

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

**Seventy-Eighth Session
April 10, 2015**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Paul Anderson at 8:04 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4404B of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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: www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/78th2015. In addition, copies of the audio or video of the meeting may be purchased, for personal use only, through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Paul Anderson, Chair
Assemblyman Derek Armstrong
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblyman Chris Edwards
Assemblyman Pat Hickey
Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick
Assemblyman Randy Kirner
Assemblyman James Oscarson
Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Assemblyman John Hambrick, Vice Chair



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Stephanie Day, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst
Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst
Mandi Davis, Program Analyst
Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst
Brody Leiser, Program Analyst
Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst
Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary
Cynthia Wyett, Committee Assistant

Chair Anderson called for public comment.

Bill Prowse, Vice Chair, Friends of the Nevada State Museum, stated the Friends of the Nevada State Museum was supporting the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs budget, and given the challenges facing Nevada's museums, the organization planned to continue its advocacy for museums into future legislative sessions.

Mr. Prowse stated that Nevada's unique and wonderful history must be cared for and the museums in the state were experiencing a slow-motion crisis that threatened the future and had been at least 15 years in the making. He said the neglect had continued for years and would take years to address and solve.

Cora Johnson, Chairperson-elect, Friends of the Nevada State Museum, submitted [Exhibit C](#), Statement for Nevada State Museum, April 10, 2015, and read the following into the record:

Honorable members of the Ways and Means Committee, my name is Cora Johnson, Chairperson-elect of the Friends of the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, and a volunteer. Bill Prowse and Lily Hack, also board members, are also present today. We are three of over 90 dedicated volunteers who donate thousands of hours preparing materials for educational activities, conducting guided tours of the Museum and State Capitol for both students and tourists and helping with other Museum operations. We care deeply for this Museum and want the best for it.

The Nevada State Museum in Carson City has been hit hard with budget cuts, thus reducing staff from 27 to 20 and cutting operation hours. Present staffing is the same now as it was

in 1970. At present, there is only one custodian. Nevada's own standards require at least two custodians to assure basic cleaning and sanitation. At least three staff members need to be restored to help with workloads and efficient operation of the museum. Tour numbers, educational programs, and attendance are increasing. Exhibits are old and need repair and maintenance. Restoration of the lost positions can no longer be deferred.

Staff reduction and budget cuts have also impacted the fact that the Museum is unable to provide adequate care and security for collections. Storage facilities upkeep was deferred and they are now 96 percent full. Eighty-three percent of storage is substandard, thus leading to artifact damage. The Museum is closing exhibit galleries to store at-risk collections from these substandard warehouses. The Museum asked for \$174,000 of planning money to create a fundraising tool to obtain additional storage at the Museum's Indian Hills Curatorial Center. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) agreed to pay half, thus costing the state \$87,000. A plan is needed to pursue nonstate funding sources. Without a plan, nothing will happen. Nevada heritage is at great risk. Collections are in crisis, and waiting until the next biennium will be too late for many of the artifacts. Please refer to the submitted document.

As the steward of these collections, the State of Nevada holds a legal and ethical responsibility to provide adequate conservation, documentation, security, and use of collections. The Nevada State Museum needs the Legislature's help to turn around this deplorable state.

I ask that you advocate restoring museum positions as well as find a way to fund the plan for additional Museum storage facilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Assemblywoman Swank stated that Las Vegas had a relatively new Nevada State Museum, and she wondered whether collaboration could be helpful with moving some of the smaller artifacts from the north to the south to alleviate space issues.

Mr. Prowse said there were artifacts being stored in the south, but the north had more storage room than Las Vegas. However, it was a unified organization

throughout the state, especially concerning maintenance and protection of the artifacts.

Chair Anderson thanked Mr. Prowse and Ms. Johnson for their comments and said he knew the Governor often talked about Nevada history and enjoyed showing visitors to his office and the unique items he had borrowed from the Nevada State Museum.

Chair Anderson closed public comment.

**HUMAN SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION
DETR - RESEARCH & ANALYSIS (101-3273)
BUDGET PAGE DETR-87**

Brody Leiser, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3273, Research and Analysis.

Mr. Leiser said the Committee had not previously heard budget account (BA) 3273, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff was responsible for developing budget recommendations. The Research and Analysis Bureau was the primary source of state and local labor force employment, occupational, career, general economic, and demographic information. The Bureau was responsible for the development, review, and dissemination of employment information and for maintaining and marketing the Nevada Career Information System. Mr. Leiser said that system was the tool used for disseminating employment statistics and career information. The Bureau also provided analytical services to support programs administered by the Department and state and local workforce investment boards. The budgets were funded by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor and through a combination of direct charges and a cost allocation to other agencies within the Department.

There were no major closing issues in this budget. Mr. Leiser said there were four other closing items. The first other closing item was the reduction of a full-time position to a part-time position. This reduction was the result of changes in procedures, which had created efficiencies in the workload.

The second other closing item was the transfer of two positions to this budget from the Administration budget (BA 3272). The transfer was meant to align the positions in an effort to support the Governor's Workforce Investment Board and its industry sector councils.

The third other closing item was replacement equipment for computers and software, and the fourth and final other closing item concerned adjustments to the Department's cost-allocation expenditures within this budget.

Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams questioned the position transfer and whether the team was being dissolved and repositioned.

Mr. Leiser stated that was correct. The position eliminations in the Administration budget that were associated with the workforce solutions unit would be discussed when that budget was considered for closing before the Subcommittees on Human Services.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3273 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION
DETR - DISABILITY ADJUDICATION (101-3269)
BUDGET PAGE DETR-13**

Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3269, Disability Adjudication.

The Bureau of Disability Adjudication provided medical disability decisions to Nevadans who applied for federal Social Security Administration programs. The Social Security Administration funded 100 percent of this budget.

Ms. Ouellette stated there were no major issues in BA 3269, and there were two other closing items. The first item included funding for eight staff members per year to attend training programs provided by the Social Security Administration, and the second item concerned cost-allocation changes.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3269 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION
DETR - SERVICES TO THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED (101-3254)
BUDGET PAGE DETR-25**

Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3254, Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired assisted individuals who were blind or severely visually impaired in achieving employment and self-sufficiency. Budget account (BA) 3254 was primarily funded by federal grants and a State General Fund match ranging from 10 percent to 21.3 percent, depending on the program. Ms. Ouellette stated there were no major issues in this budget.

There were three other closing items, with the first being a contract for training and technical assistance provided by San Diego State University so that rehabilitation counselors could maintain continuing education requirements. The contract would be split between BA 3254 and the Vocational Rehabilitation budget (BA) 3265.

Ms. Ouellette said that also included in other closing items were computer equipment replacement and cost-allocation increases.

Assemblyman Edwards requested information about the 12.8 percent increase under the cost allocations.

Ms. Ouellette explained that the increase was based on staffing decreases that were happening throughout the rest of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). Cost allocations for other budgets within DETR had also increased because they were based on the number of staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3254 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION
DETR - BLIND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (101-3253)
BUDGET PAGE DETR-31**

Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3254, Blind Business Enterprise Program (BEN).

The Blind Business Enterprise Program of Nevada provided blind individuals the opportunity to operate snack bars and vending facilities in federal, state, and municipal buildings across the state. The program was funded primarily from fees charged to blind vendor operators.

Ms. Ouellette stated there were no major issues, and there were three other closing items.

The first other closing item included business management training and food service certifications for eight new BEN operators and five current BEN operators per year. The training included business management training, as well as licensing requirements and food service certifications.

Ms. Ouellette said the second other closing item was training for staff of the program. Training included small business management, business writing,

food service professional, and various Microsoft Office Suite software applications.

The third other closing item was replacement equipment for the BEN operator sites, which would include 59 pieces of equipment. Ms. Ouellette said that after a Fiscal Analysis Division staff review of the vendor quotations for equipment replacement, the agency agreed several amounts had been overstated. Accordingly, technical adjustments had been made to reduce equipment replacement funding.

The fourth other closing item was cost-allocation increases.

Assemblywoman Carlton commented that this particular budget always brought up a few questions, and she wanted to make sure she understood the training. She noted that under the first other closing item was a request for eight new operators, and she asked for the number of current operators.

Ms. Ouellette said there were 16 current operators.

Assemblywoman Carlton asked whether Ms. Ouellette knew who the eight new operators were going to be, and Ms. Ouellette replied that would probably be a question better directed to the agency.

Assemblywoman Carlton said she was curious about how the training would be divided up between the eligible operators.

Melaine Mason, Deputy Administrator, Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired and Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, explained that currently, the average age of operators was approximately 64 years old. Ms. Mason said the average amount of time spent by operators in the program was 17 years, so obviously growth was needed. Ms. Mason said the agency had many opportunities to take on additional sites, and BEN operators were operating multiple sites.

Assemblywoman Carlton said that when referring to operators, those were the individuals that actually put the sign at the facility, and they were allowed to subcontract for the actual work of the business.

Ms. Mason said one of the agency goals in the last two or three years was to move operators into operating locations. The agency had been successful in the last couple of years in converting at least six locations to operator-run facilities

rather than being subcontracted. The agency was attempting to engage new operators willing to run the sites without a subcontractor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3253 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Oscarson were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - ALCOHOL TAX PROGRAM (101-3255)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-169**

Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3255, Alcohol Tax Program.

The alcohol tax program used tax proceeds from the sale of liquor containing more than 22 percent of alcohol by volume to provide substance abuse services, such as detoxification, rehabilitation, and prevention services. There were no major issues in budget account (BA) 3255 or any other closing items.

Ms. Ouellette said liquor tax revenues projected over the biennium appeared reasonable and were based on average alcohol tax revenue over the past three years. She said it should be noted that while this account had historically maintained a large balance forward every year, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services, was expanding services to drug-abuse prevention and treatment, which would allow the agency to spend the majority of its annual revenues.

Assemblywoman Carlton remarked that there had been some concern about money from this account also being spent on drug-abuse services.

Ms. Ouellette acknowledged that the agency was expanding services to include persons with drug-abuse problems, which was allowable according

to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 458.097: "Money received by the Division in this budget must be used to increase services for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse and alcoholism."

Assemblywoman Carlton inquired about the breakdown of services, and Ms. Ouellette said that in fiscal year (FY) 2015, there were four providers with approximately 2,200 persons served. She said services included detoxification, substance abuse treatment services, outpatient substance abuse counseling, and short-term residential services.

Assemblywoman Carlton commented that only 2,200 persons had been served, and Ms. Ouellette said that was only under the Alcohol Tax program. She further explained that many clients were served under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment budget (BA 3170), which was not being heard today.

Chair Anderson thanked Ms. Ouellette for the clarification.

Assemblywoman Carlton said she understood that the agency was trying to use every available dollar to serve everyone in the state. She referred to Senate Bill (S.B.) 275 [legislation to expand alcohol and drug treatment programs], which included a pilot program to treat heroin dependency, and money in BA 3255 was now to be used for drug-abuse treatment. Assemblywoman Carlton said she had concerns that not enough was being done about chronic inebriation and fetal alcohol syndrome, and she wanted to put those concerns on the record.

Assemblywoman Titus echoed Assemblywoman Carlton's concerns about where the funds in BA 3255 were going and said she would be voting no.

Ms. Ouellette stated that S.B. 275 would not affect BA 3255. The bill would double alcohol taxes, but it would preserve the funding for this budget.

Chair Anderson commented that, based on the current statute, it sounded as though there was some latitude as to how the funds could be used.

Ms. Ouellette remarked that the latitude had always been there.

Assemblywoman Carlton said the proposal was to use an alcohol tax toward heroin addiction, and she believed the Committee needed to start looking at this proposal from the "thirty thousand-foot view."

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3255 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH

AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Titus voted no.
Assemblymen Hambrick and Oscarson were not present for the
vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FUND (251-3152)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-33**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3152, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Fund.

In 1961, the Legislature established budget account (BA) 3152 to account for the fees collected for the disposal of both the low-level radioactive waste and hazardous waste materials at the Beatty facility. This radiation control program monitored radioactive materials through health and safety inspections and provided for maintenance on wells and trench capping.

Ms. Kolbe said BA 3152 had one other closing item and that was a transfer to the State General Fund as the recommended solution to the fiscal year (FY) 2015 budget shortfall.

Assemblywoman Carlton said she believed it was important to mention that BA 3152 was a fee-based account, and \$500,000 was being swept from the account to shore up the General Fund in this biennium. Assemblywoman Carlton stated she had a concern, because the budget account was fee-based and the money was going to the General Fund.

Chair Anderson said Assemblywoman Carlton's concern was noted.

Assemblywoman Carlton said there were more sweeps being planned with staff closings, and some had bills with them and some did not. She asked whether anyone knew the bill number for the big sweep bill.

Chair Anderson said he was not certain this particular sweep was in that bill.

Assemblywoman Carlton stated she wanted to ensure everyone was aware that fee money was being taken for the General Fund.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, apologized that the Committee had not been informed, but this particular sweep was one of the actions included in Senate Bill (S.B.) 506.

Assemblyman Sprinkle asked whether taking money out of the account would leave enough funding to continue performing the required activities.

Ms. Kolbe said the agency had expressed concern because it was not sure of the contamination levels or when a fissure might occur. During this current fiscal year, approximately \$80,000 was expended to cap some of the fissures.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3152 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Carlton voted no. Assemblymen Hambrick and Oscarson were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - CANCER CONTROL REGISTRY (101-3153)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-35**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3153, Cancer Control Registry.

The cancer control registry collected, registered, and maintained records of reportable cases of cancer occurring in the state. The account had no major closing issues and three other closing items.

Ms. Kolbe said the first other closing item was a recommendation to eliminate three vacant positions, which had been vacant in excess of two years. The savings would be used to contract for three certified tumor registrar positions, which would be used on an "as needed" basis. The agency indicated that it was unable to employ and retain qualified professionals because the private sector paid more for the specialized positions.

The second other closing item was cost-allocation adjustments, and the third was replacement computer equipment. These recommendations appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

Fiscal staff recommended the budget be closed as recommended in The Executive Budget and requested authority to make any technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3153 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Oscarson were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - HEALTH STATISTICS AND PLANNING (101-3190)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-40**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3190, Health Statistics and Planning.

The State Registrar of Vital Statistics served as the official, permanent custodian of original documents, which encompassed filing, maintaining, and protecting birth and death certificates and related vital records. The Registrar also provided legal corrections and amendments to vital records.

Ms. Kolbe said budget account (BA) 3190 had no major closing issues and three other closing items. The first was cost-allocation adjustments, the second was replacement computer equipment, and the third was a technical adjustment.

Ms. Kolbe said this budget account transferred vital records fees to the Biostatistics and Epidemiology budget (BA 3219) to support a health resource analyst position. That position provided data analysis, interpretation, and statistics for the vital records program. The Executive Budget inadvertently excluded transfer funds.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended that other closing items in budget account 3190 be closed as recommended by the Governor, with technical adjustments noted by Fiscal staff and authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3190 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT NOTED AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick, Oscarson, and Sprinkle were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION (101-3194)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-45**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3194, Consumer Health Protection.

The consumer health protection staff issued permits and inspected food establishments and various other facilities and businesses to ensure safe, sanitary standards were maintained. Ms. Kolbe said Clark County, Washoe County, and Carson City, which had local health districts, were excluded.

Budget account (BA) 3194 had no major closing issues and three other closing items. The first other closing item was the Governor's recommendation for the elimination of two vacant environmental health specialist positions in the base decision unit. Ms. Kolbe said in fiscal year (FY) 2014, Carson City Health and Human Services began providing environmental health services for Douglas County, which no longer required the services of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services. When the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) authorized Carson City Health and Human Services to provide environmental health services to Douglas County, the IFC approved the elimination of the two positions to recognize the reduced state workload.

Ms. Kolbe said this recommendation appeared reasonable and was consistent with the actions taken by the IFC on June 27, 2013.

The second item was cost-allocation adjustments and the third was replacement computer equipment. Ms. Kolbe stated these decision units appeared reasonable.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended that the other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor and requested authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3194 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - WIC FOOD SUPPLEMENT (101-3214)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-58

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3214, WIC Food Supplement.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) was a short-term intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors in a targeted, high-risk population. The WIC program provided nutrition education, supplemental foods, and referral to other community-based health social service providers.

Ms. Kolbe said budget account (BA) 3214 had no major closing issues and two other closing items, with the first being a cost-allocation adjustment and the second, replacement computer equipment. She stated the recommendations appeared reasonable. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended that the other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor and requested authority to make technical adjustments as needed.

Assemblywoman Carlton referred to the electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system and asked whether there was a breakdown on how much of the funds went to the provider of the card.

Ms. Kolbe said the dollars transferred were federal funds, which was the funding source for this account. She did not have the total dollar amount that was provided to the vendor.

Assemblywoman Carlton said her concern was that money was put on a card and every time the card was used, the user was charged if he or she used it in the wrong way. She was not sure what the rules on those cards were currently, but she was curious about the fees that were being lost and not being put toward the products recipients needed.

Ms. Kolbe said she did not have a specific number, but maintained that with this program, the card was loaded with a package of approved products and when the individual went to purchase items, they must be preapproved. If the item was not approved, it would be removed and could not be charged against the card.

Assemblywoman Carlton stated that she understood that, but she was curious about the fees the banks and the credit card companies received.

Chair Anderson asked whether Assemblywoman Carlton was talking about the merchant fees charged for the transaction.

Assemblywoman Carlton maintained there was an actual charge associated with the card, and those dollars were not going to buy milk, cheese, and peanut butter.

Ms. Kolbe said the agency had indicated there was no fee.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she believed what was being discussed was the contract between the Department of Health and Human Services and the issuer of the EBT cards. It was perceived that for every transaction a recipient performed with the card, a percentage would go to the issuer of the card, removing benefits from the WIC recipient.

Mary Wherry, M.S., R.N., Deputy Administrator of Community Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services, said this was a program that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) shared with JP Morgan Chase. She said the agency could provide the transaction fee specific to the WIC program that was charged each time a WIC recipient swiped his or her card at the cash register and promised to provide that information.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she believed the concern was that the EBT card was now required, and recipients were losing a portion of their benefits to JP Morgan Chase.

Ms. Wherry said the recipient would not be charged the transaction fee: the WIC program would pay the transaction fee.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked whether the fee would come out of administrative funds, and Ms. Wherry stated the federal government would be charged for the transaction fee.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3214 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - HEALTH FACILITIES-ADMIN PENALTY (101-3217)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-80**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3217, Health Facilities-Administrative Penalty.

The Health Facilities-Administrative Penalty budget included revenues from administrative sanctions collected from health facilities found to be in violation of statutes and regulations.

Ms. Kolbe said budget account (BA) 3217 had no major closing issues and one other closing item. In the five fiscal years prior to fiscal year (FY) 2010, this budget collected an average of approximately \$23,000. Because of a violation in a medical facility in Las Vegas, the budget collected extraordinary administrative sanction fines, forfeitures, and penalties of \$129,307 in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and \$201,544 in FY 2010. According to Ms. Kolbe, since that period, collections had declined. In FY 2014, the budget collected \$34,323, but the budget had collected just \$8,838 in FY 2015. After consulting with the agency, Fiscal Analysis Division staff reduced administrative sanctions revenue and expenditures, based on historic trends, to a more attainable level. Ms. Kolbe said with the technical adjustment, this decision unit appeared reasonable.

Assemblywoman Carlton commented that this was the way it was supposed to be done. She said the State General Fund should be getting these dollars as long as the reserves were in good shape.

Assemblywoman Titus disclosed that she was employed by a health-care facility and would abstain from this vote.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3217 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AS NOTED, AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Titus abstained from the vote. Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (101-3224)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-130**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3224, Community Health Services.

The Community Health Nursing program provided public health nursing in 14 of Nevada's rural counties and operated community health nursing clinics in 11 of those counties. The Community Health Nursing program provided public health preparedness coverage and epidemiology assistance.

Ms. Kolbe said this account had no major closing issues and two other closing items. The first other closing item was a cost-allocation adjustment, and the second was replacement computer equipment. These recommendations appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3224 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
HHS-DPBH - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (101-3235)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH-138**

Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3235, Emergency Medical Services.

The Emergency Medical Services program established and enforced standards for the provision of quality prehospital emergency medical care, the operation of ambulance services, the certification of emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, the licensure of ambulance attendants, and the delivery of trauma care.

Ms. Kolbe said the account had no major closing issues and three other closing items. The first closing item was cost-allocation adjustments, the second was computer equipment replacements, and the third was the replacement of an agency-owned vehicle. The Governor's budget recommended State General Fund appropriations of \$6,935 over the 2015-2017 biennium to replace an agency-owned vehicle with a Fleet Services Division, Department of Administration, vehicle for the Elko office. According to the agency, the Fleet Services vehicle would be capable of towing program trailers used during emergencies, training, and drills. The replacement of the agency-owned vehicle with a Fleet Services vehicle would eliminate the need to rely on vehicles borrowed from other agencies. Ms. Kolbe said the decision units appeared reasonable. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended the other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3235 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (101-3181)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-34**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3181, Victims of Domestic Violence.

Ms. Hoppe said for the Committee's consideration were six budgets from the Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services. The Victims of Domestic Violence program provided grants to nonprofit agencies for statewide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Funding for budget account (BA) 3181 was provided through fees collected on the sale of marriage licenses.

There were no major closing issues or any other closing issues in this budget, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended closing the budget as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3181 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS SECONDED THE
MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Carlton and Hambrick
were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - CHILD WELFARE TRUST (645-3242)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-59**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3242, Child Welfare Trust.

Ms. Hoppe said budget account (BA) 3242 served as a collection account for children's benefits, including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and court-ordered benefits. Funds were transferred from this account to the rural child welfare account to assist in the cost of care for children in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

According to Ms. Hoppe, there were no major closing issues or any other closing items in this account, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended closing this budget as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3242 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Carlton and Hambrick
were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - TRANSITION FROM FOSTER CARE (101-3250)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-61**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3250, Transition from Foster Care.

Budget account (BA) 3250 administered funds for assisting youth transitioning out of foster care at 18 years of age. The account was funded by a fee charged by the county recorders, and funds were used for assistance to youth with job training costs, housing assistance, and medical insurance.

Ms. Hoppe stated there were no major closing issues or any other closing items in this budget and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended closing this budget as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3250 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Carlton and Hambrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - REVIEW OF DEATH OF CHILDREN (101-3251)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-63**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3251, Review of Death of Children.

Ms. Hoppe explained that budget account (BA) 3251 was funded with the \$1 fee collected on certified copies of certificates of death, and it supported multidisciplinary teams that reviewed selected cases of death of children.

There were no major closing issues or other closing items in this budget, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended closing the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she had some questions about this budget and began with the child death review and the status of the program. She said child death review panels performed very important functions. The legislative audit had been published as well as a report in Clark County regarding the death review panels. Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson requested the agency discuss those two reports and what had been happening in Nevada regarding child abuse and child death.

Amber Howell, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health and Human Services, said there were a number of things happening related to the child death review program. First, there were several local child death review teams with multidisciplinary membership from the police, to advocates, to the agency, which met and reviewed all child fatalities. With that information, a quarterly report was produced that was sent to an executive team. According to Ms. Howell, the executive team then considered

trends, statewide or county-specific, and made recommendations for funding for public awareness, policy changes, and gaps in the system—anything of that nature. Those trend-type interactions were helpful to identify necessary systemic changes and solutions across the board.

Ms. Howell explained that there were other situations in which a fatality had occurred that was particularly concerning, and the executive team would perform a more individualized examination. Within the state, child fatality specialists and a manager would review the fatality, and if anything alarming or concerning appeared, the executive team would work with the agency on the findings and develop some type of feedback and quality improvement. She said if the executive team believed an expert was needed, it would contract out or subgrant the case. Usually, Michael Capello, the former director of Washoe County Department of Social Services, was the expert contracted for the review.

Ms. Howell stated a child fatality in November 2014 was one of the cases sent to Mr. Capello for further review, and the findings from that review were given to DCFS for more specific consideration. Additionally, the Legislative Auditor reviewed all fatalities and the agency had recently received a report of their findings. The Legislative Auditor compiled two years' worth of data and any case that had prior history with DCFS was reviewed. Ms. Howell said there were 21 cases statewide in the last two years that were reviewed by the Legislative Auditor because DCFS had some exposure or interaction with the families. Findings indicated that no missteps by DCFS had resulted in a child fatality. Ms. Howell noted that although an investigation had determined the agency was not at fault, there were often items discovered that led the agency to do a better job.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson commented that this area was one in which legislators had the ability to make a difference, and if the budget was properly funded and properly reviewed, it could make a difference for children. She hoped that legislators always did everything possible to prevent completely preventable deaths.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson inquired about the program improvement plan and whether Nevada was in compliance with federal government requirements.

Ms. Howell explained that the program improvement plan had been a four-year process, but the agency had met federal standards for the second time.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3251 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, and Hambrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - YOUTH ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT (101-3147)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-69**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3147, Youth Alternative Placement.

Ms. Hoppe stated budget account (BA) 3147 served as a pass-through account to provide payments to the China Spring Youth Camp and Aurora Pines Girls Facility in Douglas County and the Spring Mountain Youth Camp in Clark County. The camps provided residential treatment programs to youth who had been adjudicated delinquent by Nevada courts. The budget was funded through a State General Fund appropriation and county participation fees. County participation fees represented assessments collected from all Nevada counties, except Clark County, for the operation of China Spring Youth Camp and Aurora Pines Girls Facility.

There were no major closing issues and no other closing items and Fiscal Analysis Staff recommended closing this budget as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3147 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, and Hambrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
HHS-DCFS - CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER (101-3179)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DCFS-75**

Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3179, Caliente Youth Center.

Ms. Hoppe said the sixth and final budget was the Caliente Youth Center account. The Caliente Youth Center (CYC) was a staff-secure, 140-bed juvenile residential correctional facility that served male and female clients between the ages of 12 and 18 and was located 150 miles north of Las Vegas in Caliente, Nevada.

There were no major closing issues, but Ms. Hoppe noted two other closing items.

The first other closing item was agency-specific inflation: inflationary increases for medical services and food based on Consumer Price Index estimates.

Ms. Hoppe said the second other closing item concerned deferred maintenance projects for the CYC campus, based on recommendations by the State Public Works Division, Department of Administration, in its facility condition analysis report. These recommendations appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff, and Fiscal staff recommended approval of the other closing items as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3179 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, and Hambrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HHS-DO - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (101-3154)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DIRECTOR-21**

Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3154, Developmental Disabilities.

Budget account (BA) 3154 supported the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, which provided grants to the community and conducted analyses regarding disability services. The budget was supported by federal funds, as well as a 25 percent matching requirement in State General Fund.

Ms. Davis said there were no major closing issues, but there were two other closing items: a cost allocation and replacement equipment. Both items appeared reasonable to staff and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended BA 3154 be closed as recommended by the Governor, including authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3154 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, and Hambrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HHS-DO - PROBLEM GAMBLING (101-3200)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DIRECTOR-32

Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3200, Problem Gambling.

Budget account (BA) 3200 was supported by a fee of \$2 per slot machine that was subject to the quarterly slot license fee. The funding provided programs for the treatment and prevention of problem gambling. This budget account had been identified as a redirection of some of the reserve balance to support the State General Fund shortfall in fiscal year (FY) 2015, which was contained in Senate Bill (S.B.) 506.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, with authority for staff to make technical adjustments for the revenues, balance forwards, and reserve levels that might be necessary because of reprojected slot tax revenue, which would be determined by the Economic Forum on or before May 1, 2015, and based on the passage of S.B. 506.

Assemblywoman Titus commented that she was always curious about outcomes in the data to justify these programs. She said that while she was in favor of the budget item, she would like to receive information on how the program worked, how many persons were signed up, and the improvement and success for clients of the program.

Ms. Davis explained that the Grants Management Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office compiled an annual report each year, and she would provide Assemblywoman Titus with that report. However, Ms. Davis stated approximately \$1.1 million each year was designated for the program for the treatment and prevention of problem gambling, \$100,000 each year for research and evaluation, and approximately \$40,000 each year for technical assistance. For fiscal year (FY) 2014, there were about five grants issued for the treatment and prevention of problem gambling.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3200 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH
AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, Hambrick, and Kirkpatrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HHS-DO - CHILDREN'S TRUST ACCOUNT (101-3201)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DIRECTOR-34**

Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3201, Children's Trust Account.

Ms. Davis informed the Committee that budget account (BA) 3201 was supported by a \$3 fee on the certified copies of Nevada birth and death certificates issued. The funding in the budget served as a pass-through to the Grants Management Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office to support grants to agencies and organizations for child abuse and neglect prevention services.

There were no major closing issues or other closing items, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3201 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Carlton, Hambrick, and Kirkpatrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HHS-DO - HEALTHY NEVADA FUND (262-3261)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DIRECTOR-43**

Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3261, Healthy Nevada Fund.

Ms. Davis said the Governor recommended budget account (BA) 3261 be eliminated for the 2015-2017 biennium. In the past, BA 3261 had served as a transfer to the Grants Management Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office; however, in the current biennium, the transfer had been made directly from the nonexecutive budget accounts through the Office of the State Treasurer.

Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET
ACCOUNT 3261 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson,
Hambrick, and Kirkpatrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**HUMAN SERVICES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
HHS-DO - IDEA PART C (101-3276)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-DIRECTOR-49**

Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3276, IDEA Part C.

Ms. Davis said the next budget was the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C. This budget was supported 100 percent with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education. It served as the lead agency for early intervention services (EIS) statewide.

There were no major closing issues in this budget account, and there were three other closing items. The first other closing item was a cost allocation for the services provided by the Director's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, to this budget, which appeared reasonable.

The second item was a developmental specialist position that would serve in Carson City and assist the other three developmental specialist positions in southern Nevada and Carson City for the EIS program by providing chart reviews, assessments, verifications, technical assistance, and training. The position would also assist in performing additional site visits. Ms. Davis said this decision unit appeared reasonable.

The last other closing item was for replacement equipment, which also appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3276 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Hambrick, and Kirkpatrick were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

**HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES
HHS-ADSD - TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM (262-3140)
BUDGET PAGE DHHS-ADSD-21**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 3140, Tobacco Settlement Program.

Budget account (BA) 3140 was within the Aging and Disability Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services. This budget was not previously heard by the Committee, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff was responsible for producing closing recommendations.

The Tobacco Settlement Program budget provided grants to providers to enhance the independent living of older Nevadans through services enabling them to remain at home and avoid institutional placement.

Ms. Davis stated there were no major closing issues in this account and one other closing item, which was a base budget adjustment to align the budgeted funding with the projected allocations from the Healthy Nevada Fund. This recommendation appeared reasonable to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

Fiscal staff recommended BA 3140 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requested authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 3140 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick, Kirkpatrick, and Oscarson were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (225-1523)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-24**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 1523, Tourism Development.

Ms. Davis stated that budget account (BA) 1523 was not previously heard by the Committee and supported grant funds to counties, cities, and local and regional organizations for rural infrastructure development. The budget was funded with transfers from room tax revenues and revenue generated from the annual renewal of specialty license plates.

According to Ms. Davis, there were no major closing issues or other closing items in this account. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1523 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick, Kirkpatrick, and Oscarson were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - NEVADA HUMANITIES (101-2894)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-30**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 2894, Nevada Humanities.

This budget was not previously heard by the Committee, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff was responsible for producing closing recommendations.

Ms. Davis said funding was passed through in this account to Nevada Humanities, Inc., which was a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that worked in partnership with local communities to develop and fund humanities activities and educational programs. The budget was funded only by State General Fund appropriations, and the Governor recommended an appropriation of \$50,000 in each year of the biennium.

There were no major closing issues or other closing items in this account. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

Assemblywoman Carlton said, if she remembered correctly, BA 2894 was an account established last session as a line item in the budget, and she asked whether that was correct.

Ms. Davis said the budget account was established in 2005 to pass the funds through to Nevada Humanities, Inc. She explained that prior to 2005, it was a one-shot appropriation that was included in the budget.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 2894 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARMSTRONG SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Swank were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - LOST CITY MUSEUM (101-1350)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-49**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 1350, Lost City Museum.

Ms. Davis said the next budget account was 1350, the Lost City Museum, in the Division of Museums and History, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. This budget was not previously heard by the Committee. The Lost City Museum was built to preserve the prehistoric pueblo sites and artifacts important to Native American and Moapa Valley history. Ms. Davis said the museum was funded through State General Fund appropriations, room tax revenue transfers, admission fees, and museum-dedicated trust funds. According to Ms. Davis, there were no major closing issues in this account.

The first other closing item was in-state travel for the museum director to attend meetings and for exhibit staff to transport exhibits and conduct historical research.

Ms. Davis said other closing item number two was computer equipment replacement, and other closing item number three was cost-allocation adjustments.

The recommendations appeared reasonable, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended budget account 1350 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requested authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN HICKEY MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 1350 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Swank were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, CC (101-2940)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-60**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 2940, Nevada State Museum.

Budget account (BA) 2940, the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, was not previously heard by the Committee. The Museum was located in the U.S. Mint Building in Carson City and included storage facilities at several locations, including the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center and the Indian Hills Curatorial Center. The Museum was funded through State General Fund appropriations, room tax revenue transfers, admission fees, and museum-dedicated trust funds.

Ms. Davis stated there were no major closing items in BA 2940. There were six other closing items, including in-state travel for the museum director to attend meetings and for staff to transport exhibits and conduct research. Item two was for exhibit maintenance to upgrade and maintain the lighting in the exhibits at the museum. Item three was computer equipment replacement. Item four was maintenance of the Dema Guinn Concourse at the Museum. Item five was painting of the water tank at the Indian Hills Curatorial Center. Item six was cost-allocation adjustments. These recommendations appeared reasonable, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended budget account 2940 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requested authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 2940 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Swank were not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS (101-4216)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-72**

Mandi Davis, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented budget account 4216, State Railroad Museums.

Ms. Davis said that budget account (BA) 4216, State Railroad Museums, was not previously heard by the Committee. This budget included the three railroad museums located in Carson City, East Ely, and Boulder City. According to Ms. Davis, the museums were funded through State General Fund appropriations, room tax revenue transfers, ride and admission fees, and museum-dedicated trust funds. There were no major closing issues in this account.

Other closing items included temporary staffing services for janitorial and general labor services at the Boulder City Railroad Museum, in-state travel for two museum directors to travel to staff meetings, replacement computer equipment, and cost-allocation adjustments. These recommendations appeared reasonable. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended budget account 4216 be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO CLOSE BUDGET ACCOUNT 4216 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIRKPATRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hambrick was not present for the vote.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Anderson opened public comment and there being no response, closed public comment and adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Anne Bowen
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Paul Anderson, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

Date: April 10, 2015

Time of Meeting: 8:04 a.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
	C	Cora Johnson, Friends of the Nevada State Museum	Statement to Committee on Ways and Means regarding Nevada State Museum