

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Seventy-Seventh Session
April 26, 2013**

A joint meeting of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means' Subcommittee on General Government and the Senate Committee on Finance's Subcommittee on General Government was called to order by Chair Lucy Flores at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Lucy Flores, Chair
Assemblyman Paul Aizley, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Paul Anderson
Assemblyman Andy Eisen
Assemblyman Cresent Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
Senator Moises (Mo) Denis
Senator Michael Roberson



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Adam Drost, Program Analyst
Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst
Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary
Cynthia Wyett, Committee Assistant

Chair Flores called for presentation of the Judicial Branch budget accounts.

**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
SUPREME COURT (101-1494)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-13**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), said the first account of 13 for the Judicial Branch was budget account (BA) 1494, Supreme Court, and appeared on page 2 of [Exhibit C](#), the closing document.

Ms. Kolbe said the first major closing issue concerned declining administrative court assessments. The Subcommittees were reminded that the Judicial Branch received 51 percent of the administrative court assessments, with the other 49 percent distributed among Executive Branch accounts. The portion received by the Judicial Branch funded six budget accounts.

The Executive Budget included a 6.9 percent reduction in the administrative court assessments over the 2013-2015 biennium as compared to the current biennium. However, on April 18, 2013, the Judicial Branch revised those administrative court assessments to an 11 percent decrease from the 2011-2013 biennium. Page 3 of [Exhibit C](#) contained a table that represented those adjustments. Ms. Kolbe noted additional General Funds of \$555,473 and a reduction to reserves of \$523,116 would be required to replace those funds.

The Judicial Branch staff surmised that the reductions in administrative court assessments were a combination of the depressed economy and courts allowing for alternatives to fines such as community service work.

Additionally, the Judicial Branch had testified that enactment of Assembly Bill No. 6 of the 26th Special Session (2010), which added a \$5 assessment for the General Fund, had harmed the Judicial Branch receipts.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT ASSESSMENTS AS REVISED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Ms. Kolbe said the second closing issue was dedicated security as requested in decision unit Enhancement (E) 350. The Executive Budget included an addition of \$431,239 of General Funds to support 2.5 positions and operating costs to provide dedicated security for the Judicial Branch. The new positions would provide security for the Supreme Court justices, judicial hearings and arguments, the Supreme Court building, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) annex, staff, judicial meetings, and events.

The Judicial Branch cited a lack of flexibility in coverage by the Capitol Police for security services, and Ms. Kolbe stated the recommendation would remove security services currently provided by the Capitol Police. An audit conducted in November 2011 determined the need for dedicated security. With the approval of decision unit E-350, the Supreme Court dedicated security would total 3.5 positions. The dedicated security would provide a two-officer response to incidents, leaving one officer at the security post to continue ongoing screening and monitoring.

Ms. Kolbe said the Judicial Branch was authorized to appoint and employ persons to provide security for the justices and employees of the Supreme Court. She said the Judicial Branch established a chief of police position in June 2012. The two new full-time positions would be category 1 peace officers, and the part-time positions would be either a category 1 or a category 2 peace officer. Further, the dedicated security would be primarily responsible for the security of the Supreme Court building and AOC annex, but on occasion the chief of police might accompany a justice to a meeting, judicial

processes held outside of the Supreme Court building, or when justices or staff perceived imminent danger.

During the February 27, 2013, joint meeting of the Subcommittees on public safety budget hearing, testimony was provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), which indicated the additional security in the Judicial Branch would bring the total to three state police agencies providing services in the Capitol Complex, not including the Carson City Sheriff's Office.

Currently, the Capitol Police had 19 officers, 2 of whom were assigned to the Supreme Court. According to Ms. Kolbe, the Budget Division had submitted a budget amendment to eliminate two officer positions from the Capitol Police account in coordination with this request.

During the joint budget hearing before the Subcommittees on General Government on March 13, 2013, the Judicial Branch indicated there were 68 days when only one Capitol Police officer was on duty for the Supreme Court, AOC annex, and Judicial Branch employees. In response to follow-up questions, the Judicial Branch indicated contracting for security was not an option because of high turnover and concerns over sensitive and personal information. However, Fiscal Analysis staff noted that several state agencies contracted for security, including agencies with highly sensitive information, such as the Employment Security Division, the Bureau of Disability Adjudication, and others. According to the statewide financial system, security contracts for these agencies in the Carson City area were approximately \$69,300 per year, per guard.

Ms. Kolbe said the Subcommittees might wish to consider the following options:

- Option 1: Approve General Funds of \$431,239 over the 2013-2015 biennium for 2.5 positions and operating costs to provide dedicated security for the Judicial Branch as included in The Executive Budget.
- Option 2: Do not approve the 2.5 positions and operating costs to provide dedicated security for the Judicial Branch. The option would result in a General Fund savings of \$431,239 over the 2013-2015 biennium.

Assemblywoman Flores stated that she believed the Judicial Branch had demonstrated a need for dedicated security.

Senator Denis said he agreed with Chair Flores and believed the Supreme Court was justified in the request.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE GENERAL FUNDS OF \$431,239 OVER THE 2013-2015 BIENNIUM FOR 2.5 POSITIONS AND OPERATING COSTS TO PROVIDE DEDICATED SECURITY FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AS INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Ms. Kolbe said the third closing issue was decision unit Maintenance (M) 200, new positions to address caseload. The Executive Budget included General Funds of \$503,375 over the 2013-2015 biennium to support two new staff attorney positions for the Las Vegas Civil Division to address caseload increases. Ms. Kolbe said there were currently no staff attorney positions stationed in the Las Vegas office. The new positions would assist the justices in maintaining quality work product and reduce delays in case processing by researching, drafting orders and opinions, editing the Court's written decisions, and serving as a direct resource to the two justices in Las Vegas.

The top of page 5 in [Exhibit C](#) contained a table, which illustrated the number of civil appeals filed from fiscal year (FY) 2008 through FY 2012. Additionally, in the middle of page 5 was a second table, which provided the disposition time to process civil appeals. Ms. Kolbe stated that civil appeals took longer to resolve than other types of filings.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE TWO NEW STAFF ATTORNEY POSITIONS FOR THE LAS VEGAS CIVIL DIVISION TO ADDRESS CASELOAD INCREASES.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Kolbe said there were two other closing items in BA 1494 and both appeared reasonable. The second closing item would be predicated on the closing action for the Foreclosure Mediation Program (FMP). Staff sought authority to adjust the account in accordance with the closing action of the Foreclosure Mediation Program and for reprojected administrative court assessment revenue.

Ms. Kolbe also recommended the other closing items be approved as recommended in The Executive Budget with authority for Fiscal Analysis staff to make technical adjustments.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-710 AND E-750 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 1494 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
STATE JUDICIAL ELECTED OFFICIALS (101-1490)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-18**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the second account for consideration was on page 7 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1490, State Judicial Elected Officials. The account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended the budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1490
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATE SHARE (101-1491)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-20**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated the next budget account (BA) 1491, the Judicial Retirement System State Share, was on page 8 of [Exhibit C](#). Ms. Kolbe noted that there was a technical adjustment to reflect the correct portion for the judicial share of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). That reduction was reflected on the closing document, and Fiscal Analysis staff recommended BA 1491 be closed by the Governor, as adjusted.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 1491 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR,
AS ADJUSTED BY FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE – JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
JUDICIAL SELECTION (101-1498)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-21**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 9 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1498, the Judicial Selection account. Ms. Kolbe stated the account was not previously heard by Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1498 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
SENIOR JUSTICE & SENIOR JUDGE PROGRAM (101-1496)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-23**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 11 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1496, the Senior Justice and Senior Judge Program. Ms. Kolbe stated this account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1496 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
LAW LIBRARY (101-2889)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-25**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 12 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 2889, the Law Library. This account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this account be closed as recommended by the Governor, with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 2889 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL

JUDICIAL BRANCH

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (101-1483)

BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-28

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 13 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1483, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Ms. Kolbe said BA 1483 had one major closing issue, salary and benefit reductions. With the exception of the Judicial Discipline account, the Judicial Branch's budgets did not include the salary reductions, merit salary freezes, and suspended longevity payments that were included in The Executive Budget for all Executive Branch and Legislative Branch employees.

Ms. Kolbe noted that the salaries for the Supreme Court justices and the district court judges were fixed by law and would not be affected by this decision.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that in FY 2011 and FY 2013, the biennial budgets for the Judicial Branch were submitted without the reductions to salaries; however, the 2011 Legislature chose to treat all branches of government consistently. Additionally, the Judicial Branch had participated in salary reductions during the current biennium. If implemented, Fiscal Analysis Division staff estimated the salary reductions, merit salary freezes, and suspended longevity payments would result in a net General Fund savings of \$817,182 and increases to reserves of \$370,513 over the 2013-2015 biennium.

Ms. Kolbe said staff was seeking a decision from the Subcommittees as to whether the same reductions for employee salaries, merit salary freezes, and longevity pay for other than district court judges and Supreme Court justices, should be applied to Judicial Branch employees as those approved for Executive and Legislative Branch employees.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff was seeking authority to make adjustments if overall employee pay differed from The Executive Budget.

Assemblywoman Flores said she believed it was important all branches of government were treated the same to maintain consistency.

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that the decision before the Subcommittees was whether to include the pay changes as recommended by the Governor. The specifics about the pay policies would be decided later by the full money committees. Mr. Krmpotic said before the Subcommittees today was a policy decision as to whether to include the Judicial Branch in the pay reduction policy adopted for the other branches.

Senator Denis maintained that the Subcommittees should continue with consistency for all state employees.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SAME BENEFIT AND SALARY REDUCTIONS FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH EMPLOYEES AS THOSE FOR THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Kolbe said the other closing item on page 14 of [Exhibit C](#) concerned position classification changes. The Executive Budget included reclassifying all 57 unclassified positions within the Judicial Branch, excluding the Judicial Discipline account, to nonclassified positions. The reclassification was included in the base decision unit and was not included in a separate enhancement decision unit for the Subcommittee's consideration. Ms. Kolbe explained that although the Judicial Branch currently had authority over its employees to set salaries within the limits of the legislative appropriations or authorizations, currently, salaries for unclassified positions for the Judicial Branch were included in the Unclassified Pay Bill. The decision regarding unclassified positions would be determined by the full committees along with other statewide closing issues. Fiscal Analysis Division staff was seeking authority to make any adjustments to the account that might be necessary based on the closing actions of the money committees.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IF OVERALL EMPLOYEE PAY DIFFERED FROM THAT INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Kolbe said Fiscal Analysis staff recommended approving other closing item number 2 as indicated in The Executive Budget and approving authority for Fiscal Analysis Division staff to make technical adjustments as noted in the other closing items 1 and 3.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT ENHANCEMENT (E) 710 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 1483 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR THE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
JUDICIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DIVISION (101-1484)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-32

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 16 of [Exhibit C](#), which was budget account (BA) 1484, Judicial Programs and Services Division. Ms. Kolbe said the account had no major issues, and staff recommended closing BA 1484 as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1484 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
UNIFORM SYSTEM OF JUDICIAL RECORDS (101-1486)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-36**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 18 of [Exhibit C](#), which was budget account (BA) 1486, Uniform System of Judicial Records. Ms. Kolbe noted the account had no major closing issues; therefore, Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget account be closed as recommended by the Governor, with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1486 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
JUDICIAL EDUCATION (101-1487)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-40

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau referred to page 20 of [Exhibit C](#) which was budget account (BA) 1487, Judicial Education. Ms. Kolbe noted the account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this account be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1487 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
SPECIALTY COURT (101-1495)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-44

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 21 of [Exhibit C](#) which was budget account (BA) 1495, Specialty Court. Ms. Kolbe said the account had no major issues, but on page 22 of [Exhibit C](#), she noted an information-only table that detailed the specialty court funding. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended BA 1495 be closed as recommended by the Governor.

Assemblywoman Flores commented that there were quite a few accounts that had not been previously reviewed, and if members of the Subcommittees had any questions to please ask them.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1495 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE - JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
JUDICIAL SUPPORT, GOVERNANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS (101-1493)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-46**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 23 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1493, Judicial Support, Governance and Special Events. Ms. Kolbe said the account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended BA 1493 be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1493 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**LEGISLATIVE – JUDICIAL
JUDICIAL BRANCH
FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM (101-1492)
BUDGET PAGE JUDICIAL-50**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to page 24 of [Exhibit C](#), budget account (BA) 1492, Foreclosure Mediation Program (FMP). Ms. Kolbe said this was the last account

for the Judicial Branch presentation, and it had one major closing issue, the continuation of the Foreclosure Mediation Program. Because of declining fees for the FMP revenues and reserves, funds to continue the program were projected to be depleted by December 2014, or halfway through fiscal year (FY) 2015. As a result, The Executive Budget included \$202,727 in General Funds for FY 2015 to continue the program. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that the account had not previously been supported by General Funds.

The account had two different fees: the first was a notice of default (NOD) fee and the second was a mediation services fee. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 107.080, the FMP retained approximately \$44 of the \$45 NOD fee collected and was the primary source for the operating expenditures. The mediation services fee totaled \$400 per case, and that fee was used as a pass-through for mediation processes. Ms. Kolbe said a decline in the NOD fees began in October 2011, and in response to that decline, the Judicial Branch eliminated 11 of the 20 original positions and also reduced operating expenditures. The Judicial Branch testified on March 13, 2013, during its budget hearing, that operating the FMP with nine remaining positions barely provided the program needs and met the program requirements. Additionally, the Judicial Branch testified the changes approved by the 2011 Legislature had negatively affected the volume of notices of defaults filed as compared to the previous periods.

The Judicial Branch originally projected total NOD fees of \$767,700 over the 2013-2015 biennium, a decrease of 84.2 percent from the \$4.8 million approved for the current biennium. The table on page 25 of [Exhibit C](#) provided a history of this account, including the reserve balances. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that starting in FY 2012, expenditures exceeded the fees collected, which reduced the general reserve category.

Budget account 1492 had two reserve categories. The first category was a reserve for mediations in process, which was used for ongoing mediations started in one year, but concluded in a subsequent year. The second reserve category was a general reserve and was used for the NOD fees that were collected beyond the amount needed to operate the FMP. Ms. Kolbe said that reserve account balanced forward to cover the program's operating and expenditures in the following year.

Ms. Kolbe said that although this discussion began indicating there was a decline in the NOD fees, yesterday the Judicial Branch submitted a work program revising the NOD fees that were projected to be received through the end of the current fiscal year. The new projections of the Judicial Branch provided to Fiscal Analysis Division staff indicated that perhaps there was no need for a General Fund addition in FY 2015.

It appeared to Fiscal Analysis Division staff that the additional NOD funding that came in during the current fiscal year would be sufficient, and reserves would be sufficient to continue the FMP through the next biennium.

Ms. Kolbe said the Subcommittees might wish to consider the following options:

- Option 1: Approve General Funds of \$202,727 to continue the Foreclosure Mediation Program in FY 2015 as recommended in The Executive Budget.
- Option 2: Not approve General Funds of \$202,727 for the Foreclosure Mediation Program in FY 2015 based on revised NOD fees and reserve balances over the 2013-2015 biennium.

Chair Flores commented it appeared that, based on recent information about the sustainability of BA 1492, General Funds were no longer needed.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO NOT APPROVE GENERAL FUNDS OF \$202,727 FOR THE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM, BUDGET ACCOUNT 1492, IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 BASED ON REVISED NOTICE OF DEFAULT FEES AND RESERVE BALANCES OVER THE 2013-2015 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, requested authority for Fiscal Analysis Division staff to adjust the account for revised revenues and reserves and make other technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO ADJUST BUDGET ACCOUNT 1492 FOR REVISED REVENUES AND RESERVES AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ADMINISTRATION (101-4554)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-36**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the first account for the State Department of Agriculture would be the Administration account, budget account (BA) 4554.

Mr. Drost referred to page 29 of [Exhibit C](#), which detailed the creation of the Food and Nutrition Division, decision unit Enhancement (E) 801. The Governor recommended expanding the Department by transferring food and nutrition programs from the Department of Administration, Department of Education, and Department of Business and Industry to the Department of Agriculture to create a new Food and Nutrition Division. The new division would require 38.5 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions to manage total revenues of \$294,280,894 over the biennium.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that approximately \$276.3 million of the recommended increase was related to pass-through federal funds to local child nutrition programs.

Mr. Drost stated the Governor's recommendation was related to the Department's priorities for the 2013-2015 biennium, which included creating more opportunities for Nevadans to consume healthy and fresh Nevada agriculture products, expanding the economic impact of Nevada's agriculture industry, and consolidating the state's food and nutrition activities into one agency. During the work session, the Subcommittees noted that these priorities

could be achieved without the creation of a new division. The Department responded that these programs would be housed in a single department, managed by a single administrator, and directed by one department mission, which would allow for better coordination and communication among these programs. The Department specified that none of the programs were currently functioning poorly, and the core functions of the programs would continue if the transfers were approved. However, the Department had indicated there was capacity for improvement as these programs would be marketed and connected with agriculture producers in the state.

Mr. Drost said the proposed division would use vacant space in the Sparks headquarters, and 22 FTE positions would transfer to that location.

For the State Dairy Commission, the Department said it had the responsibility for animal health, but it was not currently responsible for dairy products as commodities. By transferring the Dairy Commission, all aspects of the dairy industry would fall under a single department. The Subcommittees also questioned the three-month gap in employment for the two positions that were proposed to be eliminated. A subsequent budget amendment has been submitted to correct that, according to Mr. Drost.

Mr. Drost said the Department was also questioned about rent savings, and the Department indicated that it would save \$27,000 in rental expenditures by moving staff in the southern office into the Department's Las Vegas office. Additional savings could be realized in upcoming biennia as the northern office lease expired on June 30, 2015. The Department also had a dairy laboratory at its Sparks headquarters as well as staff that could perform dairy testing. However, the Department planned to continue the use of the University of Nevada, Reno laboratory to perform the necessary dairy testing and would review laboratory equipment needs over the interim.

The Department stated that most dairy producers had expressed support for the proposed transfer of the Dairy Commission, with no producers expressing opposition.

Mr. Drost said the second program, the Commodity Foods Program (CFP), was based upon a white paper, *The Consolidation of Nevada Food and Nutrition Systems*, prepared by the Department. This paper identified a streamlined communication and consolidation effort, which would eliminate the duplication of efforts among the food banks and CFP. At times, food bank trucks had

space available, and that additional space could be used by the CFP, thereby eliminating a future expense for the state. In addition, the Department planned to conduct a review to determine whether food deliveries could be conducted more frequently, and the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables delivered to high-need areas could be increased. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that both of the benefits could be obtained with the proposed transfer.

Mr. Drost said the Commodity Foods Program would no longer be assessed the Department of Administration's Administrative Services Division (ASD) cost allocation. The allocation would be redistributed among the remaining accounts, requiring additional General Fund appropriations and additional non-General Fund costs. However, the ASD cost-allocation redistribution appeared to not only reflect the Commodity Food Program transfer, but all ASD cost-allocation enhancements being distributed among the remaining accounts.

The Department indicated the Three Square Food Bank and Northern Nevada Food Bank supported the Governor's recommendation to transfer the CFP to the Department of Agriculture.

According to Mr. Drost, the third program recommended to be transferred was the Nutrition Education Programs. All federal funding for this program was received from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); therefore, the transfer would align Nevada's funding source with the federal provider. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that only three other states currently housed child nutrition programs in their Department of Agriculture; however, additional states were considering a transfer similar to the Governor's proposal.

The Department also stated five of Nevada's largest school districts, including Clark County and Washoe County, expressed support for the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Nutrition Education Programs to the Department.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that the food service units in school districts operated with minimal direction from the state, and the design of food preparation kitchens limited the type of food vendors with whom a school contracted. The Department responded that there are USDA grants available to assist schools with modifications to kitchens. Mr. Drost also noted that the recommended transfer included a loss of indirect cost revenue for the Department of Education. The Governor had recommended changing the funding source for the audit unit of the Department of Education from

100 percent federal indirect charges to 50 percent indirect charges and 50 percent General Fund. This recommendation was approved by the Senate and Assembly Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPS and should occur regardless of the transfer of the Nutrition Education Programs.

The Subcommittees also questioned performance measures the Department used to measure success. The Department noted that it would use customer service surveys for all of its divisions, and the surveys would be issued in June 2013, January 2014, and January 2015 and be provided to the 2015 Legislature. Mr. Drost said the Department also submitted nutrition education performance measures that showed the goal of the FY 2015 projected participation rates was to reach the average national participation rates for the school lunch and school breakfast programs. The Department goal would be an improvement as Nevada was 51st out of 54 for school lunch participation and 45th out of 54 for school breakfast participation. To achieve these goals, the Department planned to use the Department's proposed public information officer to submit weekly articles and develop publications to inform the public of the school lunch and school breakfast programs. The Department would also facilitate annual meetings with school district nutrition programs and community partners to review progress on increasing participation, use department and community partner websites to increase awareness, and request that school districts prepare annual nutrition program expansion plans.

The Department also stated in its response to the Subcommittees that it had been working with the nutrition education program to initiate a shared goal of providing students with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, through the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Mr. Drost said the federal program had provided the state with approximately \$2.3 million in funding and had provided local producers and school districts with an opportunity to place locally grown items in the schools. To ensure the fruits and vegetables were safe for consumption by children, the local producers were required to be audited by Department of Agriculture inspectors. Mr. Drost said the program had allowed Washoe County School District to provide cauliflower grown in Yerington, melons grown in Fallon, and squash grown in Reno to students.

According to Mr. Drost, the Department of Agriculture planned to continue and expand the program by certifying additional inspectors, providing training to producers and school garden coordinators, and hosting training with food

service directors to provide information on procuring locally produced food. As a program goal, the Department planned to have a minimum of three Nevada school districts incorporate at least two locally produced foods into their school food service by November 2014.

Mr. Drost explained that if the Governor's recommendation to create a Food and Nutrition Division in the Department of Agriculture was approved, the three programs would contribute a combined total of \$770,196 in FY 2014 and \$787,833 in FY 2015 to the Administration Division's cost allocation. Accordingly, decision unit Enhancement (E) 801 adjusted the cost allocation for the Department of Agriculture if the creation of the Food and Nutrition Division in the Department was approved.

The options for the Subcommittees' consideration were as follows:

- Approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Dairy Commission from the Department of Business and Industry, the Commodity Food Program from the Department of Administration, and the Nutritional Education Programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture to create a new Food and Nutrition Division and provide Fiscal Analysis Division staff with authority to make any technical adjustments. The transfer of the Nutrition Education Programs from the Department of Education is contingent upon the approval of the Subcommittee on K-12/Higher Education/CIPS.
- Approve the transfer of only certain programs recommended by the Governor to the newly proposed Food and Nutrition Division and provide Fiscal Analysis Division staff with authority to make any technical adjustments.
- Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer food and nutrition programs to the Department of Agriculture and provide Fiscal Analysis Division staff with authority to make any technical adjustments.

Chair Flores remarked that the Subcommittees had spent quite a bit of time discussing all of the Department of Agriculture concerns, but she had one more and requested a response from a representative from the Department. She asked whether one of the three Nevada school districts chosen to initiate the program included the Clark County School District.

Jim R. Barbee, Director, State Department of Agriculture replied that the Department was planning to focus on all of the school districts but would target the largest population school district in the state.

Assemblyman Eisen thanked Director Barbee for his time and help in explaining the merger of the programs and stated his support.

Senator Woodhouse agreed with Assemblyman Eisen and thanked both Jim Barbee and Lynn Hettrick for the time and expertise they provided.

Assemblyman Hardy said he believed the creation of the new Food and Nutrition Division was one of the best business decisions the state could make.

Senator Denis remarked that this was a good way to get more Nevada products into our schools, which he believed was important.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-801 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY. THE TRANSFER OF THE NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WAS CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the second major issue was the restoration of positions in decision units E-225 and E-226. The Governor recommended 9 new positions and associated operating expenditures for the Administration Division, which would increase the number of positions in the Administration Division from 6, as approved by the 2011 Legislature, to 15 in the 2013-2015 biennium. That would be the same number of positions approved by the 2007 Legislature; however, only the deputy director, the accounting assistant 2, and the administrative assistant 1 were positions that were recommended for

restoration with the intent of performing duties previously performed by an eliminated position.

Mr. Drost referred to pages 33 and 34 of [Exhibit C](#), and the table entitled Governor Recommended New Positions for Administration Division. The positions included a deputy director; a southern office administrator; a public information officer 2; a business process analyst 2; a management analyst 2; a program officer 1; an information technology (IT) technician 4; an accounting assistant 2; and an administrative assistant 1.

A budget amendment had been submitted by the Budget Division that would transfer the business process analyst 2 and the management analyst 2 positions from the Dairy Commission.

Mr. Drost said uniform packages were also recommended for six of the positions, although, historically, staff in the Administration Division had not been eligible to receive uniforms. The Department stated those employees had occasional public contact and uniforms would allow the public to recognize Department of Agriculture employees and associate them with the work performed by the Department.

The Budget Division also submitted a budget amendment which made various changes to the uniform items provided for the recommended program officer 1 position. The budget amendment would increase the number of shirts from two summer shirts and two winter shirts to four summer shirts and six winter shirts. Fiscal Analysis Division staff also noted that an extra uniform package had been budgeted and requested authority to make a technical adjustment to remove the one uniform package from decision unit E-225.

In response to a question from Chair Flores, Mr. Drost said the restored positions included the deputy director, the accounting assistant 2, and the administrative assistant 1.

Chair Flores commented that the positions were appropriate, especially because of the approval the Committee had given for the merger. Chair Flores further commented that uniforms were basic, and most of the employees of the new Division were not in offices, but were performing fieldwork.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT A130014554 FOR NINE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554, AND APPROVE UNIFORMS FOR THOSE POSITIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE ONE UNIFORM PACKAGE FROM DECISION UNIT E-225.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost stated the third major issue was new positions. Two new positions were recommended in decision unit E-227 to form a new Agriculture Industry Development Unit. The new unit included a literacy coordinator and an education and information officer. The proposed duties and responsibilities of the two new positions were new initiatives and not currently performed by the Department. Fiscal Analysis Division staff questioned whether those employees would duplicate the efforts of other state agencies. The agency responded that this unit would work with all the state agencies on agriculture projects within the state to support the growth of the agriculture industry in Nevada. The Department maintained that the increased communication would decrease any current duplicated effort, as the unit would open the lines of communication among these entities.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-227 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND ADD A NEW LITERACY COORDINATOR POSITION AND A NEW EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ADMINISTRATION DIVISION.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the fourth major issue in BA 4554 was the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board donation, decision unit E-228. The Governor recommended contributing General Fund appropriations of \$20,000 in each year of the biennium to the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board. Mr. Drost noted that the 2011 Legislature approved eliminating the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board from The Executive Budget and privatizing its operation. The 2009 Legislature approved General Fund appropriations of \$25,670 in fiscal year (FY) 2011. This donation would encourage interest in animal science training and would demonstrate parity with the Department's current annual \$20,000 donation to the Nevada State High School Rodeo Association. Over 300 students participated in the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board each year. The Subcommittees questioned whether the existing \$20,000 for the High School Rodeo Association could be divided between the two groups, and the Department indicated it did not want to reduce the donation of one group to benefit another.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-228 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE A \$20,000 GENERAL FUND DONATION TO THE NEVADA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the fifth issue on page 36 of [Exhibit C](#) was the annual department meeting, decision unit E-230. The Governor recommended total funding of \$13,451 in each year of the biennium for travel expenditures associated with sending 37 employees who work outside of the Reno-Sparks area to an annual department meeting at the Department's headquarters located in Sparks. The meeting would include employees working in Elko and Las Vegas. Mr. Drost said although the Department had participated in departmentwide meetings using videoconference equipment, and those meetings allowed updated policies and information to be shared with staff, the Department maintained it did not allow for effective and productive exchange of

information and ideas. In addition, some employees, such as the members of Predatory Animal and Rodent Control who are supervised by federal employees had little interaction with other department employees. Mr. Drost said the annual department meeting would allow employees to meet face-to-face, reevaluate the Department's mission and vision, develop relationships, and learn about the Department's reorganization efforts. Mr. Drost said the meetings would also encourage the development of better business practices and synergy among staff, and be similar to the annual meetings held by the Department of Wildlife.

The options for the Subcommittees' consideration were as followed:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to fund department meetings in each year of the 2013-2015 biennium. If the Subcommittees approve the Governor's recommendation, Fiscal Analysis Division staff requests authority to make related technical adjustments in the other Department of Agriculture accounts.
2. Approve funding for only one department meeting over the 2013-2015 biennium. If the Subcommittees choose this option, Fiscal Analysis Division staff requests authority to make related technical adjustments in the other Department of Agriculture accounts.
3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation for annual department meetings.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to make technical adjustments to all Department of Agriculture budget accounts affected by the Subcommittees' decision.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION 1 IN
DECISION UNIT E-230 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR
AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO
MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the sixth item in BA 4554, decision unit E-350, was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended a uniform package for the director position. Mr. Drost said staff in the Administration Division had not been eligible for uniforms; however, the Department maintained the Director had occasional public contact, and uniforms would allow the public to recognize a Department of Agriculture employee and the work performed by the Department.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-350 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the seventh major item in BA 4554 was the cost-allocation change, decision unit E-802. The Governor recommended cost-allocation adjustments related to a Departmentwide change in the cost-allocation methodology used to fund its Administration account. The General Fund share of the cost allocation, which had historically been included in the Administration account, was recommended to be appropriated in the contributing budget accounts and transferred to the Administration account based on the percent of General Fund appropriation funding the contributing account's full-time equivalents (FTEs) as presented in the table on page 37 of [Exhibit C](#). The Department maintained the change would allow the true administrative cost for each program to be reflected in the individual accounts.

Mr. Drost said the change would also assist the Department in obtaining a higher federal indirect cost rate as the federal agencies often required the General Fund appropriation to be removed from the calculation when funds were placed directly in the Administration budget account. In addition, in the event of General Fund budget reductions in the future, the burden of reducing expenditures would lie solely with the Administration account. Fiscal Analysis Division staff had determined this change would have no effect on the amount of General Fund appropriations needed to fund the Department's Administration account. Fiscal Analysis Division staff had also confirmed with the Department

that the federal agencies it worked with approved of the proposed distribution of cost-allocation expenditures.

Chair Flores commented that decision unit E-802 was a method to keep better track of the cost allocations so they were within the agencies where the costs were actually occurring.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-802 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost explained that other closing items in BA 4554 included vehicle transfers, equipment replacement, and a cost-allocation change. He said they all appeared reasonable, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to make technical adjustments for the antivirus program.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN DECISION UNITS E-501, E-504, E-505, E-901, E-904, E-905, E-710, AND E-804, BUDGET ACCOUNT 4554, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GAS POLLUTION STANDARDS (101-4537)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-48**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the second account was Gas Pollution Standards, budget account (BA) 4537, as shown on page 40 of [Exhibit C](#).

Mr. Drost said the first major issue was the merging of the Gas Pollution Standards, BA 4537, with the Weights and Measures, BA 4551. The Governor had recommended consolidating Gas Pollution Standards into Weights and Measures to create a new Consumer Equitability Division to better reflect the Division's activities related to protecting consumers. The agency stated this was appropriate because the two sections were dependent upon one another as the Weights and Measures staff collected the fuel samples that were tested by Gas Pollution Standards staff. In addition, these two sections shared resources and staff, were located in the same building, and shared an administrator. Currently, there was no mechanism in place to cost-allocate the shared resources between the two accounts. Mr. Drost commented that most shared expenditures were reflected solely in the Weights and Measures account.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS
ENHANCEMENT (E) 910 THROUGH E-917, BUDGET
ACCOUNT 4537, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND
TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE
RELATED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WEIGHTS AND
MEASURES ACCOUNT.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said other closing items in BA 4537 included, out-of-state travel, new equipment purchases, and cost-allocation changes, which all appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-240, E-720, MAINTENANCE (M) 800, E- 800, E-801, AND E-804 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4537 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND STANDARDS (101-4551)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-90**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the review of budget account (BA) 4551, Weights, Measures and Standards, began on page 43 of [Exhibit C](#). The first major item was the new metrologist position. The Governor recommended a new metrologist position funded by a combination of fee revenue and funds collected from the Nevada Petroleum Products Inspection Act. The position would be responsible for ensuring the Department's measuring devices were accurate and calibrating testing equipment for registered service agents, who tested the accuracy of scales. The State Department of Agriculture indicated Nevada's neighboring states had reduced the number of metrologist positions which had created a backlog of device testing in those states. Subsequently, registered service agents in other states were sending equipment to Nevada to be tested, which had increased the workload for the Division of Measurement Standards. The new position would allow the entire workload to be maintained by the Division. However, The Executive Budget did not include any additional calibration revenue, and the Division projected additional revenue of \$55,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2014 and \$69,000 in FY 2015. Fiscal Analysis Division staff suggested adjustments to add revenue of \$55,000 in FY 2014 and \$69,000 in FY 2015 with corresponding adjustments to reserve.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT ENHANCEMENT (E) 226 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4551 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADJUSTMENTS TO REVENUE SUGGESTED BY FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the second major issue in BA 4551, was uniforms for staff, decision unit E-350. The Governor recommended providing uniforms for 17 agency employees. The uniform package recommended in The Executive Budget included two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats, and one lightweight jacket over the biennium. In addition, ten of the positions would receive a work jacket. The Department maintained uniforms would assist with customer service, as retailers would be able to easily recognize employees as they completed their enforcement tasks. In addition, uniforms would allow the public to recognize Department of Agriculture employees and the work performed by the Department. The Budget Division reevaluated the articles of clothing and provided a budget amendment that expanded the articles of clothing from two winter shirts and two summer shirts to six winter shirts and four summer shirts over the 2013-2015 biennium. The uniform adjustment was more in line with the Department of Wildlife and Division of State Parks uniform packages; however, the expanded uniform package would be provided for only 10 positions and not all 17.

The options for the Subcommittees' consideration were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide 17 staff members with uniforms as recommended by The Executive Budget including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats, and one lightweight jacket, as well as provide 10 staff members with work jackets over the 2013-2015 biennium.
2. Approve budget amendment A130024551 providing 17 staff members with uniforms as originally recommended by the Governor, while providing 10 of the 17 staff members with four additional winter shirts and two additional summer shirts over the 2013-2015 biennium.

3. Approve reserve reductions of \$4,239 in FY 2014 and \$3,133 in FY 2015 to provide 17 staff members with the expanded uniform package, which provides six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one work jacket, one lightweight jacket, and one hat over the 2013-2015 biennium.
4. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide uniforms to Weights and Measures staff.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE RESERVE REDUCTIONS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4551 OF \$4,239 IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 AND \$3,133 IN FY 2015 TO PROVIDE 17 STAFF MEMBERS WITH THE EXPANDED UNIFORM PACKAGE OVER THE 2013-2015 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said other closing items in BA 4551 included out-of-state travel, vehicle transfers, equipment replacement, new equipment, a cost-allocation change, and the merging of Gas Pollution Standards and Weight and Measures. Fiscal Analysis Division also requested authority to amend the number of antivirus programs.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4551 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MORMON CRICKET & GRASSHOPPERS (101-4556)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-112

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, introduced budget account (BA) 4556, Mormon Cricket and Grasshoppers. The account was not previously heard by the Subcommittees and provided for the cooperative survey, suppression, and control of Mormon crickets and rangeland grasshoppers on public and private lands. According to Mr. Drost, there were no major closing issues in the account, and under other closing items, there was equipment replacement that appeared reasonable, as well as vehicle transfers.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4556 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PEST, PLANT DISEASE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL (101-4552)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-103

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated budget account (BA) 4552 was the Pest, Plant Disease Noxious Weed Control account. The account had not been previously heard by the Subcommittees, and the account provided fee-based, federally funded, and reimbursable weed and pest control programs. The major closing issue was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended providing uniforms to three permanent positions and nine seasonal positions. Mr. Drost said the initial

package was for two winter shirts, two summer shirts; however, this appeared to be minimal and inconsistent with other departments as indicated on the table on page 50 of [Exhibit C](#).

The options for consideration were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide 12 staff members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats, and one lightweight jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium.
2. Approve reserve reductions of \$2,993 in FY 2014 and \$2,212 in FY 2015 to provide staff in this account with six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one hat, one lightweight jacket, and one work jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium, which was consistent with the uniform packages recommended in other State Department of Agriculture accounts.
3. Approve reserve reductions of \$1,789 in FY 2014 and \$1,343 in FY 2015 to provide the three full-time staff in budget account 4552 with a uniform package similar to the package provided for other Department of Agriculture accounts and the nine seasonal employees with the uniform package recommended by the Governor in this account over the 2013-2015 biennium.
4. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide 12 staff members with uniforms, which would result in an increase in reserves of \$1,388 in FY 2014 and \$1,053 in FY 2015.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION
NUMBER 3 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4552.

Chair Flores said she did not hear a second.

Senator Woodhouse withdrew her motion to approve option number 3.

Chair Flores said she would accept another motion for option 2.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE RESERVE
REDUCTIONS OF \$2,993 IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 AND \$2,212
IN FY 2015 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4552 TO PROVIDE STAFF
WITH UNIFORM PACKAGES CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIFORM
PACKAGES RECOMMENDED IN OTHER DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost said the other closing items in BA 4552 included vehicle transfers and cost-allocation changes and appeared reasonable.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4552 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PLANT HEALTH & QUARANTINE SERVICES (101-4540)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-58**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said in budget account (BA) 4540, Plant Health and Quarantine Services, the first major item was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended providing uniforms for the State Entomologist and the State Plant Pathologist; however, Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that three uniform packages were included in the account and requested authority to make a technical adjustment to reflect only two uniform packages. The employees in the budget account were receiving the minimum package of two winter shirts and two summer shirts. Options for consideration included as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide two staff members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats,

- and one lightweight jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium and provide Fiscal Analysis Division staff with authority to eliminate the third uniform package, which would result in reductions of General Fund appropriations of \$116 in FY 2014 and \$88 in FY 2015.
2. Approve General Fund appropriations of \$499 in FY 2014 and \$369 in FY 2015 to provide the two staff members in BA 4540 with six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one hat, one lightweight jacket, and one work jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium, which is consistent with the uniform packages recommended in other State Department of Agriculture accounts.
 3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide uniforms for staff in this account, which would result in a reduction of General Fund appropriations of \$347 in FY 2014 and \$263 in FY 2015.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$499 IN FY 2014 AND \$369 IN FY 2015 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4540 TO PROVIDE TWO STAFF MEMBERS WITH UNIFORMS CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIFORM PACKAGES RECOMMENDED IN THE OTHER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the second major item in BA 4540 was the budget restoration, decision unit Enhancement (E) 750. The Governor recommended General Fund appropriations of \$20,558 in each year of the biennium for out-of-state travel, in-state travel, and various publications for the state entomologist. The intent of this decision unit was to restore to fiscal year (FY) 2008 expenditure authority levels; however, during the budget hearing the Subcommittees noted there were 24 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions in the account at that time, compared to the current 2 FTE. The Department reevaluated decision unit E-750 and identified various expenditure reductions and amended the decision unit to reflect General Fund appropriations of \$10,458 in FY 2014 and \$9,847 in FY 2015. The revised funding would provide additional travel for the state entomologist to attend an Entomological Society of America meeting, conduct

surveillance and monitoring of statewide insect pests, and issue emergency abatements should an outbreak infestation occur. In the past, the Department had received federal grant funds for these items; however, the continuation of those federal funds was uncertain. The Governor recommended this expenditure authority in the event the federal funding was eliminated, but the agency stated the funds would revert to the General Fund if federal funding continued.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$10,458 IN FY 2014 AND \$9,847 IN FY 2015 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4540 FOR ADDITIONAL TRAVEL AND PUBLICATION EXPENDITURES FOR THE STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said other closing items in BA 4540 included equipment replacement, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to adjust the amount of antivirus software package purchases. In addition, there were cost-allocation changes and vehicle transfers that appeared reasonable.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4540 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GRADE & CERTIFICATION OF AG PRODUCTS (101-4541)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-64**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the first major item in budget account (BA) 4541, Grade and Certification of AG Products, was the merging of the account with the Agriculture Registration/Enforcement account (BA 4545). The Governor recommended merging the two accounts to simplify the accounting at the State Department of Agriculture because an agriculturist 4 position provided inspection and services that generated revenue for the Registration/Enforcement account. If approved, the Department would avoid transferring the personnel expenditures between the two accounts. Fiscal Analysis Division staff questioned whether the Department would have the ability to track the federal funds in the Grade and Certification account: the Department responded there were currently federal funds in both accounts that were being tracked through the use of codes in the state's accounting system.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MERGER OF THE GRADE AND CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT, BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4541, WITH BUDGET ACCOUNT 4545 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost stated the second major issue in BA 4541 was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended providing uniforms for one agriculturist 4 and one seasonal employee.

The options for consideration were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide two staff members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats, and one lightweight jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium.
2. Approve reserve reductions of \$499 in FY 2014 and \$369 in FY 2015 to provide staff in this account with six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one hat, one lightweight jacket, and one work jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium, which is consistent with the uniform packages recommended in other Department of Agriculture accounts.
3. Approve reserve reductions of \$365 in FY 2014 and \$272 in FY 2015 to provide the one full-time staff in this account with a uniform package similar to the package provided for other Department of Agriculture accounts, and the one seasonal employee with the uniform package recommended by the Governor over the 2013-2015 biennium.
4. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide two staff members with uniforms which would result in an increase in reserves of \$231 in FY 2014 and \$176 in FY 2015.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE RESERVE REDUCTIONS OF \$499 IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 AND \$369 IN FY 2015 TO PROVIDE STAFF IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4541 UNIFORMS CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIFORM PACKAGES RECOMMENDED IN OTHER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the other closing items in BA 4541 included cost-allocation changes that appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4541 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURE REGISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT (101-4545)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-73**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, reviewed the Agriculture Registration/Enforcement account, budget account (BA) 4545. The first major issue shown on page 60 of [Exhibit C](#) was the merger with BA 4541, which had already been discussed.

Mr. Drost said the second major item was the new administrative assistant 2 position. The position would act as an administrative assistant for the Plant Industry Division Administrator as well as other staff members of the Division. The position would prepare billing invoices, licenses, permits, certifications, correspondence, and board meeting material: it would also respond to public inquiries and make travel arrangements for staff. According to the Division, various positions within the Division were currently performing the tasks related to the position, and the Division calculated the amount of time spent would equate to a full-time administrative assistant 2 position. This position would allow the existing positions to focus additional time on their core activities.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 2 POSITION TO BUDGET
ACCOUNT (BA) 4545 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the third major consideration was budget restorations, decision unit Enhancement (E) 750. The Governor recommended out-of-state and in-state travel expenditures, which included the chemist 5 position traveling to the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials meeting and the North American Chemical Residue Workshop, which was previously funded by the federal government. Additional travel was recommended for the Noxious Weed Program, which included travel for the agriculturist 3 to attend the Western Weed Coordinating Committee meeting, travel from Sparks to Las Vegas for five-day trips to perform invasive plant population studies, and travel to attend the Weed Science Society of America conference. The Division stated that many positions were vacant in the base year fiscal year (FY) 2012, and because the field position was unable to travel, travel was foregone. Decision unit E-750 would restore travel that was funded in previous biennia and was based on a plan developed by the new noxious weed program manager to investigate invasive weed complaints throughout the state. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted in FY 2012 that the agency only spent \$556 in travel in its Noxious Weed program although it was authorized to expend \$7,509 in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium. The Governor's recommendation increased the travel expenditure authority by 202 percent of the expenditure authority approved by the 2011 Legislature.

The options for consideration included as follows:

1. Approve reserve reductions of \$24,247 in each year of the 2013-2015 biennium as recommended by the Governor for additional travel expenses.
2. Approve reserve reductions of \$9,660 in each year of the 2013-2015 biennium for travel expenditures, which was consistent with the level approved by the 2011 Legislature.
3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation for additional travel expenditures.

Chair Flores stated that she understood some of the positions were vacant; therefore, there had been very little authorized travel. However, she did not understand the 202 percent increase in the travel expenditure request, given that much of the request was for in-state travel.

Assemblyman Hardy referred to the chemist 5 position and opined that it would probably have more responsibility because of the sage grouse and what the

state was attempting to do to protect it. He asked how that would affect the travel budget in BA 4545.

Jim R. Barbee, Director, State Department of Agriculture, stated that there had been reduced performance in all of those positions simply because of the reductions in funding and capability. Like many of the positions, the employees were not only in the laboratories but in the field as well. The noxious weed positions, specifically, performed statewide monitoring and would be tied to sage grouse activities. Invasive weeds were the second highest threat in the sage grouse threat rankings behind fire, and some of the positions were going to have an expanded role.

Johnny McCuin, Administrative Services Officer (ASO) 3, State Department of Agriculture, said he did not have a schedule with him, but the supervisor of the Noxious Weed Program had prepared a travel schedule. The schedule showed the supervisor doing all the travel, but there was a possibility that seasonal positions might aid with noxious weeds, requiring travel for more than one person. Mr. McCuin said there were many committees and commissions in the different counties to meet with, and surveillance of noxious weeds was sometimes required, causing staff to be out in the field for a week at a time.

Assemblyman Eisen asked whether it would it be possible to close this portion of the budget at the prior rates and require the Department to submit a work program to request additional funds if necessary.

Chair Flores said she believed that was reasonable.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO APPROVE RESERVE REDUCTIONS OF \$9,660 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2013-2015 BIENNIUM FOR TRAVEL EXPENDITURES IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4545, AND IF MORE TRAVEL FUNDING WAS NECESSARY DURING THE INTERIM, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD SUBMIT A WORK PROGRAM TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE (IFC) FOR APPROVAL.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the fourth major item in budget account (BA) 4545 was uniforms. The Governor recommended providing uniforms to 14 full-time staff members. The options were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide 17 staff members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, two hats, and one lightweight jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium.
2. Approve reserve reductions of \$4,239 in FY 2014 and \$3,133 in FY 2015 to provide staff in this account with six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one hat, one lightweight jacket, and one work jacket over the 2013-2015 biennium, which is consistent with the uniform packages recommended in other Department of Agriculture accounts.
3. Approve reserve reductions of \$3,838 in FY 2014 and \$2,844 in FY 2015 to provide the 14 full-time staff in this account with a uniform package similar to the package provided for other Department of Agriculture accounts and the 3 seasonal employees with the uniform package recommended by the Governor in this account over the 2013-2015 biennium.
4. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide 17 staff members with uniforms, which would result in an increase in reserves of \$1,967 in FY 2014 and \$1,492 in FY 2015.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE RESERVE REDUCTIONS OF \$4,239 IN FY 2014 AND \$3,133 IN FY 2015 TO PROVIDE STAFF IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4545 WITH A UNIFORM PACKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIFORM PACKAGES RECOMMENDED IN OTHER DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the fifth major item in budget account 4545 was Governor's recommendation to transfer a conservation staff specialist 2 position from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Administration account to the Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Registration/Enforcement account. The position would represent the Department on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team and was approved by the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) on October 25, 2012, and funded with IFC contingency funds for FY 2013.

The Governor's staff indicated alternative funding would be identified for the 2013-2015 biennium, and the Governor recommended funding this position with reserve reductions in this account and General Fund appropriation transfers from the Plant Health and Quarantine Services account. According to the Department, General Fund appropriations were recommended to signify the state's commitment to the conservation of sage grouse and its sagebrush ecosystem to the federal government. During the budget hearing, a number of discrepancies were identified by the Subcommittees regarding the Governor's recommended funding of this position. Budget amendment A130014545 was submitted to amend the funding source of this position as presented in the table on page 63 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that this budget account was not currently authorized to receive General Fund appropriations.

Mr. Drost said if the Subcommittees wished to approve the position, the Subcommittees might consider establishing the position in the Plant Health and Quarantine Services account, which was a General Fund account, and approve fund transfers of \$31,811 in FY 2014 and \$33,518 in FY 2015 from the Registration/Enforcement account to support 50 percent of the position. The adjustment would maintain the revised funding mix without providing the Registration/Enforcement account access to the General Fund.

The options for the Subcommittees' consideration were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation, as amended, to transfer a conservation staff specialist 2 position from DCNR to the Department of Agriculture's Registration/Enforcement account and fund the position with a combination of General Fund appropriations and reserve reductions.
2. Transfer a conservation staff specialist 2 position from DCNR to the Department of Agriculture's Plant Health and Quarantine Services

account and fund this position with a combination of General Fund appropriations and fund transfers from the Registration/Enforcement account.

3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer a conservation staff specialist 2 position from DCNR to the Department of Agriculture.

Chair Flores requested that Mr. Drost elaborate on the difference between a reserve reduction as compared to fund transfers from the Registration/Enforcement account.

Mr. Drost replied that the Governor originally recommended a transfer from the Plant Health and Quarantine Services account, which received General Funds. The recommendation was basically transferring General Funds from the Plant Health and Quarantine account to the Registration/Enforcement account.

Chair Flores said that option 2 suggested two General Fund sources as opposed to the option which had one General Fund source, but also a reduction in reserves.

Mr. Drost explained that both option 1 and option 2 provided 50 percent General Fund appropriations. The question was where the employee would be accounted for. Option 1 placed the employee in the Registration/Enforcement account and provided that account with General Fund access. Option 2 placed the position in an account that already had General Fund and transferred funding from the reserve in Registration/Enforcement into the account where the position resided.

Chair Flores noted that staff recommended that the conservation staff specialist 2 position be housed in the Plant Health and Quarantine Services account, which was option 2.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO TRANSFER A CONSERVATION STAFF SPECIALIST 2 POSITION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PLANT HEALTH AND QUARANTINE SERVICES ACCOUNT AND FUND THE POSITION WITH A COMBINATION OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE REGISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said in other closing items, the annual division meeting was eliminated based upon the Department annual meeting. There were also seasonal positions; additional travel; a membership transfer of the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA) from the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to the Department of Agriculture; equipment replacement; new equipment; cost allocation; and vehicle transfers. The closing items appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff, and additionally, staff requested authority to adjust the number of antivirus programs to be purchased.

In response to a question from Chair Flores, Mr. Drost said, there was originally a recommendation to have a division meeting, and during the Subcommittees' budget hearing, it was recommended that it be replaced with the Department meeting.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4545 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF DECISION UNIT E-227 AS RECOMMENDED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT A130024545, AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES (101-4550)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-135**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account (BA) 4550, Veterinary Medical Services. Mr. Drost said the first major item appeared on page 67 of [Exhibit C](#) and regarded the new administrator position. The Governor recommended a new division administrator position to oversee the newly restructured Animal Industry Division. Currently, the state veterinarian was responsible for administering the Veterinary Medical Services account. The Livestock Inspection Division administrator was responsible for administering the Livestock Inspection Division, and Predatory Animal and Rodent Control was supervised by staff employed by the federal government. The Governor recommended eliminating the Livestock Inspection Division administrator position in Elko and creating a new administrator position in Sparks with administrative responsibility for the proposed Animal Industry Division comprised of those three groups. The proposal was reflective of the original Department organization in the early 1960s when a single animal industry division was developed. The administrator for the new division would prepare and manage the division's budget; develop and deliver work program goals, objectives, and priorities; manage staff; provide leadership related to policy issues; and evaluate program effectiveness.

Mr. Drost said the proposed Animal Industry Division administrator would be knowledgeable in all matters of the animal industry. When asked how this would affect the state veterinarian, the Department indicated the state veterinarian position would now focus on its role as the state quarantine officer, including evaluating the work of the veterinary laboratory. The Department stated it would examine the revised duties of the state veterinarian over the interim to evaluate whether a partial reopening of the Department's Elko laboratory was feasible. The Elko laboratory was currently inactive with residents of northeastern Nevada sending their samples to the Department's Sparks laboratory or choosing not to follow up on animal medical issues.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF
A NEW ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FOR THE RESTRUCTURED
ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4550
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE

FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL
ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for
the vote.)

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Mr. Drost stated the second major item in budget account (BA) 4550 was the elimination of a program officer 1 position which had been vacant since June 2011. When filled, the position performed registrations for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) animal disease traceability (ADT) system. The position also assisted with the issuance of livestock permits, conducted outreach and trainings at county fairs and producers meetings, and performed administrative functions associated with the Virginia Range Horse Estray program. The Department indicated there were new rules for the USDA ADT system which would be reviewed during the interim, and the Department believed those duties could be shared among current vacant positions in the division. If the Department discovered that was not the case, it could approach the 2015 Legislature to propose to have the position reinstated for the 2015-2017 biennium.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION
OF THE PROGRAM OFFICER 1 POSITION IN BUDGET
ACCOUNT 4550 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for
the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the third major item was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended uniforms for the state veterinarian and the supervisor of the animal disease laboratory.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE UNIFORM PACKAGES FOR TWO VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES STAFF MEMBERS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4550 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said another closing item in budget account (BA) 4550 concerned the West Nile Virus program, which was out of balance compared to the transfer from the Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services. A budget amendment had been submitted to correct the error. In addition, other closing items were equipment replacement, new equipment, funding for seasonal employees, a cost-allocation change, and vehicle transfers. Mr. Drost said the seventh other closing item included a transfer of laboratory fee revenue. The Governor recommended placing this revenue in BA 4550; however, that placement was not consistent with the *Nevada Revised Statutes*. The Budget Division submitted budget amendment A130024550 to correct that misplacement, as well as adjusting various decision units to recognize that revenue. The Fiscal Analysis Division said the recommendations, as amended, appeared reasonable.

In addition, Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested the authority to make technical adjustments for the base budget in decision unit Enhancement (E) 802 which were out of balance in The Executive Budget.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4550 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE ADJUSTMENTS TO OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2, 4, AND 7 RELATED TO BUDGET AMENDMENTS A130024550 AND A13A0110, AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO BALANCE THE BASE BUDGET, BALANCE DECISION UNIT E-802, AND MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK INSPECTION (101-4546)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-117**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account (BA) 4546, Livestock Inspection. The first major issue began on page 72 of [Exhibit C](#) and involved the animal industry restructure, decision unit Enhancement (E) 806. As previously mentioned, the Governor recommended combining the three animal-related divisions into one division. Related to this, the Governor proposed eliminating the division administrator position in Elko, which would be replaced with the position that was approved in BA 4550. When asked whether the administrator of livestock identification could take on the responsibilities of the new administrator position, the Department indicated that the existing administrator could not take on that role, as this person currently managed a single program and did not have the knowledge or skills required for the proposed position. In addition, the Governor recommended reclassifying an administrative assistant 3 position as a program officer 1 position to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Livestock Inspection activities. The proposed program officer 1 position would supervise the daily program operations, serve as the State Brand Recorder, assist brand inspectors and agricultural enforcement officers, compile information on livestock thefts, and maintain other records.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that the Livestock Inspection division administrator position in Elko was currently filled. Under *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 286.3007, if an employee's position was to be eliminated and the employee was eligible to retire, the agency shall purchase up to five years of retirement service credit for the incumbent. Therefore, the Governor recommended purchasing five years of retirement service credit totaling \$127,904 in fiscal year (FY) 2014, with associated terminal leave costs of \$28,423 in FY 2014.

Chair Flores asked what the difference was between purchasing five years of retirement service credit totaling \$127,904 and leave costs totaling \$28,423 to reclassify a position instead of just changing the duties of the Livestock Inspection Division administrator.

Mr. Drost said, just to be clear, the retirement purchase credit and the terminal leave was related to the administrative position that was proposed to be eliminated: the reclassification was a smaller amount.

Jim R. Barbee, Director, State Department of Agriculture, said the Department had worked on this matter with the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and the Nevada Farm Bureau prior to session to arrive at this proposal. All of the funds were fee-based and the retirement credit purchase would result in an approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000 cost in the first biennium and would result in a \$103,000 savings in the second biennium. Mr. Barbee said by the second or third year the cost of the buyout of the retirement years and the cost of the terminal leave purchase would be flushed out. It was part of an agreement with the livestock industry that the Department would reduce expenditures, and the industry would agree to support a head tax increase that would increase the revenues to the account by approximately \$54,000. Mr. Barbee said it was all part of a plan for long-term stabilization of the account.

Chair Flores agreed that some cost savings had been achieved, but wondered about the cost of the program officer 1 position.

Mr. Barbee maintained the cost of the program office 1 position was cost-neutral the first year. The Department had been told through the Division of Human Resources Management that the proposed program more accurately reflected the roles of a program officer 1 as a single program management piece.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF THE LIVESTOCK INSPECTION ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND RECLASSIFY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 3 POSITION AS A PROGRAM OFFICER 1 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4546.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost stated the second major item in BA 4546 was the increase in livestock inspection tax revenue. The Governor recommended an increase in reserves of \$54,808 in each year of the 2013-2015 biennium, which reflected a proposed increase in the livestock inspection tax. The increase was contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 465, which was approved by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. The table on page 73 of [Exhibit C](#) reflected the proposed tax increases. Mr. Drost said the noted taxes had not been modified since 1961, and the agency stated that the Nevada Cattlemen's Association and Nevada Farm Bureau supported the tax increases. However, that support was contingent upon expenditure reductions by the Department, which included the elimination of the administrator position.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that a large source of revenue for budget account 4546 was brand rerecording fees which were collected once every four years and must be used over that four-year period to finance agency operations. Fiscal Analysis Division staff analyzed the projected revenue and expenditures over the next seven years based upon the approval of the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Elko administrator position. Fiscal Analysis Division staff projected the account would have a reserve balance of \$4,178, or one day's worth of operating expenditures at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2019, without an increase in livestock inspection taxes. Conversely, the account would have a reserve balance of \$216,666, or 60 days of operating expenditures at the end of FY 2019, if the increase in livestock inspection taxes was approved.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL LIVESTOCK INSPECTION TAX REVENUE IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4546, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 465.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau said the third major item in budget account (BA) 4546 was a new administrative assistant 1 position, based on the reclassification of a seasonal administrative assistant 1 position to a permanent position. Fiscal Analysis Division staff would note that *Nevada Administrative Code* (NAC) 284.434 stated that a seasonal position may not exceed 9 months of full-time-equivalent (FTE) employment in any 12-month period; however, this position had been filled full-time since November 2011. The position was responsible for the livestock inspection tax program, assisted the deputy brand inspectors, performed data entry of brand inspection certificates, and advertised for abandoned and estray animals.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A SEASONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 1 POSITION TO A PERMANENT POSITION IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4546 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the fourth major item in budget account (BA) 4546 was additional FTEs in the base budget. In June 2012, the agency received approval from the Department of Administration to replace five seasonal deputy brand inspector positions with three agriculture enforcement officer 2 positions. The matter did not meet the various expenditure thresholds and was only presented to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) as an informational item; therefore, the Legislature had not reviewed the need for the positions. The agency maintained the positions performed livestock theft investigations and ensured that livestock brought into the state had proper vaccinations. In addition, they supervised the brand inspectors in their district.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE THREE AGRICULTURAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2 POSITIONS IN THE 2013-2015 BIENNIUM IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4546.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost stated the fifth major item in BA 4546 was uniforms. The Governor recommended uniform packages for three agricultural enforcement officer 2 positions and one agricultural enforcement 3 position.

The options for the Committee to consider were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's original recommendation to provide four staff members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, one hat, and one lightweight jacket, as well as provide three of these staff members with law enforcement uniform accessories over the 2013-2015 biennium through reserve reductions of \$1,600 in FY 2014 and \$729 in FY 2015.
2. Approve budget amendment A130024546, which provides six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one work jacket, one lightweight jacket, and one hat, as well as provide three of these staff members with law enforcement accessories over the 2013-2015 biennium through reserve reductions of \$1,885 in FY 2014 and \$1,015 in FY 2015.
3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide four staff members with uniforms, which would result in an increase in reserves of \$1,600 in FY 2014 and \$729 in FY 2015.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT 130024546 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4546.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said other closing items in budget account 4546 included the Public Safety dispatch cost allocation. In prior years, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) had overcharged this account for the dispatch services. The DPS had agreed to forgo its projected cost-allocation assessment in the upcoming biennium. However, The Executive Budget also included a credit which the Budget Division found not to be appropriate, because it was a negative expenditure. A subsequent budget amendment had been submitted to eliminate that credit, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to make technical adjustments related to the DPS dispatch cost allocation.

Other closing items included vehicle transfers, transfer of laboratory fee revenue that was covered in BA 4550, equipment replacement, and cost-allocation assessments. Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to adjust the number of antivirus software packages purchased and the cost-allocation changes. Mr. Drost said the other items appeared reasonable.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 4546 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS TO OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 2, 4, AND 5 RELATED TO BUDGET AMENDMENTS A130014546, A130024546, AND A13A014, AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PREDATORY ANIMAL & RODENT CONTROL (101-4600)
BUDGET PAGE AGRICULTURE-130**

Adam Drost, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referred to the final account, budget account (BA) 4600, Predatory Animal and Rodent Control. The only major item in the budget was uniforms for staff. The Governor recommended providing uniform packages for the employees in this account.

The options for consideration were as follows:

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide seven Predatory Animal and Rodent Control (PARC) members with uniforms including two winter shirts, two summer shirts, one work jacket, one lightweight jacket, and one hat over the 2013-2015 biennium with General Fund appropriations of \$1,245 in FY 2014 and \$789 in FY 2015.
2. Approve budget amendment A130024600, which provides six winter shirts, four summer shirts, one work jacket, one lightweight jacket, and one hat over the 2013-2015 biennium.
3. Do not approve the Governor's recommendation to provide seven PARC members with uniforms which would result in reductions in General Fund appropriations of \$1,245 in FY 2014 and \$789 in FY 2015.

Assemblyman Eisen commented that he had basic concerns about the funding source for the program and where the benefits went. The program was largely supported by a \$3 per permit fee for game tag applications. He said he appreciated there was some benefit to game hunters, but he was not sure the proportion of the benefit to the hunters was equal to the support, or even close to the support, that was provided from the hunting tags.

Assemblyman Eisen maintained that approximately half of the budget was provided by General Fund, a small portion came from the Nevada Wool Growers Association, and the remainder from game tags. He believed the funding to the program was something the Legislature needed to consider, but he was not taking issue with the uniform request.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT A130024600 IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4600, DECISION UNIT ENHANCEMENT (E) 350.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Mr. Drost said the other closing items included cost allocation changes that appeared reasonable. In addition, technical adjustments for decision unit E-802, which was out of balance in The Executive Budget were necessary. Fiscal Analysis Division staff requested authority to balance decision unit E-802.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN BUDGET ACCOUNT 4600 AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO BALANCE DECISION UNIT ENHANCEMENT (E) 802 AND MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS ON DEPARTMENTWIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Roberson was not present for the vote.)

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Chair Flores called for public comment and seeing none adjourned the meeting
at 10:51 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Anne Bowen
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Lucy Flores, Chair

DATE: _____

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

DATE: _____

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