

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
April 15, 2015**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Ben Kieckhefer at 8:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Chair
Senator Michael Roberson, Vice Chair
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Mark A. Lipparelli
Senator David R. Parks
Senator Joyce Woodhouse

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Debbie Smith (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Senior Program Analyst
Jaimarie Dagdagan, Program Analyst
Adam Drost, Program Analyst
Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst
Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst
Emily Cervi, Committee Assistant
Lona Domenici, Committee Manager
Cynthia Clampitt, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Troy L. Dillard, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

Chair Kieckhefer:

I will open the hearing on the budgets of the Department of Corrections (NDOC) for closing considerations.

Sarah Coffman (Senior Program Analyst):

I will be presenting 17 budget accounts that have not yet been heard by the Subcommittee or the Committee.

Throughout the majority of these budgets, there are three department-wide decision units that require further consideration by the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation. First is M-200, the Inmate Population Projections.

Decision units E-230 and E-900 relate to Governor Brian Sandoval's recommendation to adjust the NDOC shift relief factor. That issue will be discussed by the Subcommittee on May 7 and the recommendations will tentatively be brought forward on May 14. I recommend the Committee delay making any final decisions on these decision units until after the staff presentation.

Fiscal staff has provided the Committee a closing document titled, "Senate Committee on Finance, Closing List #7," dated April 15, 2015 ([Exhibit C](#)).

Chair Kieckhefer:

The M-200 decision unit is the Inmate Population Projections; the E-230 decision unit is the Shift Differential consideration. What is the E-900 decision unit?

Ms. Coffman:

The E-900 decision unit is related to E-230. It would transfer expenditures related to the staff physicals that would be needed for new staff recommended in E-230. It would transfer funding from the facility accounts to the director's office, which typically pays for all staff physicals.

The first budget I will discuss is budget account (B/A) 101-3718, Nevada State Prison (NSP).

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Budget Account 101-3718

The Governor recommends maintaining this institution in a mothball status through the 2015-2017 biennium. Assembly Bill No. 356 of the 77th Legislative Session created a steering committee to make recommendations for the future of NSP. Information is included on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#) that identifies the recommendations of the steering committee.

Assembly Bill (A.B.) 377 would transfer the historic structures to the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. The modern structures would be transferred to the Silver State Industries budget within the NDOC.

ASSEMBLY BILL 377: Establishes provisions for the preservation, development and use of the Nevada State Prison as a historical, educational and scientific resource. (BDR 26-625)

Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3718 be closed as recommended by the Governor authorizing staff to make technical adjustments.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3718 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next budget is B/A 101-3715, Southern Nevada Correctional Center (SNCC). The Governor recommends maintaining this institution in a mothball status over the 2015-2017 biennium. The NDOC Capital Improvement Program (CIP), over the next 10 years, does not include a recommendation for SNCC to be reopened.

NDOC - Southern Nevada Correctional Center — Budget Page
CORRECTIONS-74 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3715

Fiscal staff recommends that the SNCC budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSED B/A 101-3715 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

Next is B/A 101-3760, the Casa Grande Transitional Housing budget.

NDOC - Casa Grande Transitional Housing — Budget Page
(Volume III) CORRECTIONS-90
Budget Account 101-3760

There are no major issues in this budget.

Other closing item 3, on page 8 of [Exhibit C](#), is a request for replacement equipment under decision unit E-710 that appears reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-93

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Does the Committee wish to approve B/A 101-3760 as recommended by the Governor and authorizing staff to make technical adjustments as needed excluding decision units M-200, E-230 and E-900?

M-200 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page CORRECTIONS-91
E-230 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page CORRECTIONS-92
E-900 Transfer Out Staff Physicals To Directors Office — Page
CORRECTIONS-93

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-3760 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR EXCLUDING DEPARTMENT-WIDE
DECISION UNITS M-200, E-230 AND E-900, WITH AUTHORITY FOR
STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

Next is B/A 101-3724, the Northern Nevada Restitution Center (NNRC). The existing center is on schedule to close on August 15, 2015, at which time a new transitional center will be opened. It appears there are no additional costs for the opening of the new transitional center with the exception of other closing item 2, on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#), in decision unit E-225. The NDOC is requesting replacement of nine agency-owned washers and dryers with nine leased washers and dryers. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff.

NDOC - Northern Nevada Restitution Center — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-96
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3724

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page CORRECTIONS-98

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Does the Committee wish to approve B/A 101-3724 as recommended by the Governor, with the exception of decision unit M-200, and to authorize staff to make necessary technical adjustments as needed?

Chair Kieckhefer:

Other closing item 1, decision unit M-200, indicates a decrease in caseloads at NNRC.

M-200 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page CORRECTIONS-97

Ms. Coffman:

That is correct. Originally, the Governor recommended the NNRC to have an inmate population of 80 in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and 81 inmates in FY 2017. Those projections were revised to 83 inmates in FY 2016 and 86 inmates in FY 2017. The new transitional housing center would have an emergency threshold capacity of 112 beds; therefore, the projections would be within the capacity limits.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-3724 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DECISION UNIT M-200 AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now hear the closing recommendations for B/A 101-3722, the Stewart Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Stewart Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-101
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3722

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Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing issues in this account. Other item 2, decision unit E-710, requests replacement equipment including a washer, dryer and a kettle. This item appears reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-103

Does the Committee wish to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor and authorize staff to make technical adjustments?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3722 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AS NOTED TO REFLECT CASELOAD GROWTH.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3723, the Pioche Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Pioche Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-105
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3723

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing items in this budget account. Other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, requests funding for deferred maintenance, including replacement of existing doors and windows, interior and exterior painting, refurbishing of bathrooms and a refrigerator and freezer. This item appears reasonable to staff.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-107

Page 15 of [Exhibit C](#) makes requests for replacement equipment within decision unit E-710 and this appears reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-108

Does the Committee wish to approve this budget and authorize staff to make technical adjustments for department-wide issues and other items as necessary?

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3723 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT-WIDE DECISION UNITS.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3725, Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp — Budget Page
CORRECTIONS-111 (Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3725

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing items in this budget account. Other closing items appear reasonable.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3725 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3739, the Wells Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Wells Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-116
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3739

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing items in this budget account. Other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, requests deferred maintenance for replacement of a boiler, sidewalks, painting the facility and funding for a water tank inspection.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-118

Other closing item 4 on pages 19 and 20 of [Exhibit C](#) relates to decision unit E-710. The Agency is requesting replacement equipment including a 60-quart mixer and a washing machine and dryer. These items appear reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-119

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3739 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THOSE FOR DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3741, the Humboldt Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Humboldt Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-122
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3741

Ms. Coffman:

This budget account begins on page 21 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing items. Other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, requests deferred maintenance expenditures to refurbish the housing units and funding for the water tank inspection.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-124

Other closing item 4, decision unit E-710, the Agency is requesting funding to replace a tilt skillet. This item appears reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-125

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3741 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO DEPARTMENT-WIDE ITEMS AND REVISED INMATE POPULATION PROJECTIONS.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3747, the Ely Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Ely Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-128 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3747

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing issues in this budget account. [Exhibit C](#), other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, requests replacement of exhaust fans throughout the housing units, replacement of boilers, painting the exterior and interior of the facility and funding the water tank inspection.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-130

Other closing item 4, decision unit E-710, is an Agency request for replacement of various equipment including a tilt skillet, a hot food table, a range, a meat slicer and a beverage dispenser. These requests appear reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-131

Closing item 5, decision unit E-720, under new equipment, the Agency is requesting purchase of a conveyor toaster.

E-720 New Equipment — Page CORRECTIONS-132

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-3747 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AUTHORIZING STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING THOSE FOR DEPARTMENT-WIDE DECISION UNITS.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Senator Goicoechea:

I have concerns involving these budgets. Most of these facilities are 35 years old or older. We are incarcerating a large number of individuals at these facilities and if we do not start looking at some type of facility replacement or upgrades, over the next 10 years, will we encounter serious problems?

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Chair Kieckhefer:

I appreciate the concerns. We will discuss them with Gustavo Nuñez, Administrator, State Public Works Division (SPWD), Department of Administration, regarding placement of the camps on the Capital Improvement Program list going forward.

We will now consider B/A 101-3748, the Jean Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Jean Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-134
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3748

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing issues in this budget. In other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, the Agency is requesting deferred maintenance to replace six water heaters and six water softeners.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-136

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3748 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS TO DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3749, the Silver Springs Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Silver Springs Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-138
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3749

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing items in this budget account. The Governor recommends maintaining this facility in mothball status. Currently, the State only owns the buildings associated with the Silver Springs Conservation Camp. The land on which it resides is privately owned. The funding requested would cover the costs of insurance.

The SPWD has indicated that it would cost \$537,884 to demolish the facility, which is not being recommended at this time. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Does the State pay rent for the land on which the facility resides?

Ms. Coffman:

No, the land has been given back to the owners as part of the agreement that if the State did not utilize it as a female minimum-custody facility, it would be returned to the owner. The State pays insurance on the buildings it owns. If the buildings were to be demolished, the land would fully return to the owner.

Senator Goicoechea:

There were a number of restrictions on use of the land. It is cheaper to maintain the facility at approximately \$3,000, than to tear it down. However, the buildings are being vandalized and destroyed. The water rights have already been stripped and at some point, we will have to tear the buildings down and give the land back to the owner.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Are these facilities being mothballed to a status where they could be reopened, if we chose to do so?

Ms. Coffman:

No, they are not. The facility would not be habitable.

Senator Parks:

Have there been discussions with the property owner and has the owner indicated no desire for a decommissioned, dilapidated, vandalized facility?

Ms. Coffman:

The NDOC has had similar discussions with the landowner. The landowner is not pushing for the State to demolish the buildings at this time, but when that determination is made, they would like the land to be returned to its original status.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3749 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO MAINTAIN THE SILVER SPRINGS CONSERVATION CAMP IN ITS CURRENT STATUS FOR THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3752, the Carlin Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Carlin Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-140
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3752

Ms. Coffman:

There are no closing issues in this budget. Other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, requests deferred maintenance expenditures to replace the transfer switch on the generator and funding for the water tank inspections.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-142

Other closing item 4, decision unit E-710, is a request for replacement of a meat slicer.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-143

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3752 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THOSE CONCERNING DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3754, the Tonopah Conservation Camp.

NDOC - Tonopah Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-146
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3754

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing issues in this budget account. On page 33 of [Exhibit C](#), other closing item 2, decision unit M-425, the Agency requests deferred maintenance expenditures to replace a condenser unit for the refrigerator and freezer and to fund water tank inspections.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page CORRECTIONS-148

Other closing item 4, decision unit E-710, makes requests funding replacement of a meat slicer, washing machine, two dryers and a double convection oven. These requests appear reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-149

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3754 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY STAFF AND OTHER NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now move from closing conservation camp budgets to B/A 240-3763, the Inmate Welfare Account.

NDOC - Inmate Welfare Account — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-158
(Volume III)
Budget Account 240-3763

Ms. Coffman:

This budget begins on page 35 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing issues in this budget.

In other closing item 2, decision unit E-225, the Agency requests funds for in-State travel for the educational programs professional position to travel throughout Nevada on six trips. That individual will oversee implementation of the education programs in the NDOC conservation camps. During the 2013-2015 biennium, Nye, Lincoln, Elko and Humboldt Counties all joined the Nevada Correctional Education Consortium that now provides educational programs at the conservation camps. This recommendation appears reasonable.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page CORRECTIONS-160

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 240-3763 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH DEPARTMENT-WIDE ISSUES.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Goicoechea:

Why is White Pine County not a part of the consortium?

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Chair Kieckhefer:

I note James G. (Greg) Cox, Director, is nodding that White Pine County is a part of the Consortium.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 525-3719, Prison Industry account.

NDOC - Prison Industry — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-163 (Volume III)
Budget Account 525-3719

Ms. Coffman:

This budget begins on page 37 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing issues in this budget. Other closing item 1, decision unit E-710, requests the replacement of four printing presses at the Print and Bindery shop.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-165

Other closing item 2, decision unit E-720, is a request for new equipment including a saddle stitcher, which appears reasonable to staff. Assembly Bill 484 requests license plates be placed on an 8-year rolling reissuance. If this were approved, the license plate factory, staffed by inmates, would be producing an additional 700,000 license plates each year. The Prison Industry account receives 50 cents for each license plate; therefore, if this bill is approved, staff requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary to reflect the additional revenue in this account.

E-720 New Equipment — Page CORRECTIONS-166

ASSEMBLY BILL 484: Provides for the rolling reissuance of license plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1179)

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 525-3719 AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE

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TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE
LICENSE PLATE CHARGE REVENUE SHOULD A.B. 484 BE APPROVED.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 525-3727, Prison Ranch.

NDOC - Prison Ranch — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-168 (Volume III)
Budget Account 525-3727

Ms. Coffman:

There are no major closing issues in this account. There are other equipment
replacement decision units that appear reasonable to staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page CORRECTIONS-170

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

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO CLOSED B/A 525-3727 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4746, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), REAL ID.

MOTOR VEHICLES

DMV - Real ID — Budget Page DMV-27 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4746

Adam Drost (Program Analyst):

I will be presenting six DMV budgets that have not been previously heard by the Committee. Fiscal staff is responsible for making closing recommendations on these budgets. The first is found on page 40 of [Exhibit C](#).

Federal grants were awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the DMV to implement the requirements of the 2005 REAL ID Act. The REAL ID budget was established in 2008, to track expenditures related to the grants. The grant expired in December 2014 and the Governor recommends elimination of this budget.

There are no major closing items in this budget. Other closing items include an update on REAL ID. The DMV began issuing REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards in November 2014.

Nevada continues to allow the option of receiving a driver's license or identification card that is not REAL ID-compliant.

Other closing item 2 indicates disaster recovery system software and 3 years of technical software support were purchased utilizing federal grant funds in FY 2014. The Governor recommends transferring the annual technical support expenditures associated with that software to various DMV budgets based on the number of software licenses held within each budget. These recommendations appear reasonable.

E-901 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4717 — Page DMV-27
E-902 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4715 — Page DMV-28
E-903 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4722 — Page DMV-28
E-904 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4735 — Page DMV-28

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E-905 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4740 — Page DMV-29
E-906 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4741 — Page DMV-29

Does the Committee wish to close the other closing items as recommended by the Governor, with authority for staff to make technical adjustments?

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4746 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4745, DMV – Administrative Services.

DMV - Administrative Services — Budget Page DMV-46 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4745

Mr. Drost:

The Administrative Services budget provides support services for the Department, including accounting, payroll, budgeting and contract management. There are no major closing issues in this account.

Other closing items include merchant fees and credit card processing fees the DMV pays for transactions paid for with credit cards, debit cards and electronic checks.

The Executive Budget includes a Base Budget adjustment to increase merchant fees and the associated processing fees by \$1.1 million in FY 2016 and an additional \$709,361 in FY 2017, for a total increase of \$1.8 million, a 37.3 percent increase when compared to FY 2014 actual expenditures. The additional merchant fee expenditures would be funded with Highway Fund appropriations. The total expenditure recommended by the Governor for the

electronic payments category is \$6.1 million in FY 2016 and \$6.9 million in FY 2017, with the aforementioned increase.

On April 3, the Agency provided updated projections using more recent transaction data indicating the average increase in credit card usage over the past 3 fiscal years. The table on page 43 of [Exhibit C](#) shows the actual expenditures totaled approximately \$5 million in FY 2014 and the DMV projects fees of \$5.5 million in FY 2015, \$6.2 million in FY 2016 and \$6.9 million in FY 2017.

Based upon the updated projections, total base merchant and processing fees are projected to increase by an additional \$20,580 in FY 2016 and \$23,259 in FY 2017, compared to the amount reflected in the Executive Budget.

Recent information provided by the DMV indicates 2.8 million transactions are projected in FY 2015, 3.2 million transactions in FY 2016 and 3.6 million in FY 2017. The Department indicates the increases are attributed to the increased use of alternative technologies by its customers, including kiosks and the MyDMV Web portal. The DMV has also experienced an increase in the number of customers visiting its field offices. The increased use of alternative technology and the overall volume of transactions conducted by the DMV may lead to the projected 37.3 percent increase in merchant and processing fees. However, if these fees flatten during the 2015-2017 biennium, the Administrative Services budget would include \$2.9 million in Highway Fund appropriations that could not be utilized for other purposes.

As an alternative, the Committee may wish to consider providing the DMV with the \$6.2 million recommended in FY 2016 and a like amount for FY 2017 and provide the Agency with the authority to transfer appropriations supporting the expenditure authority in this category between the 2 fiscal years. Funds would be transferred to the second year of the biennium, if the increase in merchant fees does not materialize or, if the DMV experienced a significant increase in merchant fees in the first year of the biennium, it could transfer appropriations from the second year, avoiding a request from the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account. If additional funds are needed in FY 2017, the DMV could seek a supplemental appropriation from the Highway Fund. This alternative would reduce Highway Fund appropriations by \$709,361 in FY 2017.

Two options for the Committee to consider are listed on page 44 of [Exhibit C](#). The first is to approve the Governor's recommendation for merchant and processing fees and provide Fiscal staff with authority to make technical adjustments to increase these fees by an additional \$20,580 in FY 2016 and \$23,259 in FY 2017, based on the DMV's updated projections.

Secondly, the Committee could approve \$6.2 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017 and provide the DMV with authority to transfer unspent authority in their expenditures category between each fiscal year of the 2015-2017 biennium as necessary.

Chair Kieckhefer:

According to the chart on page 43 of [Exhibit C](#), the total fees have been growing at a rate more than \$500,000 each year. I am looking at the span of time between FY 2014 actuals through FY 2017 projected. Is there any reason to believe that trend will not continue?

Mr. Drost:

The Agency indicated the increase is due to the implementation of the REAL ID Act and the improving economy.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Are the REAL ID transactions reducing the number of online transactions?

Mr. Drost:

It is increasing the number of transactions in the field offices.

Troy L. Dillard (Director, Department of Motor Vehicles):

A number of factors have driven the increase in customer volume. The largest factor is that more individuals are utilizing debit and credit cards. The other factors are the long wait times because of customer volume in the office. The REAL ID provisions cause additional customers to appear in our field offices. Therefore, because of the office wait times, those customers that are not required to appear in an office are utilizing the technology services with a credit or debit card. Greater than 30 percent of our volume is cash-based customers. We are trying to expand services for that segment of customers, thus reducing the burden to the State for merchant fees.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Is the DMV comfortable with the current projections for merchant fee costs over the 2015-2017 biennium?

Mr. Dillard:

Our statistics were updated in April and reflect our best estimates. Either of the Fiscal staff proposed options are acceptable and would give the DMV the ability to move forward.

Chair Kieckhefer:

There is a continued effort, based on the amount of wait times in the field offices, to encourage customers to utilize online or kiosk services. Because of that, the 2015-2017 Executive Budget outlines \$13 million from the Highway Fund to cover these processing fees. Could a 50-cent surcharge on each transaction cover these costs?

Mr. Dillard:

The State is restricted on what it can charge to recoup the merchant fees. The Treasurer's Office contracts for those services. The DMV can provide the Committee with more specific information. It is my understanding we cannot charge for those services except in an across-the-board manner. Anything that increases costs for utilizing alternative services would potentially decrease the use of the services and increase the number of customers in our offices.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Considering the cost of vehicle registration fees, I am not sure whether an additional 50 cents would drive customers away.

Senator Roberson:

I have received an increasing amount of feedback from my constituents concerning the wait times at different DMV locations in southern Nevada. This past weekend, one prominent constituent sent no less than nine tweets asking me to fix this problem. What will it take to fix the wait times at the DMV offices in southern Nevada?

Mr. Dillard:

The items to fix the problems are contained in the Executive Budget. They are not a part of the budgets being heard today; they are contained in budgets tentatively scheduled to close on May 5.

The two major initiatives to address wait times are the addition of 75 technician positions at offices in the Las Vegas and Reno areas. Sixty-eight of those are window technicians. The DMV has lost approximately 105 positions since 2008, during the Great Recession. At that time, it was transacting business with approximately 1.4 million to 1.5 million customers in those five offices. Today we are transacting business with more than 2 million customers despite reduced staff. We have all the necessary equipment and are simply lacking the personnel at this time. The new staff will allow us to open all windows approximately 11 hours each weekday and 10 hours on Saturdays.

The other major item is the request for a system modernization project. That is the crux of how we will save the State money long term. The modernization will increase efficiency by at least 30 percent on transaction times and therefore on the wait times.

Today, when a policy request is initiated requiring an electronic change that affects the DMV, it represents thousands of hours to implement because of the archaic nature of the current system. The modernization will change years to months; months to days and days to hours for making similar changes. The system modernization will allow us to process approximately 1.4 million additional customers without any other additional resources.

Senator Roberson:

If we approve the budget, how soon will we see relief in the wait times?

Mr. Dillard:

The new positions are targeted for start dates of July 1. We are already in the process of conducting the recruitments and preparing the training materials. It takes approximately 2 months to train a technician to work a window and be productive. Therefore, all the windows will be staffed in September. A number of the technicians will not have the expertise to operate as efficiently as more fully trained staff.

The system modernization project is proposed over a 5-year period. It will be implemented in phases and each phase will have an impact on wait times as well.

Senator Roberson:

Will there begin to be a reduction in wait times by September?

Mr. Dillard:

That is correct. Other factors affect it as well. One is the 8-year driver's license renewal change that has been in effect for approximately 1.5 years. In approximately 2.5 years, that will reduce the number of driver's license customers in the offices by 50 percent.

The other impact is from the REAL ID Act. It has caused additional customers to come into the offices who do not necessarily need to appear. There is a lack of understanding of the requirements of REAL ID. Many customers seeking REAL ID driver's licenses do not have the required documentation and must make a return visit as well.

We continue to educate the public on alternate services. The cost of adding staff and constructing buildings is much greater than the cost of the merchant fees. The electronic dealer report of sale systems have been deployed to all vehicle dealerships in Nevada enabling new vehicles to be registered online without having to visit a DMV office. However, approximately only 10 to 15 percent of customers have used that service.

Senator Goicoechea:

There are already significant staff vacancies in the DMV. Will the modernization of the computer system be the most helpful? Recruitment and retention of employees is an ongoing issue.

Mr. Dillard:

The DMV has approximately 1,200 employees and the largest division is the Field Services Division. There is always turnover in positions. However, because of the downturn in the economic conditions resulting in freezing of merit salary increases and salary reductions, there has been an increase in the turnover. There is not a lot of incentive for individuals to continue in their positions. Fortunately, the current Executive Budget contains improvements in those areas and the DMV should return to previous retention rates. The modernization is the

long-term solution. In the meantime, some of the windows to serve the public are vacant.

Senator Goicoechea:

The other impact we, as Legislators, must be conscious of, is assigning additional new programs to the Agency. We have directed the DMV to issue the driver privilege cards and now we are discussing issuance of medical marijuana cards.

Chair Kieckhefer:

We are a little off the budget, but these are important issues for all of us. If the DMV has any additional information from the Treasurer's Office regarding the surcharge or the lack of ability to make such a charge, please provide that for the Committee. The \$13 million from the Highway Fund appropriation for this purpose is money that could be spent building roads or repairing infrastructure, which is desperately needed as well.

Mr. Dillard:

We will acquire the information from the Treasurer's Office for the Committee.

Senator Lipparelli:

Does option 2 for B/A 201-4745, on page 44 of [Exhibit C](#) allow the DMV to move funding between FY 2016 and FY 2017 for the purpose of merchant fees?

Mark Krmpotic (Senate Fiscal Analyst):

That is correct. The provision is authorized in back language that would be included in the General Appropriations Act. Staff suggests the provision be strictly limited to this expenditure. During the 2009 Legislative Session, the Legislature approved a similar provision for the DMV kiosk transactions. Since that time, the DMV has found a different solution for the kiosk situation.

This item would be limited to credit card transactions. The appropriation could be transferred from FY 2016 to FY 2017 or vice versa.

Senator Lipparelli:

To the extent that the appropriation can be pulled forward from FY 2017 to FY 2016, it would seem that the DMV would be short of funding at some point

in FY 2017. Would they then appear before the IFC requesting additional funding?

Mr. Krmpotic:

It is likely the Department would seek a supplemental appropriation. It depends on the amount to be transferred and when the additional funding would be needed.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 201-4745 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF, UNDER OPTION 2 ON PAGE 44 OF [EXHIBIT C](#) TO APPROVE \$6.2 MILLION IN FY 2016 and FY 2017, FOR MERCHANT AND PROCESSING FEES AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER UNSPENT AUTHORITY IN THIS CATEGORY BETWEEN EACH FISCAL YEAR IN THE 2015-2017 BIENNIUM.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Drost:

Other closing items in B/A 201-4745 include the new inventory control system in decision unit E-225, training for the revenue manager position in decision unit E-228, requesting standby pay for the facilities supervisor position in E-229, updated signage for field offices in E-230 and replacement equipment in E-710.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-48
E-228 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-48
E-229 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-49
E-230 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-49
E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-50

Additionally, there is a request to upgrade the Carson City keycard system in decision unit E-712, which includes a technical adjustment based on an updated proposal. The original cost did not include system monitoring or hosting fees.

This recommendation, with the technical adjustment, appears reasonable to staff.

E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-50

Also included is replacement of technology equipment in decision unit E-715, transfer of an auditor position from the director's office in decision unit E-900 and transfer of a copy machine to the director's office in decision unit E-901.

E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-50

E-900 Transfers From BA 4744 To BA 4745 — Page DMV-51

E-901 Transfer From BA 4745 To BA 4744 — Page DMV-51

These recommendations appear reasonable to staff.

Does the Committee wish to approve other closing items as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustments noted in other closing items 1 and 2, including authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments for updated revenue projections, department transfers and cost allocations as necessary?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4745 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY INCLUDING UPDATED REVENUE PROJECTIONS, DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND COST ALLOCATIONS AND THOSE IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM NO. 2.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4741, Central Services.

DMV - Central Services — Budget Page DMV-71 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4741

Mr. Drost:

The Central Services Division consists of the alternative services functions and the processing services. It includes driver's licenses and registrations renewed through the mail and the centralized call center. This budget also contains the Off-Highway Vehicle Registration Program. There are no major closing issues.

Other closing items include the transfer of record search revenue in FY 2016 and FY 2017 from the DMV Record Search budget and equal reductions in Highway Funds. Any revenue remaining after the amount budgeted for the Record Search budget is transferred equally to the Automation and Central Services budgets with the corresponding offset of Highway Fund appropriations in those budgets. Decision unit E-226 represents the additional revenue beyond the Base Budget that is projected. This item appears reasonable.

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-73

Other closing items are the document manager software transfer from the REAL ID budget to the Central Services budget in decision units E-506 and E-906. Replacement equipment is requested in decision unit E-710 and replacement technology equipment in decision unit E-715 with technical adjustments to cover one-third of the annual maintenance agreement for a scanner that was inadvertently excluded from the Executive Budget. This recommendation, with the technical adjustment, appears reasonable to staff.

E-506 Adjustments to Transfer in E906 — Page DMV-73

E-906 Transfer from BA 4746 to BA 4741 — Page DMV-75

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-74

E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-75

A Base Budget technical adjustment is needed as a result of an IFC approval for the reclassification of eight administrative assistant positions to DMV services technician positions in January 2015. These reclassifications were not included in the Executive Budget. The technical adjustment is necessary to accurately fund salary and benefit expenditures.

Does the Committee wish to approve other closing items with the technical adjustments noted in items 4 and 5 on pages 47 and 48 of [Exhibit C](#) and provide authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments for updated revenue projections, departmental transfers and cost allocations as necessary?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4741 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 4 AND 5 ON PAGE 47 OF [EXHIBIT C](#) AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR REVENUE PROJECTIONS, DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND COST ALLOCATIONS.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4731, Insurance Verification.

DMV - Verification of Insurance — Budget Page DMV-86 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4731

Mr. Drost:

This Program verifies that owners of motor vehicles registered in Nevada maintain liability insurance. It derives its revenue from fines charged and collected for registration reinstatements resulting from insurance suspensions. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

Other closing items in decision unit E-225 include insurance violations revenue transfers to the Highway Fund. Any revenue beyond the amount budgeted and a balance forward amount of \$500,000 is transferred to the Highway Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

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The Executive Budget projects Highway Fund transfers of \$7.2 million in FY 2016 and \$6.9 million in FY 2017. This recommendation appears reasonable.

Other closing items include replacement equipment in decision unit E-710 and replacement technology equipment in decision unit E-715. These recommendations appear reasonable.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-88

E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-88

Does the Committee wish to approve other closing items as recommended by the Governor and provide Fiscal staff with authority to make technical adjustments for updated revenue projections, departmental transfers and cost allocations as necessary?

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4731 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR UPDATED REVENUE PROJECTIONS, DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND COST ALLOCATIONS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4711, DMV – Record Search.

DMV - Records Search — Budget Page DMV-91 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4711

Mr. Drost:

The Records Search Section of the Central Services Division is responsible for researching and disseminating driver's license and vehicle registration

information and providing records for insurance, employment and investigations. Funding is provided through Records Search charge revenue. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

Other closing items include a transfer to the Central Services and Automation budgets. The Governor recommends total Records Search charge fund transfers of \$488,954 in FY 2016 and \$502,334 in FY 2017, split equally between the two Divisions. Any revenue remaining after the amount budgeted for the Records Search budget is transferred equally to these two budgets with the corresponding offset of Highway Fund appropriations in those budgets. Fund transfers are projected to be greater than the Base Year amount with the additional projected fund transfer reflected in decision unit E-226. This recommendation appears reasonable to staff.

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-93

Other closing items include replacement equipment in decision unit E-710 and replacement technology equipment in decision unit E-715 and an additional request in decision unit E-716 to replace microfilm scanner machines and associated equipment. These recommendations appear reasonable.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-93

E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-94

E-716 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-94

Does the Committee wish to approve B/A 201-4711 as recommended by the Governor and provide Fiscal staff with authority to make technical adjustments for updated revenue projections, departmental transfers and cost allocations as necessary?

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4711 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR UPDATED REVENUE PROJECTIONS, DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND COST ALLOCATIONS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4717, Motor Carrier.

DMV - Motor Carrier — Budget Page DMV-103 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4717

Mr. Drost:

The Motor Carrier Division is responsible for ensuring compliance with Nevada's fuel tax laws for special fuel and motor fuel suppliers and motor carriers and the collection of special fuel taxes. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

Other closing items include the redirection of the Governmental Services Tax (GST) commissions to the General Fund in decision unit E-226.

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page DMV-105

The 2011 Legislature redirected GST commissions in this budget and GST commissions and GST penalties in the Field Services budget to the General Fund for both years of the 2011-2013 biennium. Under *Nevada Revised Statutes*, the DMV may not expend more than 22 percent of Highway Fund collections on administration. The 2011 Legislature approved a temporary increase of Highway Fund collections for administration from 22 percent to 33 percent for that biennium and appropriated Highway Funds in place of the redirected GST revenue sources.

The 2013 Legislature approved redirecting GST commissions and penalties to the General Fund in FY 2015 only. The 2013 Legislature also approved increasing the administration cap from 22 percent to 32 percent in FY 2015 only and to replace the GST commission and penalty revenues with Highway Fund appropriations. This provision will sunset on June 30, 2015.

The Governor recommends the redirection of GST commissions and revenue of \$1 million in FY 2016 and \$1.1 million in FY 2017 in the Motor Carrier budget

to the General Fund. It would be offset by increasing the Highway Fund appropriation in the same amount.

The Governor also recommends the redirection of GST commissions and penalties in the Field Services budget to the General Fund.

Finally, the Governor recommends increasing the DMV administration cap from 22 percent to 31 percent and offsetting the redirected revenue with Highway Fund appropriations.

Fiscal staff recommends that the Committee delay making a decision on whether to redirect GST commission revenue to the General Fund until the money committees have reviewed the policy and fiscal impact. Staff requests authority to adjust decision unit E-226 based on the final decision of the money committees and updated revenue projections provided by the DMV.

Other closing items in this budget include the document manager software transfer from the REAL ID budget in decision units E-501 and E-901, replacement equipment in decision unit E-710 and replacement technology equipment in decision unit E-715.

E-501 Adjustments To Transfer In E901 — Page DMV-105
E-901 Transfer From BA 4746 To BA 4717 — Page DMV-107
E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-106
E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DMV-107

Chair Kieckhefer:

We will not make a decision on the GST commission redirection today. It will need to be a part of the sunset legislation. We must also find a vehicle to increase the administrative cap for the DMV. I will entertain a motion on other items in this budget.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 201-4717 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, ABSENT THE REDIRECTION OF THE GST COMMISSIONS AND PENALTIES AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4701, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Evidence Vault.

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DPS - Evidence Vault — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-22 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4701

Jaimarie Dagdagan (Program Analyst):

The Evidence Vault budget was established by the 2011 Legislature to consolidate five security lockers throughout the State into three evidence vaults. They are located in Las Vegas, Elko and Reno.

This budget is supported by cost allocations assessed to the DPS divisions utilizing the vaults. The Nevada Division of Investigations and the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) are primary users. There are no major issues in this budget account. There are four other closing items.

Decision unit E-225 requests funding for the annual maintenance costs of the evidence vault management software and equipment. The recommendation is contingent upon the approval of the system upgrade in FY 2016 in the DPS Forfeitures budget, tentatively scheduled for budget closing on May 4. The Agency provided an updated quote, which includes an increase in system maintenance costs, as a technical adjustment.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-23

Fiscal staff requests authority to make the technical adjustment based on the closing actions for the Forfeitures budget, B/A 101-4703.

DPS - Forfeitures - Law Enforcement — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-32
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4703

The second closing item is in decision unit E-247 of B/A 201-4701, recommending an increase in the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS), Department of Administration, programmer and developer hours, which appears reasonable.

E-247 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-24

Other closing item 3, decision unit E-710, is a request to replace desktop computers with associated software and printers, which also appears reasonable.

Closing item 4 is the proposal to consolidate DPS information technology (IT) services and EITS. This budget item will appear throughout all DPS accounts that utilize EITS services. Staff will be requesting the same technical adjustments in those budgets.

The 2013 Legislature approved the Governor's recommendation to consolidate the DPS IT services with EITS and created a consolidation budget, which was temporarily approved to fund the consolidation costs. The EITS and DPS IT were directed to determine how the resources, costs and services would be integrated into the EITS budgets and to establish cost pools to facilitate the elimination of the consolidation budget. The establishment of a new EITS cost pool is necessary to properly budget services provided by EITS specifically to DPS and not provided on a statewide basis.

Fiscal staff is working with EITS, DPS and the Department of Administration's Budget Division to determine what EITS services and associated utilizations are provided to DPS. Staff seeks authority to make technical adjustments and the addition of new cost pools to reflect the EITS services provided to DPS. Staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted and with authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4701 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED AND AS OTHERWISE NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3775, the Training Division.

DPS - Training Division — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-26 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3775

Ms. Dagdagan:

The Training Division of the DPS provides basic academy and continuing education training to law enforcement personnel within the DPS. The Training Division receives a combination of General Fund and Highway Fund appropriations based on the Department's two largest divisions, the Division of Parole and Probation and the NHP.

A funding split of 29 percent General Fund and 71 percent Highway Fund is requested by the DPS for the 2015-2017 biennium. There are no major closing issues for this budget.

There are four other closing items in B/A 101-3775. Decision unit E-247 requests additional programmer and developer hours, which appears reasonable to staff.

E-247 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-28

Other closing item 2, decision unit E-711, requests replacement of the telephone system at the Carson City training facility to allow access to EITS services and compatibility with the State system, which also appears reasonable to staff.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-29

Other closing item 3, decision units M-800 and E-800 increase the cost allocations for the DPS, General Services Division, Director's Office and the Office of Professional Responsibility. This request appears reasonable.

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M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-28
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-29

Other closing item 4, on page 59 of [Exhibit C](#) is the DPS IT and EITS consolidation previously discussed. Staff is seeking the same technical adjustment in this budget.

Staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3775 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4738, Dignitary Protection.

DPS - Dignitary Protection — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-37 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4738

Jennifer Ouellette (Program Analyst):

This budget is outlined on page 60 of [Exhibit C](#). The Dignitary Protection budget provides security to the Governor and his family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7) at the Governor's Mansion. Security is also provided to the Governor when he attends meetings or events. Revenue from this account is provided to the Capitol Police account to fund five positions that patrol the property around the Governor's Mansion. There are no major issues in this budget. There are three other closing items for consideration.

Other closing item 1, decision E-710, requests computer equipment replacement. One of the printers budgeted for replacement during the upcoming

biennium has already been replaced. Therefore, staff made a technical adjustment removing that item from the Executive Budget.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-39

Other closing item 2, decision units M-800 and E-800, recommend cost allocation adjustments.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-39

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-40

The last other closing item is the DPS IT and EITS consolidation plan as previously discussed. Staff seeks authority for the same technical adjustment in this budget as previously requested in other DPS budgets.

Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the authority to make technical adjustment noted in other closing item 1 and other technical adjustments as necessary.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Does the Dignitary Protection staff still offer protection for dignitaries when they visit Nevada?

Ms. Ouellette:

Protection for those individuals is provided in the NHP budget.

Chair Kieckhefer:

Will the Committee see an increased protection request in that budget based on the potential visits from U.S. Presidential candidates?

Ms. Ouellette:

Yes, that will be discussed on May 4.

Senator Goicoechea:

I believe that budget will show we can recover some of the costs for protection of visiting dignitaries.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4738 AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE

TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED AND ANY OTHERS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4705, DPS – NHP K-9 Program.

DPS - NHP K-9 Program — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-59 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4705

Ms. Ouellette:

The goal of the NHP K-9 Program is to intercept and prevent drug trafficking on Nevada's highways. The Program is budgeted for eight teams funded 100 percent through forfeiture funds. There are no major closing items in this budget.

In other closing item 1, decision unit E-711, the Governor recommends the replacement of specialty canine equipment for two replacement vehicles, which are included in Senate Bill 467, which is a one-shot appropriation for replacement Highway Patrol vehicles.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-60

SENATE BILL 467: Makes appropriations for the replacement of Nevada Highway Patrol fleet vehicles and motorcycles which have exceeded the mileage threshold. (BDR S-1218)

Canine specialty equipment consists of heat alarms, fans, food and water bowls, weapons storage and narcotics lockers.

Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4705 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4721, the DPS, Highway Safety Grants Account.

DPS - Highway Safety Grants Account — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-62
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Budget Account 201-4721

Ms. Ouellette:

This budget appears on page 64 of [Exhibit C](#). The federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) is a federally funded program that promotes commercial motor vehicle safety. While this budget funds 10 positions, the 61 commercial officers enforcing the Program are troopers from the NHP budget. There are no major closing items in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E-710, requests replacement of computer equipment, primarily laptops that are used in the troopers' pickup trucks. The federal MCSAP has approved an every-other year replacement schedule due to the high level of damage such laptops incur due to extreme temperatures and vehicle vibrations.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-65

Other closing item 2, decision unit E-720, will allow the purchase of new computer equipment and scales for two NHP troopers who will be reassigned from their current patrol duties to commercial enforcement duties. It will also allow the purchase of 48 in-vehicle modems. The Agency intends to eliminate

the use of wireless air cards and the associated monthly expenses by transitioning to in-vehicle modems with a one-time installation cost.

E-720 New Equipment — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-65

Other closing item 3, decision units M-800 and E-800, relate to the Agency's internal cost allocation adjustments.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-64

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-65

Other closing item 4 concerns the DPS IT and EITS consolidation plan as previously discussed. Staff seeks the same technical adjustment for this budget.

Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustment noted for item 2 and the authority to make other necessary technical adjustments.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4721 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AUTHORIZING THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN ITEM 2 REGARDING NEW EQUIPMENT AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3674, the Emergency Management Assistance Grants.

DPS - Emergency Management Assistance Grants — Budget Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-112 (Volume III)

Budget Account 101-3674

Ms. Ouellette:

This budget serves as a pass-through account for all federal grant funds received by the State for emergency management purposes. It provides operational funding to the Division of Emergency Management and the Office of Homeland Security. There are no major closing items or other closing items in this budget. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor including authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR ROBERSON MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3674 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3675, Homeland Security.

DPS - Homeland Security — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-115 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3675

Ms. Ouellette:

The Office of Homeland Security acts as a cabinet-level State office for the prevention and preparation to deter potential terror activity. There are no major issues in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision units M-800 and E-800 relates to adjustments within the Department's internal cost allocation plan.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-117
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-118

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Other closing item 2 is the DPS IT and EITS consolidation plan explained earlier in other budgets.

Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, including authority for staff to make the described technical adjustment and other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3675 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4702, General Services,

DPS - General Services — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-137 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4702

Karen Hoppe (Senior Program Analyst):

This account begins on page 69 of [Exhibit C](#). This account provides centralized support services to other DPS divisions and State agencies. It funds the Communications Bureau, which provides 24/7 radio dispatch service and communications support. It also houses a statewide warrants unit that provides warrant data entry services. There are no major closing units in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E-225, provides maintenance costs for department-wide switches.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-139
Other closing item 2, decision unit E-247, is a request for programmer and database administrator hours.

E-247 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-139

Other closing item 3, decision units E-500 and E-902 requests the transfer of dispatch operational expenditures that were inadvertently omitted when all dispatch positions were transferred from NHP in the 2013-2015 biennium.

E-500 Adjustments To Transfers — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-140

E-902 Transfer From BA 4713 To BA 4702 — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-142

Closing item 4, decision unit E-710, makes a request for computer equipment replacements.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-140

Closing item 5, decision unit E-711 requests dispatcher telephone headset replacements.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-141

Closing item 6, decision unit E-804 is a radio cost allocation paid to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the 800-megahertz statewide radio system.

E-804 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-141

Closing item 7 is the DPS IT and EITS consolidation as noted in budgets discussed earlier. Fiscal staff recommends that other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4702 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO
MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 4710, the Child Volunteer Background Checks Trust Account.

DPS - Child Volunteer Background Checks Trust Acct — Budget Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-144 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4710

Ms. Hoppe:

This account was established to fund the cost to investigate the backgrounds of volunteers who work with children younger than 16 years of age. There are no major closing issues in this budget. Fiscal staff recommends that B/A 101-4710 be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4710 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR
STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 201-4729, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

DPS - State Emergency Response Commission — Budget Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-152 (Volume III)
Budget Account 201-4729

Ms. Ouellette:

The SERC consists of not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor to protect Nevadans from the negative effects of hazardous materials. The operations of Nevada SERC are funded primarily from the Highway Fund and federal Department of Transportation funding and fees from hazardous material permits and storage. There are no major issues in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E-247 is for EITS programming and database administration to support the State Fire Marshal Division Hazardous Material Licensing System, which is responsible for permitting and regulating hazardous materials. This expense is shared equally with the State Fire Marshal budget, B/A 101-3816.

E-247 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-154

DPS - Fire Marshal — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-158 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3816

Other closing item 2, decision unit E-710 is a request for replacement of computer equipment in B/A 201-4729.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-155

Other closing item, decision units M-800 and E-800 relates to the Department's internal cost allocation plan.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-154
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-155

Other closing item 4 is the DPS IT and EITS consolidation plan, which was discussed previously. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 201-4729 be closed as recommended by the Governor, including authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 201-4729 AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO
MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3816, the State Fire Marshal.

Ms. Ouellette:

The State Fire Marshal's responsibility is to reduce the loss of life and property from fire and hazardous material incidents through training, investigations, inspections, licensing, permitting and adoption of regulations. This budget is primarily funded by fees and surcharges associated with licensing, permitting and inspection activities. There are no major closing items in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E-247, is for EITS programming and database administration to support the hazardous material licensing system discussed in the previous budget.

E-247 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-161

Other closing item 2, decision unit E-710, is a request for replacement computer equipment for staff.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-162

Other Closing item 3, decision unit E-711, requests the replacement of three Agency vehicles that have already exceeded the mileage threshold and were originally purchased in FY 2004 and FY 2008.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-162

Other closing item 4, decision units M-800 and E-800, relate to adjustments to the DPS internal cost allocation plan.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-160

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-163

Other closing item 5 is the DPS IT/EITS consolidation plan discussed previously. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3816 be closed as recommended by the Governor including authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3816 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS DESCRIBED AND ANY FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-3819, the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Support Fund.

DPS - CIG Fire Safe Std & Firefighter Support — Budget Page PUBLIC
SAFETY-166 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3819

Ms. Ouellette:

This budget is a special revenue fund to support fire safety and fire prevention programs. The revenue for this budget is received from tobacco companies for cigarette and fire safety standards in the amount of \$1,000 per brand. This funding is only received once every 3 years. The funding amount received in FY 2013 is anticipated to be received again in FY 2016. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

There is one other closing item in decision unit E-720 to purchase a new and larger fire prevention trailer. It will be designed to haul equipment and to serve as a platform for hosting events to promote fire prevention safety. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3819 be closed as recommended by the Governor with

the technical adjustment noted in decision unit E-720 and other technical adjustments as necessary.

E-720 New Equipment — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-167

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-3819 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4687, Traffic Safety.

DPS - Traffic Safety — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-191 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4687

Ms. Ouellette:

The Traffic Safety budget serves as a pass-through account for federal grant funds received by the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Funds are utilized to support the six primary strategic highway safety plans including reducing impaired driving, distracted driving and speeding, increasing seat belt use, and promoting awareness for pedestrians and motorcyclist. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

There is one other closing item in the Base Budget. Fiscal staff, the OTS, NDOT and the Budget Division agreed to a transfer reduction of approximately \$295,000 in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium between NDOT and the OTS.

Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with the authority to make the noted and other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-4687 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT OUTLINED IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4691, the Motorcycle Safety Program.

DPS - Motorcycle Safety Program — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-193
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4691

Ms. Ouellette:

The Motorcycle Safety Program provides education and training courses to motorcycle riders throughout the State. The OTS has contracts with the College of Southern Nevada, Western Nevada College and Truckee Meadows Community College. They also have a mobile classroom that operates in the rural regions of the State.

The Program is primarily funded by a \$6 fee on all Nevada motorcycle registrations. There are no major closing issues in this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E710, recommends the replacement of 30 training motorcycles and one F-450 truck. The training motorcycles have a 10-year useful life. The truck recommended for replacement is used to haul a 16,000-pound trailer filled with 13 motorcycles to rural areas across the State.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-196

The 2013 Legislature approved replacement of this truck; however, the Agency was able to implement retrofits to extend the useful life. Fiscal staff identified two technical adjustments to reduce this decision unit.

Other closing item 2, decision units M-800 and E-800 relate to the Agency's internal cost allocation plan.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-195
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-196

Finally, closing item 3 is the EITS/DPS IT consolidation plan discussed previously.

Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustments noted in other closing item 1 and authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4691 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED IN DECISION UNIT E-710 AND AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4736, the Justice Grant.

DPS - Justice Grant — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-203 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4736

Ms. Dagdagan:

The Office of Criminal Justice Assistance is responsible for obtaining, administering and subgranting federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of

Justice to State and local government agencies. The Agency has been designated by the Governor as the State coordinator for the U.S. Department of Defense 1033 Excess Property Program and the point of contact for the U.S. General Services Administration 1122 Purchasing Program.

This budget is funded through transfers of federal justice grants and General Fund appropriations, which serve as a partial match requirement. There are no major closing issues for this budget.

Other closing item 1, decision unit E-710 is a request to replace desktop computers and associated software, which appears reasonable.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-206

Other closing item 2, decision unit, E-711, requests replacement chairs and chair mats in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium, which appears reasonable.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-206

Other closing item 3, decision unit E-712, requests the replacement of the Division's telephone system to allow access to EITS services and compatibility with the State system. After discussion with the Agency, the recommendation of \$3,000 for a software license maintenance contract in FY 2017 is no longer needed. Fiscal staff has included that technical adjustment for this budget. With the adjustment noted, the item appears reasonable.

E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-206

Other closing item 4, decision units M-800 and E-800 is a cost allocation for the General Services and the Director's Office. This recommendation appears reasonable.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-205

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-207

Finally, other closing item 5 is the DPS IT/EITS consolidation mentioned previously. Staff seeks the same technical adjustment.

Staff recommends B/A 101-4736 be approved as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustment noted and authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR ROBERSON MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-4736 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY STAFF AND AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4708, the Justice Assistance Act.

DPS - Justice Assistance Act — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-209 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4708

Ms. Dagdagan:

This budget serves as a pass through account for federal grants received from the U.S. Department of Justice. Grant funds are distributed to State and local government agencies that contribute to the effort of reducing or preventing crime, violence and drug abuse and improving the criminal justice system. There are no major closing items in this budget.

In the other closing item for decision unit E-235, the Governor recommends transferring National Instant Criminal Background Check System grant funds for \$577,912 over the biennium to the Criminal History Repository budget to support the work of ten temporary contract staff to continue the court disposition backlog reduction. The recommendation is contingent upon the approval of the ten contract services positions in the Criminal History Repository budget, B/A 101-4709, which is tentatively scheduled to close on May 7.

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DPS - Criminal History Repository — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-127
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4709

Staff seeks authority to adjust decision unit E-235 based on closing actions in the Criminal History Repository budget, B/A 101-4709. Staff recommends B/A 101-4708 be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4708 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS CONTINGENT WITH THE CLOSING ACTIONS IN B/A 101-4709 AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

We will now consider B/A 101-4734, the Justice Assistance Grant Trust.

DPS - Justice Assist Grant Trust — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-212
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4734

Ms. Dagdagan:

This budget is a pass-through account for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant received from the U.S. Department of Justice. There are no major closing issues or other closing items for this budget. Fiscal staff notes the transfer from this budget does not align with the revenues in the Justice Grant, B/A 101-4736. [Exhibit C](#) reflects a technical adjustment to decrease the transfer to the Justice Grant budget by \$426 in FY 2016 and by \$3,086 in FY 2017 to align revenues with expenditures in the DPS Justice Grant budget.

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This results in an increase in aid to Nevada governmental units of \$3,512 over the biennium.

Staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4734 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORITY FOR STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED AND AS NOTED ON PAGE 35 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

The final budget for today is B/A 101-4737, the Fund for Reentry Programs.

DPS - Fund For Reentry Programs — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-214
(Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4737

Ms. Dagdagan:

This budget is supported by donations and interest earnings to pay for service programs for the reentry of persons into the community upon their release from incarceration including necessary administrative costs. There are no major or other closing items in this budget. Staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR ROBERSON MOVED TO CLOSE 101-4737 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Chair Kieckhefer:

Seeing no public comment before the Committee and no further budgets to consider, we are adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cynthia Clampitt,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Chair

DATE: _____

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