position in decision unit E-325. They have since withdrawn the request for the new position. They have transferred an existing position from their Sparks office to the Las Vegas office to compensate for their staffing shortfalls. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-325 Services at Level Closest to People – Page AGRICULTURE-65

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE NOT TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR II POSITION AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNIT E-325 OF B/A 101-4551.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The Budget Office submitted Budget Amendment No. 17 which recommends additional Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) pollution control funds of \$72,335 in FY 2009-2010 and \$59,482 in FY 2010-2011. This is due to an error found in the revenue projections associated with the DMV Pollution Control funds. This error resulted in more revenue becoming available. This appears reasonable to Staff.

The next closing item is the out-of-State travel expenditures for the Division administrator in decision units E-329 and E-330. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-329 Services at Level Closest to People – Page AGRICULTURE-66

E-330 Services at Level Closest to People – Page AGRICULTURE-66

Decision unit E-713 requests 13 new weight kits, used to inspect small grocery store scales, at a cost of \$11,011. This is reasonable to Staff.

E-713 Replacement Equipment – Page AGRICULTURE-69

Decision units E-503, E-504, E-924 and E-928 are for vehicle transfers.

E-503 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-67

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E-504 Adjustments - Transfers In – Page AGRICULTURE-67

E-924 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Weights & Measure – Page  
AGRICULTURE-70

E-928 Trans Vehs frm Administration to Weights & Measure – Page  
AGRICULTURE-70

CHAIR HORSFORD:  
I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-329, E-330, E-503, E-504, E-713, E-924 AND E-928 OF B/A 101-4551; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:  
The next budget account is Pest, Plant Disease Noxious Weed Control, B/A 101-4552.

AGRI - Pest, Plant Disease Noxious Weed Control – Budget Page  
AGRICULTURE-73 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4552

There are no major issues in this account. There are a number of vehicle transfers that appear reasonable to Staff.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER TEN VEHICLES FROM THE PID, THE MORMON CRICKET AND GRASSHOPPER ACCOUNT AND THE VMSD TO THE PEST, PLANT DISEASE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL ACCOUNT; TO TRANSFER THREE VEHICLES FROM THE PEST, PLANT DISEASE AND NOXIOUS WEED ACCOUNT TO THE PID AND THE REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT; TO CLOSE B/A 101-4552; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Mormon Cricket and Grasshoppers, B/A 101-4556.

AGRI - Mormon Crickets & Grasshoppers – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-82  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4556

There are no major issues in this account. Decision unit E-606 eliminates an agriculturist II position that has been vacant since April 2007. This elimination appears reasonable to Staff.

E-606 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-84

There are several vehicle transfers in this budget account as outlined in decision units E-923 and E-926.

E-923 Trans Vehs frm Plant Industry to Grasshopper/Crick – Page  
AGRICULTURE-86

E-926 Trans Vehs frm Grasshopper/Cricket to Pest/Plant Dis – Page  
AGRICULTURE-86

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE AN AGRICULTURIST II POSITION IN DECISION UNIT E-606 OF B/A 101-4556; TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF VEHICLES AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-923 AND E-926 OF B/A 101-4556; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Veterinary Med Services Coop Agreements, B/A 101-4560.

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AGRICULTURE-88 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4560

This is not an existing account. The Agency requested this account be established. However, the Governor recommended denying it. There are no funding sources or associated expenditures with this account. Staff would recommend this account not be established.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION  
NOT TO ESTABLISH B/A 101-4560.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is the Predatory Animal & Rodent Control,  
B/A 101-4600.

AGRI - Predatory Animal & Rodent Control – Budget Page AGRICULTURE-90  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4600

This is the budget account that Budget Amendment No. 30 refers to which  
needs discussion.

The major issue in this account is the elimination of five positions in decision  
unit E-606. There are four field assistant positions and a biologist I position  
recommended for elimination. The Agency submitted a revised priority list which  
displays restoration of three of the four field specialist positions as the  
Department's fifth priority. The Subcommittee did not reach a consensus  
whether or not all five positions should be eliminated. If the Subcommittee  
wishes to restore three of the four field specialists as recommended by the  
Department, General Funds of \$129,772 in FY 2009-2010 and \$144,684 in FY  
2010-2011 would need to be restored.

E-606 Staffing and Operating Reductions – Page AGRICULTURE-92

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
ELIMINATE FOUR FIELD ASSISTANT II POSITIONS AND ONE BIOLOGIST  
POSITION IN DECISION UNIT E-606 OF B/A 101-4600.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.



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ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

If we do not approve Budget Amendment No. 30, will that remove two more of the seven positions? Are we going to reduce a 12-member staff to 4 or 5 people?

MS. COFFMAN:

That is correct. If you eliminate all four field specialist positions within this account, and you do not approve Budget Amendment No. 30, there will be a total of six field specialists eliminated in this budget account.

SENATOR HARDY:

I cannot support that motion. This was done many years ago. People felt badly about predatory control on mountain lions, etc. We almost eliminated our deer and elk herds. We had mountain lions coming into the city. I think this motion is short-sighted.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

Would it be appropriate to address Budget Amendment No. 30 again? I do not think we have a choice because it is an over-appropriation of the VMUSD budget, unless we replace the \$200,000. Is that not correct?

DR. LESPERANCE:

Budget Amendment No. 30 is a budgeting error. It came to our attention in February or March 2009. We initiated an amendment, but the error would reduce approximately \$97,000 to the VMUSD. We have a disease problem throughout the west, and many of these diseases can be transferred to humans. We hear about these diseases every day, in regard to terrorism and other associated problems. I cannot, in any clear mind, eliminate any of our current veterinarians. They are absolutely critical to the health of animals and the citizens of the State of Nevada. If this funding error is not corrected, and I will not be able to transfer something, I will be forced to eliminate a veterinarian which I will not do. Therefore, the only conceivable option left, because of all the cuts in these other departments, is to force the issue and take two more people out of the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control budget. If I do that, the ramifications will be just as significant. The Department of Agriculture has reached a point where they cannot suffer any more position losses without a total failure of one of its divisions. I have no other options. That is why I have gone this direction. It is extremely uncomfortable. It is not a position I wish to be in, nor do I wish to place the citizens of Nevada in this position.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

Are we going to apportion \$99,000 per year back in to the VMUSD budget? If we do not approve the amendment, it would all go back to Wildlife Services.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We have a motion to be addressed. We could come back to the discussion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

I will withdraw my motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN WITHDREW HER MOTION.

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ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 30 TO CORRECT A FUNDING ERROR OF \$99,774 EACH YEAR TO OFFSET THE GENERAL FUND SHORTFALLS IN THE VMSD ACCOUNT, B/A 101-4550.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

If we approve this, based on the goals we have for restoration, we need to cut something else by \$99,774.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I have an idea on that. If you look at page 28 of [Exhibit C](#) we might have enough savings. If we choose option 2 and eliminate the three FTEs, will that work, Dr. Lesperance?

DR. LESPERANCE:

I can live with that.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

If we take the two positions back out, it puts the two veterinarian positions back in, which is essential. That would allow us to maintain the Governor's recommendation on Wildlife Services.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

The problem is if we approve the second option on page 28, then the LID is subsidizing the PID which was an issue.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

I just do not know where we can go on this.

SENATOR HARDY:

I do not like that precedent either. I do not know what else to do. I agree with the priority Mr. Goicoechea has indicated.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

Do we have to restore two veterinarians?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

The \$200,000 is not necessarily two veterinarians.

DR. LESPERANCE:

I would have to eliminate one veterinarian to do this. I absolutely refuse to do that. I have four veterinarians. It is critical with the disease problems facing the State of Nevada.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

We have one veterinarian in Elko. We have two veterinarians in Reno; one does the testing and the other is the State veterinarian. You cannot cut them completely out.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

They are not being cut out. They would still have three of the four veterinarians. We have teachers taking cuts, classrooms getting huge, and I think they can manage with three veterinarians.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We have a motion on the table by Assemblyman Goicochea.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

On page 43 of [Exhibit C](#) there is an explanation of Budget Amendment No. 30. If we approve that amendment, the General Fund appropriations will be increased; an add back of approximately \$200,000. How will we be able to keep two field specialists?

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOCHEA:

It would allow the two field specialists to be available in the Wildlife Services budget. I am recommending we go back to page 28 in [Exhibit C](#) and make the adjustment from Option No. 1 to Option No. 2 which will save at least half of the money.

MS. COFFMAN:

Budget Amendment No. 31 on page 53 in [Exhibit C](#) contains an error. The Department of Wildlife Services transfers did not accurately correspond with the operating and personnel expenditures in the Predatory and Rodent Control account. However, I reviewed those figures. They accurately correspond with the amounts. Staff does not recommend Budget Amendment No. 31.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

I will not support the motion either. We have to get to this number. We have to balance this. Is there more discussion on this motion? If not, we will take a vote.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION FAILED.

SENATE: THE MOTION FAILED.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE NOT TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 30; AND TO ELIMINATE ONE VETERINARIAN POSITION TO OFFSET THE GENERAL FUND SHORTFALLS IN THE VMSD ACCOUNT, B/A 101-4550.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION FAILED.

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ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA:

We need to clarify what happened because we denied Budget Amendment No. 30. Wildlife Services has reduced an additional two positions. I do not think we have the ability to tell the Director where to spend his money.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

This will go back to the full Committees and there will be debate. Ultimately, there must be a resolution between the Senate and the Assembly.

MS. COFFMAN:

Was the motion approved by the Assembly to deny Budget Amendment No. 30 and eliminate the two positions in the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control budget, or was it to eliminate the veterinarian? If revenues are being eliminated, there would need to be an offset into the expenditures to balance the budget.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

The offset would be the reduction of one veterinarian.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We will go on to page 53 of [Exhibit C](#) and the options we have there.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNIT E-606 IN B/A 101-4600 TO ELIMINATE FOUR FIELD ASSISTANT II POSITIONS AND ONE BIOLOGIST I POSITION.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION FAILED.

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MR. STEVENS:

These actions will ultimately affect the closing of two budgets. Two motions failed on the Senate side. However, there was no motion to approve anything. That is still undecided on the Senate side. Once it is decided in those two areas, it will have to go to full Committees to resolve those differences. The Subcommittee will have to make a decision on how to go forward, or not to make a recommendation and move it to the full Committee for a decision.

MS. COFFMAN:

A decision to approve or deny Budget Amendment No. 31 is needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE NOT TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 31 IN B/A 101-4600; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board, B/A 101-4980.

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(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4980

There are no major issues in this account. Staff recommends closing the account.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF CLOSING B/A 101-4980 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. COFFMAN:

The next budget account is Minerals, B/A 101-4219.

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Budget Account 101-4219

There are no major issues in this account. There are two decision units, E-710 and E-720, for replacement and purchase of equipment. This appears reasonable to Staff.

E-710 Replacement Equipment – Page MINERALS-4

E-720 New Equipment – Page MINERALS-5

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF B/A 101-4219 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR ANY PRICE REVISIONS TO REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AS OUTLINED IN DECISION UNITS E-710 AND E-720; TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINAL DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOCATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. STEVENS:

There are issues to be decided. The Senate members of the Subcommittee could decide to take a motion on another day to resolve those issues, or advise Staff to introduce them as an outstanding issue for the full Committee to decide on the Senate side. If there are differences they will go to the Joint Committee to resolve. The Full Committee will need to decide if it is not resolved in the Subcommittee.

CHAIR HORSFORD:

We should allow some time to see if options appear, recognizing there is \$90,000 that needs to be cut somewhere. We will consider a solution that does not further reduce the Wildlife budget.

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With no further business to discuss and no public testimony to be heard, this meeting is adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Barbara Richards,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Steven A. Horsford, Chair

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Assemblyman Mo Denis, Chair

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