

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND
TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
April 8, 2015**

The meeting of the Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation of the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Pete Goicoechea at 8:09 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Pete Goicoechea, Chair
Senator David R. Parks
Senator Mark A. Lipparelli

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Chris Edwards, Chair
Assemblyman John Hambrick, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus, M.D.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Stephanie Day, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Kristen Kolbe, Program Analyst
Jennifer Gamroth, Program Analyst
Emily Cervi, Committee Assistant
Cynthia Clampitt, Committee Secretary
Jeanne Harrington-Lloyd, Committee Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Shirley Micallef, Business Process Analyst, Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
Kathy Floyd, Executive Assistant, Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission
Chris Keillor, Finance Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Cheryl Tyler, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada National Guard, Office of the Military
Dana Grigg, Captain, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Nevada National Guard, Office of the Military

Chair Goicoechea:

We will begin with the budget closing for the Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) Commission budget account (B/A) 101-3774.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission — Budget Page POST-7
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3774

Kristen Kolbe (Program Analyst):

The POST account has two major closing issues. The first is a training shoot house in decision unit E-353. Governor Brian Sandoval's Executive Budget recommends administrative court assessments of \$17,030 in fiscal year (FY) 2017 to construct the shoot house. The shoot house would be utilized to help train the law enforcement cadets to crawl or walk through a building, conduct searches and clear rooms. It would be a temporary building, completed with treated wood and built by volunteers including a local peace officer who is also a contractor.

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The shoot house would be located near the gymnasium at the Stewart facility, away from inmate workers, out of public sight and available to eight other agencies and nongovernmental entities. The POST indicated they would utilize a standardized form from the Department of Administration and work with their deputy attorney general to customize and collaborate with those entities to ensure they have liability insurance, as shown on pages 2 and 3 of [Exhibit C](#), entitled "Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation Joint Subcommittee, Closing List #1."

Will the Subcommittees approve \$17,030 in FY 2017 from administrative court assessments for the construction of a training shoot house?

Assemblywoman Carlton:

My concern is the administrative court assessments. We have heard over and over again how tight those dollars are. It has been mentioned how all the dollars go to support different programs. This may be a worthy cause, but this may not be the best use of this money especially if they request more court assessment dollars in the future. There are concerns about using this money for this program.

Chair Goicoechea:

I do understand court assessments will be used for this project and that the courts are underfunded. If we observe the entire picture, we will have to address court assessments to fund the courts. The requested amount of court assessments for the training shoot house is a small portion in comparison to what the courts' financial needs are.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEES APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT ASSESSMENTS OF \$17,030 IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAINING SHOOT HOUSE IN B/A 101-3774, DECISION UNIT E-353, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Kolbe:

The second major issue, decision unit E-720 in B/A 101-3774, recommends administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in FY 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets. The tablets would be used by law enforcement cadets at POST to take instructional notes, online quizzes and tests. This would standardize the testing materials and processes for the basic academy cadet. It would provide faster feedback and would eliminate the need for staff to proctor and grade the tests using Scantron sheets. The smart tablets were recommended by Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS), as described on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-720 New Equipment — Page POST-11

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve administrative court assessments of \$24,000 in FY 2016 to purchase 24 computer smart tablets?

Chair Goicoechea:

We are using court assessments which are typical to this budget.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEES APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT ASSESSMENTS OF \$24,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 TO PURCHASE 24 COMPUTER SMART TABLETS IN B/A 101-3774 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON VOTED NO.)

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Parks:

Are we confident that administrative court assessment funds will be generated and available for decision units E-353 and E-720?

Ms. Kolbe:

The Fiscal Analysis Division is conducting an analysis of the administrative court assessments and is working with the Judicial Branch. This would provide them with the authority to collect those fees. The Agency would not be able to expend those funds if the fees were not collected.

Chair Goicoechea:

The Subcommittees and the Chair clearly understand there will be a shortfall in the administrative court assessments. These two budget items are approximately \$41,000. As we move closer to the other budget items, there will be larger numbers.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

My concern in voting "No" is the inability to acquire funding for a needed program because funds like this \$41,000 were pulled at the beginning. It is important to prioritize these programs and I do not see a proposal to do that.

Ms. Kolbe:

We will now discuss other closing items on pages 3 and 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

In decision unit E-352, the Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$8,050 over the 2015-2017 biennium. These funds would allow the POST director to attend an annual International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training conference and an annual Western States Association of Peace Officers Standards and Training Directors Conference, as described on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

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In decision unit E-710, the Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$68,501 over the 2015-2017 biennium to replace 30 desktop computers, 6 laptop computers, 2 servers and associated computer software, as described on pages 3 and 4 of [Exhibit C](#). The purposes of the replacement computers are described at the top of page 4. Because of the approval of the 24 smart tablet computers, the existing desktop computer dedicated to document scanning and records management can be eliminated, which would save an additional \$1,258 in administrative court assessments in FY 2017.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page POST-10

In decision unit E-711, the Governor recommends administrative court assessments of \$23,194 over the 2015-2017 biennium to replace two used police training pickups, emergency equipment and associated vehicle items for the Agency to use during emergency vehicle operations course training. Fiscal staff made technical adjustments to recategorize nonequipment expenses as operating expenses, described on page 4. Fiscal staff requests the authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

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Assemblywoman Titus:

I question providing the use of dorm room computers for visitors and families to use on their personal time.

Ms. Kolbe:

The Agency indicates the computers are placed in the dorms to allow the cadets to conduct research and do homework. The computers are also available other than school time to stay in contact with their families, friends and visitors.

Assemblywoman Titus:

Will the students not be able to use the laptops that we just gave them to conduct research and do homework?

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Assemblywoman Carlton:

The students will be living in moderate circumstances for 6 weeks. It is reasonable for them to have computers available at all times where they can conduct their personal business as well as schoolwork.

Chair Goicoechea:

The computers are replacement computers and they cost \$68,500.

Shirley Micallef (Business Process Analyst, Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission):

The current computers in the dorm are used for research and connected to printers because the cadets are required to print reports to present to their training officers. The visitors that stay in the dorm are other cadets from various the Department of Public Safety and from the Department of Corrections. Instructors come from all over the State and use these computers to prepare their instructional materials.

Senator Parks:

Are the smart tablets restricted and only used for the training program? Can they also be used for personal purposes?

Ms. Micallef:

The intent of the tablets is for the cadets to use for studying all the Nevada Administrative Codes, *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) and everything else that they are required to know. When the academy is not in session, we have professional students that also come for professional courses. Students will be able to download class material onto their tablet to study from, rather than using the traditional paper copies and binders. We have move to administer our tests on the Nevada e-Learning system so that they are automatic and only accessible through the Internet. Testing material is also on the tablets.

Senator Parks:

Are there restricted uses associated with the tablets since there are various training programs on it?

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Ms. Micallef:

There will be policies put into place if we get the tablets. There will be various restrictions such as certain Web sites that will be blocked. The tablets will be available for personal use in their off-time.

Chair Goicoechea:

The Subcommittees have approved the tablets, although the final approval has not been determined. I am more concerned with the \$68,500 in replacement equipment. It has not been determined if the replacement computers are necessary for this cycle.

Ms. Kolbe:

The computer replacement is necessary. The Agency indicates these computers are over 5 years old and no longer supported. When a cadet attempts to log on to the computer there is an error message and the computer shuts down. The cadet is unable to do the required homework.

Chair Goicoechea:

I did not discuss this with staff. I just wanted to discuss this with the Committee and get some form of comfort level before we approved this request.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-352, E-710 AND E-711 IN B/A 101-3774 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will move to B/A 101-4204, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).
INFRASTRUCTURE

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Budget Account 101-4204

Jennifer Gamroth (Program Analyst):

The TRPA was formed in 1969 through a bistate compact between California and Nevada, which was subsequently ratified by the U.S. Congress. The TRPA provides a leadership and advocacy role in the regional cooperative efforts to preserve, restore and enhance Lake Tahoe's unique natural and human environments. Pursuant to Article VIII of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact NRS 277.200, funding for the TRPA must be apportioned two-thirds from California and one-third from Nevada.

The TRPA has two major closing issues. The first is decision unit E-225, a recommendation of General Fund appropriation totaling \$375,000 in each year of the biennium to fund Nevada's share of the TRPA's aquatic invasive species (AIS) boat inspection program for Lake Tahoe. The TRPA has requested the same amount from California for this purpose. The total cost for this program is approximately \$1.5 million annually, as described on page 6 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Costs of the program include inspection staff salaries, information technology needs, inspection and decontamination equipment, and supplies. Of the total cost, 50 percent, or \$750,000, is funded with the fees charged for boat inspections, decontamination of boats and sale of the annual stickers. The remaining 50 percent, or \$750,000, is funded with federal funds in the current biennium. According to the TRPA, federal grant revenue totaling \$750,000 will not be available after the current biennium. However, the Agency indicated during testimony that it continues to apply for grants and seek other funding sources for the program. No other funding sources have been secured at this time.

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve General Fund appropriations of \$375,000 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for Nevada's share of the TRPA's AIS boat inspection program for Lake Tahoe?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-225 IN B/A 101-4204 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

The second major closing issue is a General Fund appropriation of \$345,000 in FY 2016 and \$25,000 in FY 2017 in decision unit E-226 for Nevada's share of costs associated with TRPA's requirement to monitor and report on environmental thresholds in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The TRPA has requested the same amounts from California for this purpose.

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In accordance with the regional plan update adopted on December 12, 2012, a threshold evaluation report is required every 4 years to provide a progress report on achieving and maintaining over 150 indicators of environmental conditions for the Lake Tahoe region. The TRPA indicates the funding recommended would allow the Agency to contract for services for this purpose. The funding requirements decrease in FY 2017 because the bulk of the work required to complete the threshold evaluation report will be completed in FY 2016. At the February 13 Subcommittees' meeting, the Agency testified that funding for the threshold evaluation report would only be requested by TRPA every 4 years. In the intervening 3 years, the request would be for \$25,000, as described on pages 6 and 7 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve General Fund appropriations of \$345,000 in FY 2016 and \$25,000 in FY 2017 for Nevada's share of the costs associated with TRPA's requirement to monitor and report on environmental thresholds in the Lake Tahoe Basin, as outlined in the regional plan update adopted on December 12, 2012?

Assemblywoman Titus:

The State is experiencing changing weather patterns, an increasing drought situation and Lake Tahoe's water level falling below its natural rim. It is critical that these agencies continue to monitor the effect of those environmental changes because Lake Tahoe is such a valuable asset to the State.

Senator Goicoechea:

This request is a necessary requirement that we have to approve every 4 years.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-226 IN B/A 101-4204 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO DECISION UNITS E-225 AND E-226 IN B/A 101-4204.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will move to B/A 101-3650, Military.

SPECIAL PURPOSE AGENCIES

MILITARY

Military — Budget Page MILITARY-6 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3650

Ms. Gamroth:

The funding for the Office of the Military is provided primarily through federal funding from the National Guard Bureau via a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) and State General Fund appropriations. This account contains three major closing items, consisting of nine decision units.

In decision units E-225 and E-226, the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$189,939 over the 2015-2017 biennium to support one new accounting assistant and one new accountant technician position. According to the Office, accounting staff has not grown over the last 15 years, yet the workload and complexity have increased significantly since that time due to the expansion of facilities, increased budget and increases in personnel. At the February 13 budget hearing, the Agency testified that the two additional accounting positions recommended would provide the Agency with sufficient fiscal staff through the 2015-2017 biennium, as described on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund one new accounting assistant position and one accountant technician position and associated operating costs assigned to the accounting unit of the

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Office, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$189,939 over the 2015-2017 biennium?

Senator Goicoechea:

It has been a long time since the Office has had a staff increase. We have heard these decision units in the previous subcommittee and these positions are needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-225 AND E-226 IN B/A 101-3650 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

The second major closing issue includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$22,317 and federal funds totaling \$210,430 for a combined total of \$232,747 over the 2015-2017 biennium to fund three new maintenance positions and associated operating costs in decision units E-228, E-232 and E-34.

E-228 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-11
E-232 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-12
E-234 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-13

The recommended new positions include two grounds maintenance workers to be located at the Nevada Air National Guard Facility and at the Stead Training Center and one maintenance repair worker located at the Stead Army Aviation Facility. The two ground maintenance workers would be responsible for maintaining the grounds at the facilities including turf and open areas. The maintenance repair worker position would be responsible for providing facility maintenance for the Army Aviation Support Facility at the Stead Army Aviation

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Facility. The Office indicates these facilities currently do not have assigned maintenance workers, as described on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#).

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation for two grounds maintenance worker positions and one maintenance repair worker and associated operating expenses funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$22,317, and federal funds totaling \$210,430 over the 2015-2017 biennium?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS HAS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-228, E-232 AND E-234 IN B/A 101-3650 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

The third major closing issue is a change to the funding source for shift differential and overtime pay from federal funds to General Fund appropriations totaling \$580,132 for the 2015-2017 biennium in decision units M-501, M-502, M-504 and M-505. This occurred due to an audit by the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) and a review by the National Guard Bureau (NGB).

M-501 Mandates - Federal Shift Differential — Page MILITARY-8

M-502 Mandates - State Shift Differential — Page MILITARY-8

M-504 Mandates - Federal Dec For Firefighter Overtime — Page MILITARY-9

M-505 Mandates - State Dec For Firefighter Overtime — Page MILITARY-10

Following the February 13 Subcommittees' budget hearing, the Office notified Fiscal staff that decision units M-501, M-502, M-504 and M-505 are no longer necessary and can be eliminated. The Office indicates that the NGB has

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agreed to a continuing resolution allowing the Office to continue business as usual with the expectation that the Office will not exceed its operational budget. Fiscal staff has included technical adjustments to eliminate decision units M-501, M-502, M-504 and M-505, which are described on page 11 of [Exhibit C](#).

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the technical adjustments to eliminate decision units M-501, M-502, M-504 and M-505, resulting in a General Fund savings of \$580,132 for the 2015-2017 biennium?

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Will these positions still be receiving the shift differential and overtime pay, but from a different fund?

Chair Goicoechea:

Yes, that is correct. Do you want clarification on the record from the Office?

Assemblywoman Carlton:

No. I just wanted to make sure I understood it.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I am requesting clarification from staff that the Office will not exceed its operational budget and that there are no concerns about overtime.

Ms. Gamroth:

They have confirmed that they have not exceeded their operational budget in the past and do not anticipate exceeding the budget now or in the future.

Cheryl Tyler (Administrative Services Officer, Office of the Military):

Currently, the shift differential overtime is being paid by federal funds and will continue to be paid by federal funds.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS HAS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO ELIMINATE DECISION UNITS M-501, M-502, M-504 AND M-505 FROM B/A 101-3650 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

In other closing items, Fiscal staff has made two technical adjustments in the adjusted Base Budget. The first is a position reclassification of an administrative assistant to a management analyst as shown on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#). The Department of Administration's Division of Human Resource Management approved the request to reclassify the position as requested by the Office. The Office indicates the duties of the position have become more complex and technical over the years and have evolved from an administrative support role to an analyst/management role. This reclassification represents a change from one occupational group to another. The reclassification requires the approval of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) and will be considered on April 9, 2015.

The position reclassification would increase the cost of the position by \$10,878 in FY 2016 and \$11,463 in FY 2017 and is 100 percent federal funds. Fiscal staff has included a technical adjustment in this closing document to increase federal funds by \$10,878 in FY 2016 and \$11,463 in FY 2017 to fund the reclassification of the administrative assistant position to a management analyst position. If the IFC does not approve the reclassification, Fiscal staff will remove the technical adjustment.

During the adjusted Base Budget review process, Fiscal staff identified issues with proposed adjustments for utilities. A technical adjustment has been included by staff in this closing document to correct the annualization of utilities that was not made prior to finalizing the Governor's recommended budget. The Office concurs with the recommended adjustments for utilities, as described on pages 9 and 12, [Exhibit C](#). The adjustment for utilities decreases General Fund appropriations by \$37,371 and decreases federal funds by \$80,406.

The second other closing item is military leave in decision unit M-503, shown on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$645,074 over the 2015-2017 biennium to fund additional military leave authorized pursuant to NRS 281.145, as amended by A.B. No. 364 of the 77th Session. The bill increased the number of compensated military leave days from 15 days to 39 days per calendar year for State employees who work Saturday or Sunday shifts and who are active members of the Nevada National Guard or military reservists.

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A technical adjustment has been included in this closing document to remove the increase to the salary category by \$322,537 in each fiscal year of the 2015-2017 biennium. Decision unit M-503 should only include a change to the funding source, from federal funds to a General Fund appropriations. As with other types of paid leave including annual and sick leave, military leave is already included in the base salary. The Office concurs with the recommended adjustment and this decision unit appears reasonable.

Assembly Bill 388 was heard on Monday, April 6 in the Assembly Committee on Governmental Affairs. This bill would amend NRS 281.145 and revise provisions governing certain leaves of absence for military duty of public officers and employees. If this bill passes and is approved as written, the funding source for military leave may need to be adjusted to account for decreases in federal funding as a result of the differential pay adjustment. The General Fund appropriation may need to be adjusted for the differential pay for the State's share of military leave, which exceeds the maximum number of hours allowed for federal reimbursement under the Master Cooperative Agreement with the National Guard Bureau, shown on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLY BILL 388: Revises provisions governing certain leaves of absence for military duty for public officers and employees. (BDR 23-180)

Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments to this decision unit based on the final language in A.B. 388 and contingent upon passage and approval of A.B. 388 by the 2015 Legislature.

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The third other closing item is decision unit E-227 which includes General Fund appropriations of \$5,376 in FY 2016 and \$5,204 in FY 2017 to add cold weather clothing to the uniform allowance for the 43 maintenance positions funded by this budget account as described on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#).

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In the fourth other closing item shown on pages 13 and 14 of [Exhibit C](#), the Governor recommends federal funds totaling \$3.6 million each fiscal year of the 2015-2017 biennium in the adjusted Base Budget and decision unit E-231 for construction, renovation and maintenance projects in the army facilities category. The federal funding in the adjusted Base Budget for the army facilities category includes funding from federal grant awards from prior federal fiscal years. The amounts budgeted in the army facilities category are funded 100 percent with federal funds as approved under the MSA with the National Guard Bureau. The federal grant awarded for each federal fiscal year for construction, renovation and maintenance projects is available to the Agency for a 5-year period.

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Based on an analysis completed by the Office as requested by Fiscal staff, a technical adjustment to the adjusted Base Budget is included in this closing document to increase the army facilities category funded with federal funds totaling \$3.8 million in FY 2016 and \$1.5 million in FY 2017. The technical adjustment to the adjusted Base Budget would allow the Office to expend prior year federal grant awards, totaling \$7.4 million in FY 2016 and \$5.1 million in FY 2017, for construction and maintenance projects approved for federally funded facilities managed by the Office at the various sites throughout Nevada.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

In the second other closing, decision unit M-503, with regards to military leave, we realized we did not get all the information needed when we discovered what the fiscal impact would be. I am not sure how [A.B. 388](#) impacts what we did last session. Will [A.B. 388](#) get back some of that pay that had to be disbursed under A.B. No. 364 of the 77th Session?

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Ms. Gamroth:

Currently A.B. 388, as written, clarifies the year each agency can designate as the year that would be appropriate. In the Office of the Military's case, State personnel would allow the Office to define their year as a federal fiscal year which would be the last amount of funds the State would have to pay out. In addition, A.B. 388 defines what their work schedule is and what their shift is. Finally, A.B. 388 allows for differential pay for those working weekends.

For example, if they were working in their State job and their daily pay was \$240 and their military pay was for their weekend drill was \$200, they would get to keep their military pay of \$200 and we reduce their State compensation by that \$200. This would reduce the amount that the State would be obligated to pay as the bill was written and passed last session.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

There could be some unintended consequences as a result of this bill. Not knowing whether that bill will get amended and what it will actually turn into raises my concerns. There is concern regarding the differential pay that was not in the original bill. Military leave was in the original bill and there was no differential pay in that bill.

Ms. Gamroth:

Are you referring to A.B. No. 364 of the 77th Session?

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Yes.

Ms. Gamroth:

You are correct about A.B. No. 364 of the 77th Session but the differential pay has been added to A.B. 388.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

My concern on the differential pay was that it was removed from all the other State employees. Because of the removal of rural or differential pay, we are down in correction officer numbers. There are many moving parts to this bill and I do not know what the real fiscal impact will be.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Rural differential is different than the differential pay in A.B. 388.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I understand, but it is still classified as a differential. The State workers who are looking at this will see differential pay for one group of people but not for another.

Chair Goicoechea:

I do not disagree with that but this is an Assembly bill and we will wait and see what it does in that house.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

I am concerned about how A.B. 388 will be amended.

Chair Goicoechea:

I agree that A.B. 388 is a work in process. It is unknown what the bill will be until it goes from the Assembly to the Senate and ultimately to the Governor. When we close this bill we will give Fiscal staff the ability to make technical adjustments depending on legislation.

Ms. Gamroth:

In addition to the adjustment to the Base Budget, the Executive Budget recommends federal funds of \$6.5 million in FY 2016 and \$3.6 million in FY 2017 in decision unit E-231 for various statewide construction and renovation projects. The Office also included in their analysis new federal funding sources they would use for projects that can be completed in FY 2016 and FY 2017, which is included in decision unit E-231.

Fiscal staff included a technical adjustment based on the Office's analysis of decision unit E-231 for projects the Office anticipates can be completed during the 2015-2017 biennium. This is funded with new federal grant awards totaling \$3.2 million in FY 2016 and \$3.4 million in FY 2017, which results in a decrease of federal grant authority in the amount of \$3.2 million in FY 2016 and \$184,941 in FY 2017. With the technical adjustment, the adjusted Base Budget and decision unit E-231 appear reasonable.

In the fifth other closing item, decision unit E-233 on page 14 of [Exhibit C](#), the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$1,354 in FY 2016 and \$2,709 in FY 2017 to replace a cargo van with two seats, which is leased from the Department of Administration's Fleet Services Division with a leased pickup truck used for the Las Vegas area.

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In the sixth other closing item, decision units E-236 and E-237 on page 14 of [Exhibit C](#), the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$3,710 in FY 2016 and \$8,200 in FY 2017 for the adjutant general to attend the Adjutants General Association of the United States conference and other required trips to Washington, D.C.; and for the administrative services officer to attend the National Association of State and Military Resource Managers Symposium in FY 2017. These recommendations appear reasonable.

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E-237 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-14

The seventh other closing item includes decision units E-238 and E-239, page 14 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$2,402 in FY 2016 for a facility supervisor to travel and attend a training class to learn a technique used to control the corrosion of metal surfaces. The Governor also recommends General Fund appropriations of \$2,459 in FY 2016 and \$2,919 in FY 2017, for six staff members to travel and attend backflow training. In addition, this funding would provide supervisory training and Microsoft Excel and Access classes for staff. A technical adjustment has been included by Fiscal staff in this closing document to eliminate duplicate registration fees of \$380 in each fiscal year for training. With the technical adjustment noted by Fiscal staff, these recommendations appear reasonable.

E-238 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-15

E-239 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-15

Decision unit E-240 on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#), is an Executive Budget recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$300 in each of the 2015

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through 2017 biennium to purchase medals for members of the Nevada National Guard. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff.

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The eighth other closing item includes decision unit E-250, page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends federal funding totaling \$150,000 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for document management services. This decision unit appears reasonable to staff.

E-250 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-16

The ninth other closing item includes decision units E-350, E-351, E-352 and E-730 for maintenance, safety, security and energy projects, as shown on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). The Executive Budget recommends \$468,550 in General Fund appropriations and \$573,550 in federal funds statewide over the 2015-2017 biennium for minor maintenance and refurbishment projects at various military facilities that are not included as part of the Capital Improvement Program shown on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-350 Safe and Livable Communities — Page MILITARY-16

E-351 Safe and Livable Communities — Page MILITARY-17

E-352 Safe and Livable Communities — Page MILITARY-17

E-730 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds — Page MILITARY-20

These recommendations appear reasonable.

The tenth other closing item described on page 15, consolidation of the Carlin Armory expenditures, consists of decision units E-511, E-514, E-515, E-516, E-517 and E-951, E-952, E-953, E-954, E-955, E-956 and E-957. The Governor recommends the transfer of all base, maintenance and enhancement decision units totaling \$1.8 million over the 2015-2017 biennium from the Carlin Armory budget to the primary Military budget to consolidate the revenues and expenditures for all military facilities into a single budget account, placing authority for expenditures into the correct categories within the Military budget. There are no changes in funding amounts or sources.

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The Governor further recommends the elimination of the Carlin Armory budget account. The Carlin Armory is currently the only armory that has a separate budget account.

A technical adjustment has been included by staff in this closing document. This is for the correction of the annualization of utilities included in the adjusted base budget and included in decision units E-511 and E-951 for category changes. This also includes the transfer of the adjusted Base Budget expenditures from the Carlin Armory budget to the military budget. With the technical adjustment noted by staff, these recommendations appear reasonable.

E-511 Transfer E951 To Standard Categories — Page MILITARY-18
E-514 Transfer E954 From Cat 20 To Cat 07 — Page MILITARY-18
E-515 Transfer E955 From Cat 20 To Cat 07 — Page MILITARY-18
E-516 Transfer E956 From Cat 20 To Cat 03 — Page MILITARY-19
E-517 Transfer E957 From Cat 20 To Cat 03 — Page MILITARY-19
E-951 Transfer Adj Base From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-20
E-952 Transfer E233 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-21
E-953 Transfer E242 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-22
E-954 Transfer E355 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-22
E-955 Transfer E356 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-23
E-956 Transfer E712 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-23
E-957 Transfer E720 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-24

In the eleventh other closing item, decision unit E-710 on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#), the Executive Budget recommends federal funds totaling \$10,800 over the 2015 -2017 biennium, to replace an agency-owned truck with a leased truck from the Fleet Services Division.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page MILITARY-20

Staff recommends that all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted by staff and with the authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE
FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN

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B/A 101-3650 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY FISCAL STAFF AND OTHER
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will move to B/A 101-3651, the Carlin Armory.

Military Carlin Armory — Budget Page MILITARY-26 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3651

Ms. Gamroth:

The Carlin Armory budget supports the operation and maintenance of the Carlin Armory/Readiness Center of the Nevada National Guard.

There is one major closing issue, decision unit E-233. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totalling \$65,249 and federal funds totalling \$16,076, which is approximately an 80 percent/20 percent split, to fund a new maintenance repair worker position and associated operating costs. The new position would be located at the Carlin Armory, as described on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-233 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-27

Maintenance staff at the Carlin Armory is responsible for Nevada National Guard facilities in Carlin, Winnemucca, Elko and Ely. Current staffing at the Carlin Armory includes one facility supervisor; one water system operator; one heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) specialist; one grounds maintenance worker and one custodial worker. The Agency indicates the rural facilities do not have a dedicated maintenance repair worker on staff and a

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backlog of maintenance work is increasing. The Agency estimates that the existing maintenance backlog for the facilities located in the northeastern part of the State would be completed within 2 years with the recommended new maintenance repair worker position. In addition, the Agency advises that the new position would allow for more timely resolution of emergency maintenance needs.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund a new maintenance repair worker and associated operating costs assigned to the Carlin Armory?

Chair Goicoechea:

I understand that the Carlin Armory is funded by 80 percent General fund dollars and 20 percent federal fund dollars. Is there a similar split in the Winnemucca, Elko and Ely facilities?

Ms. Tyler:

Funding for the Winnemucca, Elko and Ely facilities is split 50 percent State and 50 percent federal.

Chair Goicoechea:

Should there be a similar funding split of the State and federal since the maintenance repair workers are working part of the time in Winnemucca, Elko and Ely?

Ms. Tyler:

We anticipate this position will work the majority of the time at the Carlin Armory. The facilities at Winnemucca, Elko and Ely are rarely used.

Chair Goicoechea:

I was concerned about the travel time especially the distance between Carlin and Ely. Winnemucca and Elko are closer in travel distance.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-233 FROM B/A 101-3651 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

Item one of other closing items describes proposed adjustments for utilities. During the adjusted Base Budget review process, fiscal staff identified issues with proposed adjustments for utilities. During FY 2014, the Office did not make 12 months of utilities payments for some utility bills for various facilities throughout the State. Fiscal staff noted at that time the adjustments to annualize utility costs were not calculated correctly. Fiscal staff has included technical adjustments shown on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#) to correct the adjusted Base Budget for the annualization of utilities. The adjustment resulted in a savings in federal funds totaling \$2,228 and a savings in General Funds totaling \$8,912.

Item two of other closing items includes decision unit E-242, the expansion of uniform items for maintenance personnel. The Executive Budget includes General Fund appropriations of \$625 in FY 2015 and \$657 in FY 2017 to add cold weather clothing to the uniform allowance for the five maintenance positions funded by this budget account.

E-242 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-28

Item three of other closing items includes decision unit E-355, the Governor's recommendation for a General Fund appropriation of \$51,500 and federal funds totaling \$11,500 in FY 2016, totaling \$63,000 for maintenance, safety and security projects at the Carlin facility, as shown on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-355 Safe and Livable Communities — Page MILITARY-28

In the fourth other closing item, decision unit E-356, the Executive Budget recommends General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 and federal funds

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totaling \$50,000 in FY 2017, totaling \$250,000 for paving maintenance. This recommendation appears to be reasonable, as shown on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-356 Safe and Livable Communities — Page MILITARY-29

In the fifth other closing item, decision unit E-712, the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$7,056 and federal funds totaling \$3,024 over the 2015-2017 biennium to replace an agency owned pickup truck with a newly leased pickup truck from the Fleet Services Division. According to the Office, the current truck has high mileage and maintenance costs. This recommendation appears to be reasonable, and is shown on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page MILITARY-29

In the sixth other closing item, decision unit E-720, the Executive Budget recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$7,056 and federal funds totaling \$3,024 over the 2015-2017 biennium for a new pickup truck leased from the Fleet Services Division, for the HVAC specialist position and for general maintenance. The Office indicates the new pickup truck would eliminate travel delays due to having one vehicle. This recommendation appears to be reasonable, as described on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-720 New Equipment — Page MILITARY-30

Item seven of other closing items consist of decision units E-951, E-952, E-953, E-954, E-955, E-956 and E-957 for consolidation of the Carlin Armory expenditures. The Governor recommends the transfer of all base, maintenance and enhancement decision units from the Carlin Armory budget to the primary military budget. A technical adjustment has been completed by staff and is included in this closing document for the correction of the annualization of utilities. With the technical adjustment these recommendations appear reasonable, as discussed on page 19 [Exhibit C](#).

E-951 Transfer Adj Base From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-30

E-952 Transfer E233 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-31

E-953 Transfer E242 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-31

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E-954 Transfer E355 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-32
E-955 Transfer E356 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-32
E-956 Transfer E712 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-33
E-957 Transfer E720 From BA 3651 To BA 3650 — Page MILITARY-33

Staff recommends that all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted by staff and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3651 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY STAFF AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

We will now move to B/A 101-3654, the Military Patriot Relief Fund.

Military Patriot Relief Fund — Budget Page MILITARY-42 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3654

Ms. Gamroth:

The Patriot Relief Fund account was created by A.B. No. 580 of the 73rd Session to provide funding for the reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard for the cost of premiums on a group life insurance policy. Reimbursements were made to Nevada National Guard members for the cost of textbooks required for a course of study in which members are enrolled at an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). There is monetary relief from an economic hardship experienced by a member of the

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Nevada National Guard who has been called into active service, as described on page 20 of [Exhibit C](#).

One major closing issue is included in B/A 101-3654 in decision unit E-227, described on page 21. The Governor recommends the elimination of the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program premium reimbursement program. This program is based on actual expenditures in FY 2014 and would result in a General Fund savings of \$15,932 of the 2015-2017 biennium.

The Office indicates that during FY 2014, 39 out of 4,264 eligible members received SGLI reimbursements through this program. The Office indicates that while a National Guard member is deployed, the federal government pays for this premium. According to the Office, if all Nevada National Guard members were to access the benefits of the SGLI program, it would cost the State approximately \$1.5 million annually. As a result, the Office has determined that the benefits of the program do not outweigh the potential cost to the State. Fiscal staff notes that average annual expenditures of the SGLI program over the last 5 years have been approximately \$19,000, as viewed on page 21 of [Exhibit C](#).

Assembly Bill 472, referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means on March 23, amends NRS 412.1435 and eliminates the reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard for premiums paid on a group life insurance policy. The bill establishes a limit of \$1,000 per semester, quarter or term, as applicable on the reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard who is enrolled at a NSHE institution for the cost of textbooks. Decision unit E-227 is contingent upon the passage of A.B. 472 as described on page 21 of [Exhibit C](#).

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ASSEMBLY BILL 472: Revises provisions governing the use of money in the Patriot Relief Account. (BDR 36-1163)

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the elimination of General Fund appropriations of \$15,932 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for the SGLI

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premium reimbursement program, as recommended by the Governor and contingent upon the passage and approval of A.B. 472?

Assemblywoman Carlton:

This bill was heard by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

For the record, we had a discussion about the bill and the Chair of Ways had some concerns about the members who already have this insurance, what will happen to them in the future, and we asked them to go back and take a look at that and figure out what was going on. I understand that whatever we pass will have an impact on this and the adjustments will be made so I do not have any issue with moving this. I just want to make sure that that is on the record and that is a discussion point the Chair of Ways had on the removal of the insurance premium and how that would affect the folks who already have it. It is hard to get life insurance sometimes and you know being a wife of a State employee we lost ours and then got it back and then lost it again. So, it makes it hard to plan for your financial future when they keep messing with your life insurance.

Chair Goicoechea:

This bill is about reimbursement of the premiums and you would not lose them because you are personally paying them.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

The reimbursement could make a difference in their paychecks and whether they carry it or not.

Chair Goicoechea:

Our action today will be contingent on what that bill does.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

I want to ditto the comments of my colleague.

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Dana Grigg, Captain (Assistant Judge Advocate General, Nevada National Guard, Office of the Military):

There is one federal reimbursement program for a member who is both deployed in theater and in support of Operation New Dawn, Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom. It may be limited to OEF now. Those members that are stateside, not deployed in theatre, are the majority of the members who have requested this assistance in the past and who have taken advantage of this benefit. Those members would lose out on that reimbursement with the passage of this bill.

For example, the SGLI is monthly payment of about \$29 and is a number that can be limited. Members have a maximum reimbursement amount between \$100,000 and \$400,000. Members would pay \$29 a month to receive the maximum benefit of \$400,000. If members opted to choose to only receive \$100,000 of reimbursement, the premium amount paid could be lowered to around \$5 to \$10 a month. The premium is not overly burdensome for members to afford that amount and it is a great benefit. If that benefit remains as is, a notice will go out to the other 4,000 members to take advantage of it. If that were to occur, it would end up being very costly to the State. The Subcommittee must determine if the benefit to members will outweigh the cost to the State.

I have had the monthly premium taken out of my military paycheck for quite some time now and the cost is hardly noticeable to me. The cost will not be a huge impact to those members and I want to stress the large fiscal impact the bill could have on the State if it remains as is.

Chair Goicoechea:

It is not our intent to hear A.B. 472 now.

Assemblyman Sprinkle:

If we take action today, the premium will then be the responsibility of the individual to pay. Our action today will not eliminate the members from the insurance policy that is currently in place. Trying to re-obtain that benefit will be very difficult in the future. Will members lose that benefit if we pass this initiative ?

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Captain Grigg:

The members will not lose the benefit; it is the reimbursement for the premiums. The maximum a member could lose per year is about \$350.

Assemblywoman Carlton:

Have you had this discussion about the bill with the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means?

Captain Grigg:

No. We will make sure the Chair receives the necessary information.

Ms. Gamroth:

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the elimination of General Fund appropriations of \$15,932 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium for the SGLI premium reimbursement program, as recommended by the Governor and contingent upon the passage and approval of A.B. 472?

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$15,932 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM FOR THE SGLI PREMIUM PROGRAM CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF A.B. 472.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Gamroth:

In the first other closing item, decision unit E-225, the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$94,675 in FY 2016 and \$129,994 in FY 2017 to replenish funding for the Patriot Relief Fund account. The amounts recommended for each fiscal year are based on actual expenditures for the reimbursement of textbooks and reimbursements of the

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cost of premiums on group life insurance policies for Nevada National Guard members incurred in FY 2014. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff and is described on pages 21 and 22 of [Exhibit C](#).

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In the second other closing item, decision unit E-226, the Executive Budget recommends General Fund appropriations of \$10,000 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium to provide assistance to members of the Nevada National Guard who experience economic hardships. The Office advises Nevada National Guard members who typically need economic hardship assistance when there is a significant increase in the number of members being deployed, which was the case in FY 2011. The Office has indicated an increase in the deployment of the Nevada National Guard members is expected over the 2015-2017 biennium. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff, as shown on page 21 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page MILITARY-43

Staff recommends that all other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO GIVE AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Goicoechea:

There being no further requests for public comment, this meeting stands adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jason Gortari,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Pete Goicoechea, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblyman Chris Edwards, Chair

DATE: _____

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