

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AND THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-ninth Session  
May 20, 2017**

The joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 8:27 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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 COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair  
Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair  
Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Aaron D. Ford  
Senator Ben Kieckhefer  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Becky Harris

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Assemblyman Jason Frierson, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman Paul Anderson  
Assemblyman Nelson Araujo  
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson  
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams  
Assemblywoman Olivia Diaz  
Assemblyman Chris Edwards  
Assemblyman John Hambrick  
Assemblyman James Oscarson  
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel  
Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle  
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank

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Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst  
Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Leandra Copeland, Program Analyst  
Cathy Crocket, Program Analyst  
Jaimarie Dagdagan, Program Analyst  
Jeff Ferguson, Senior Program Analyst  
Jennifer Gamroth, Program Analyst  
Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst  
Kristin Kolbe, Program Analyst  
Brody Leiser, Senior Program Analyst  
Jennifer Ouellette, Program Analyst  
Kristina Shea, Program Analyst  
Julie Waller, Senior Program Analyst  
Mary Sullivan, Committee Secretary  
Felicia Archer, Committee Secretary

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We have changed the order from the agenda and will start with the Department of Wildlife.

JEFF FERGUSON (Senior Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation have completed their review of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) budget recommendations for the 2017-2019 biennium as shown in the Closing Report ([Exhibit C](#)). The recommendations of the Subcommittees do not have an impact on the General Fund.

The first budget account (B/A) 101-4461, is Operations.

INFRASTRUCTURE

WILDLIFE

Wildlife - Operations — Budget Page WILDLIFE-10 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4461

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to provide sportsmen revenue of \$72,450 in fiscal year (FY) 2017-2018 to fund the necessary modifications to the NDOW's information systems to implement the license simplification measures contained in Senate Bill (S.B.) 511.

**SENATE BILL 511**: Revises provisions governing boating and wildlife.  
(BDR 45-896)

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to convert the current part-time administrative assistant position at the Winnemucca office to full-time, but with a start date of October 1, 2017, instead of July 1, 2017, to better coincide with the Winnemucca office's move to a larger office in the fall of 2017. With the move to a larger office, and as the only clerical position in the office, a full-time position is necessary in order to provide full-time service to walk-in customers.

In B/A 101-4462, Conservation Education, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to use sportsmen revenue of \$42,785 in FY 2017-2018 and \$26,350 in FY 2018-2019 to replace the NDOW's current email and outreach marketing system, which was becoming inadequate to serve the increasing needs of NDOW and the Nevada Wildlife Commission.

Wildlife - Conservation Education — Budget Page WILDLIFE-21 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4462

In B/A 101-4464, Game Management, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for sportsmen revenue of \$30,972 in FY 2017-2018 and \$3,000 in FY 2018-2019 for equipment, travel and training to establish a Wildlife Human Attack Response Team within the Department of Wildlife so that NDOW personnel will be prepared in the event of a wildlife attack on a human. The recommendation includes funding to provide specialized training, as well as three trailers equipped with necessary equipment, with one trailer each to be located at the Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko offices.

Wildlife - Game Management — Budget Page WILDLIFE-32 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4464

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to use sportsmen revenue of \$68,668 in FY 2017-2018 and \$68,740 in FY 2018-2019 to fund a new biologist position for the western region to address increasing urban wildlife, particularly bear, conflicts and to provide support for other surveys. The Subcommittees recommended reducing the funding by \$35,011 in each year of the biennium due to the elimination of the current intermittent position that is providing this support. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for federal wildlife restoration funds of \$37,500 and sportsmen revenue of \$12,500 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to create a comprehensive, centralized, Web-accessible database to allow better access to the Department's science-based data.

In B/A 101-4467, Habitat, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for federal wildlife restoration funds of \$48,365 in FY 2017-2018 and \$63,628 in FY 2018-2019, and sportsmen revenue of \$16,686 in FY 2017-2018 and \$21,814 in FY 2018-2019, for one new biologist position, with botanical position specifications, to be stationed at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) recently opened seed warehouse in Ely.

Wildlife - Habitat — Budget Page WILDLIFE-50 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4467

This position would assist the one-person BLM staff that manages the seed warehouse by helping with the day-to-day operation of the warehouse, providing the State the opportunity to provide leadership in seed purchase, species mixes, locally sourced or produced seeds, and stockpiling seeds for future habitat projects. It would also ensure the State equal expertise and footing necessary to obtain the seed the State wants for particular projects without being swayed by potential federal policy, positions, or personalities.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items within NDOW budgets as recommended by the Governor with minor technical

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adjustments noted by Fiscal staff and with authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

The Subcommittees recommended closing the following Nevada Department of Wildlife budgets as recommended by the Governor, with authority for Staff to make technical adjustments as necessary:

Wildlife - Director's Office — Budget Page WILDLIFE-6 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4460

Wildlife - Law Enforcement — Budget Page WILDLIFE-27 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4463

Wildlife - Fisheries Management — Budget Page WILDLIFE-39 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4465

Wildlife - Diversity — Budget Page WILDLIFE-45 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4466

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-4460, 101-4461, 101-4462, 101-4463, 101-4464, 101-4465, 101-4466 AND 101-4467 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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LEANN DRA COPELAND (Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation have completed their review of the recommended budgets for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees ([Exhibit D](#)) resulted in General Fund appropriation increases of \$1,255 in FY 2017-2018 and \$674 in FY 2018-2019. The following are the more significant recommendations of the Subcommittees.

In B/A 101-2560, Office of Veterans Services, the Subcommittees recommended approving General Fund appropriations of \$104,755 in FY 2017-2018 and \$129,211 in FY 2018-2019 for personnel, operating and in-State travel expenditures for two additional veterans services representative (VSR) positions.

## SPECIAL PURPOSE AGENCIES

### VETERANS

Ndvs - Office of Veterans Services — Budget Page VETERANS-7 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-2560

The VSRs would assist veterans in filing claims for health care, compensation and pension, special adaptive housing, employment benefits, educational benefits, vocational rehabilitation, memorial affairs, loan guaranty and life insurance. The new positions would also address long wait times; a growing veteran population; increased demand for services provided to the veteran populations; and expand the NDVS outreach to tribal, incarcerated and homebound veterans.

The next budget is the Southern Nevada Veterans Home, B/A 101-2561. The Subcommittees recommended approving the NDVS revised revenue projections, which result in a projected reserve level of \$5.3 million in FY 2017-2018, \$5 million in FY 2018-2019 and total revenue projections of \$19.8 million in both years of the biennium. Revenue reprojections were needed to address a \$1.9 million error in the FY 2017-2018 beginning cash amount and to address significantly higher revenue projections in FY 2016-2017.

Ndvs - Southern Nevada Veterans Home Account — Budget Page  
VETERANS-14 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-2561

After accounting for the \$2 million the NDVS has allocated for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Northern Nevada Veterans Home in FY 2018-2019, the projected reserves in the Southern Nevada Veterans Home would be approximately \$3 million, or 65 days of operating costs, which would meet the budgetary needs of the home.

In B/A 000-2569, the Northern Nevada Veterans Home (NNVH), the Subcommittees deferred action, and directed Staff to present it to the full money committees.

Ndvs - Northern Nevada Veterans Home Account — Budget Page VETERANS-25  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 000-2569

The Governor recommends the creation of a new budget, along with four new positions, to begin planning for staff and implementing operations of a 96-bed skilled nursing care facility in Sparks for veterans, spouses of veterans and Gold Star Parents who had a child who died while in military service.

The NNVH budget would be funded with \$226,901 in General Fund appropriations in FY 2017-2018 and \$7.4 million in FY 2018-2019. In FY 2017-2018, the recommended funding would support four new positions, in-State travel, office furnishings and operating costs. The NDVS indicates these positions would be needed as soon as construction begins. Of the \$7.4 million recommended in FY 2018-2019, \$6.2 million would be allocated to a management company to operate the home. The NDVS recommends contracting with a health management company for three reasons: 1) the ability to reach full census and be self-funded as soon as possible; 2) the availability of qualified staff, and; 3) reduced operational risk. During its testimony, the NDVS indicated that once the performance of the management company has been studied and compared to the State-run model in southern Nevada, the State could select the best operating model.

In conjunction with the new budget, the Governor recommends \$36 million in State funds for a capital improvement project (CIP) to begin construction of the home.

## APPENDIX

### 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

#### Project No. 17-C13—Northern Nevada Veterans Home

The State Public Works Board indicates that if the associated CIP were approved, construction would start in July 2017 and could be complete by December 2018. Once federal funding is available, the State would request reimbursement from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of up to 65 percent of qualifying costs, not to exceed \$33.1 million.

The Subcommittees inquired about any assurances the State has that it will be reimbursed for the \$33.1 million General Fund appropriation in the CIP project. The NDVS testified that according to the VA New Home Grants Office, every state that funded homes up front was reimbursed once their project reached the top of the priority list. The NDVS stated that it cannot estimate when the State will be reimbursed for the project and it is possible, but unlikely, that the project may move down the list.

It was discussed during the budget hearing that the State has already allocated the State match in FY 2014-2015, and the project would move up or down the list regardless of the additional \$36 million in State funds recommended in CIP 17-C13. On May 19, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance, Joint Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIP, recommended to approve the \$33 million in State funds that are needed to advance the construction of the new NNVH. The recommended budget for the NNVH is based on the Agency's per-patient per-day calculations of the Southern Nevada Veterans Home B/A 101-2561.

The budget assumes the home will be 95 percent occupied, or have an average of 91 residents per day, beginning in January 2019. According to the NDVS, the NNVH anticipates filling its first neighborhood by May 2019, followed by



the second neighborhood in August 2019, and to be fully occupied in November 2019.

The Subcommittees inquired into the rationale for funding the NNVH at 95 percent occupancy beginning in January 2019, when the Department anticipates full occupancy, or 95 percent occupied, to occur in November 2019. The NDVS indicates that the funding would allow the Department to compensate for unanticipated or inflationary costs without affecting the operation and noted that a delay in funding could result in a delay in reaching General Fund independence. The NVDS testified that certain fixed costs are unavoidable, such as landscaping and insurance. Staff notes that variable costs such as the number of staff, resident activities and laundry expenditures would increase as the number of residents increases, and both fixed and variable costs are budgeted as if the home were to have an average of 91 residents per day beginning January 2019.

The Committees could consider the following two options:

A) Approve the Governor's recommendation for the creation of a new budget, along with four new positions, to begin planning for staff and implementing operations of a 96-bed skilled nursing care facility in Sparks, funded with \$226,901 in General Fund appropriations in FY 2017-2018 and \$7.4 million in FY 2018-2019.

B) Approve total General Fund appropriations of \$226,901 in FY 2017-2018 and \$7.4 million in FY 2018-2019 as recommended by the Governor; however, provide \$5.3 million directly to the Northern Nevada Veterans Home budget for FY 2018-2019 and appropriate the remaining \$2.1 million, which represents one-third of the vendor costs, to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account, directing the NDVS to approach the IFC in FY 2018-2019 with a plan for using the funding if needed.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of technical adjustments noted by Fiscal staff, and authorized Staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary for all NDVS budgets. The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items within NDVS budgets as recommended by the Governor, and authorized Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We have a decision to make. Information is on page 5 of ([Exhibit D](#)).

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE IN B/A 000-2569 TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$226,901 IN FY 2017-2018 AND \$7.4 MILLION IN FY 2018-2019 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; HOWEVER, PROVIDE \$5.3 MILLION DIRECTLY TO THE NORTHERN NEVADA VETERANS HOME BUDGET FOR FY 2018-2019 AND APPROPRIATE THE REMAINING \$2.1 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTS ONE-THIRD OF THE VENDOR COSTS, TO THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, DIRECTING THE AGENCY TO APPROACH THE IFC IN FY 2018-2019 WITH A PLAN FOR USING THE FUNDING IF NEEDED.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

In the meeting of the Subcommittees, I asked for this budget to be held until this meeting. It was mostly to see what resulted from the CIP process. Since that has been approved, it is prudent to move forward with Option B. It gives us more control over how this is progressing.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-2560 AND 101-2561 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.  
SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
We will move on to CIP projects.

KRISTINA SHEA (Program Analyst):  
The Joint Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPs have completed their review of the Office of the State Treasurer Bond Interest and Redemption Account and the 2017 CIP and has made the following recommendations for the 2017-2019 biennium ([Exhibit E](#)).

The Bond Interest and Redemption Account is B/A 395-1082. The Subcommittees recommended to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments to align property tax revenue authority with projected collections and with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

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Treasurer - Bond Interest & Redemption — Budget Page ELECTED-212  
(Volume I)  
Budget Account 395-1082

For the 2017 CIP, the Subcommittees voted to recommend total funding of \$346,224,498, including State funding of \$171,107,373 to support 91 total projects in the 2017 Capital Improvement Program as follows:

- \$229,131,371 in funding for 11 construction projects
- \$97,350,790 in funding for 66 maintenance projects
- \$2,431,161 in funding for 5 planning projects

- \$17,311,176 in funding for 9 statewide projects

[Exhibit E](#), pages 9 through 15, list the recommended capital improvement program projects for the 2017-2019 biennium. The following describes notable construction projects recommended for approval by the Subcommittees:

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C01 Northern Nevada Correctional Center ADA Retrofit, funding the project with \$11.3 million in general obligation (GO) bonds, in order to bring the facility up to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code compliance.

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#### PROJECT NO. 17-C01—Northern Nevada Correctional Center ADA Retrofit

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C04, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Facility in south Reno, funding the project with \$42 million in GO bonds with debt service payments recommended to be paid by State Highway Funds and Pollution Control Funds. The project would result in the closure of the Galletti Way DMV and Commercial Driver's License Office in Sparks with a consolidated south Reno location.

#### PROJECT NO. 17-C04—DMV Facility in South Reno

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C05, the National Guard Readiness Center in North Las Vegas as recommended by the Governor and funding the project with \$2.9 million in State funds and \$34.2 million in federal funds.

#### PROJECT NO. 17-C05—National Guard Readiness Center, North Las Vegas

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C06, the new engineering building at the University of Nevada, Reno, as amended, with \$41.5 million of State funding and \$43.2 million in Agency funding. In recommending approval of this project, the Subcommittees did not approve the Governor's recommendation to finance the State's portion of the funding

through a lease-purchase mechanism, but rather approved that the State funding be financed through the issuance of GO bonds, with debt service still being paid from the General Fund. This decision is estimated to save the State \$21.5 million in interest charges in comparison to the lease-purchase financing.

PROJECT NO. 17-C06—New Engineering Building, University of Nevada, Reno

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project CIP 17-C08, the cultural and welcome centers at the Stewart Campus, with \$4.5 million of State funding and \$147,000 of Agency funds, for the historic restoration and rehabilitation of the Stewart Indian School Cultural and Welcome Centers in Carson City.

PROJECT NO. 17-C08—Cultural and Welcome Centers, Stewart Campus

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C09, the roof replacement and roof seismic stabilization in the old gym at the Stewart Campus in Carson City as recommended by the Governor with \$1.3 million in State funding.

PROJECT NO. 17-C09—Roof Replacement and Roof Seismic Stabilization,  
Old Gym – Stewart

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C12, the building systems, interior and exterior finishes renovation at the Southern Desert Correctional Center Housing Unit 8 as recommended by the Governor with \$6.7 million of GO bond debt. Due to increasing male inmate population growth and the Department of Correction's immediate need for inmate housing, this project is recommended to complete partial renovations to extend the life of the housing unit.

PROJECT NO. 17-C12—Building Systems and Finishes Renovation SDCC  
Housing Unit 8

The Subcommittees recommended to approve CIP Project 17-C13, the NNVH in Sparks, as recommended by the Governor. The funding includes \$33 million in General Fund appropriations and an additional \$3 million in GO bonding.

The Subcommittees recommended to approve \$15 million in funding, consisting of \$11.5 million in State funding and \$3.5 million in slot tax revenue to support deferred maintenance projects for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Historically, \$15 million, consisting of \$10 million in State funding and \$5 million in slot tax revenues, has been approved every biennium to fund deferred maintenance in the CIP. Due to declining slot tax revenues, this recommendation has shifted the historical split to a higher percentage of State funding.

The Subcommittees approved the remainder of the projects in the 2017 CIP, including the revisions noted, and funding sources as identified on pages 9 through 15 of [Exhibit E](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 395-1082 AND THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS IN [EXHIBIT E](#).

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will hear a brief summary of projects that are not included in the Governor's CIP presented by the NSHE.

BRODY LEISER (Senior Program Analyst):

I will talk about the three projects presented by NSHE at the April 14 meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Joint Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPS. In follow up to that meeting, NSHE and the State Public Works Board provided cost estimate

sheets for each of those three projects ([Exhibit F](#)). I will provide a brief overview of each.

The first is a \$4 million University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) planning project for a new engineering building. The recommended funding is a 60/40 State and University split. That would equate to \$2.4 million in State funding and \$1.6 million in UNLV funding for the planning project. The estimated construction costs are approximately \$31.4 million.

As testified to by UNLV at the April 14 hearing, the intent is to split not only the planning, but future construction costs at a 60/40 State/University split. The new building would be approximately 50,000 square feet. The University testified that engineering was one of their fastest growing programs and a top discipline for receiving grants.

The second project, on page 2 of [Exhibit F](#), is for the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) for a new health science building. It is a \$4.4 million planning project. The funding split for the planning efforts would be \$3.4 million in State funding and \$1 million in CSN funding. Future construction is estimated to be \$41 million. Follow up information provided by NSHE indicated the intent for future construction is a split of 97.5 percent State funding and a 2.5 percent contribution by CSN. This would be a 70,000-square-foot facility, located on or near the CSN Henderson campus and would be used by both CSN and Nevada State College (NSC). Testimony indicated CSN would occupy about two-thirds of the facility, and NSC would occupy the balance.

During testimony, CSN President Michael Richards indicated the Governor's Office for Economic Development had estimated the need for 15,000 nurses and health care technicians.

The last project, on page 3 of [Exhibit F](#), is for a new education academic building for NSC. The planning project for the new building is \$2,483,871. In presenting the project to the Subcommittees, NSC also indicated a need for an additional \$1 million of State funding to be used for either remodeling the Dawson Building, the old vitamin factory, or to acquire new property to address immediate needs at the College.

This planning project and the \$1 million for the Dawson Building would be entirely State funded. Future construction costs total \$21.2 million. Follow up information from NSC indicated NSC would contribute up to \$6 million for planning and construction efforts. Their initial contribution would be dependent on what option is chosen regarding the Dawson Building renovation or new property acquisition. The new education academic building would be about 65,000 square feet on or near the NSC campus. The College's efforts to expand its education programs are in line with its mission.

These are planning projects that will lead to construction projects. The estimated construction costs will total at least \$93.6 million. They do not include contingency costs, associated professional services, architectural engineering costs, project management inspection fees, any necessary utility work or additional plan checking that may be necessary. Actual costs to move forward to construction would be somewhat higher.

Based on their funding splits, all three planning projects amount to additional State funding of \$9.3 million if they were to be approved.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I want to confirm the CSN health sciences building's planning costs of \$4.4 million. The split is \$1 million from CSN and NSC and the State's component is \$3.4 million. Are my figures correct?

MR. LEISER:

The dollar amounts you mentioned are accurate. My understanding is the \$1 million is from CSN only, not NSC.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Where is our bonding authority right now?

MR. LEISER:

The Committees received that information prior to the 2017 Session from the Office of the State Treasurer. In the Debt Capacity and Affordability Report, the Treasurer indicated the State's affordability for GO bonds backed with the 17-cent property tax for the 2017-2019 biennium totaled \$145 million. In approving the 2017 CIP, the Committees approved bonding of \$114,521,018 in GO bonds. For the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,



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\$11.6 million in bonds is recommended. Taking those two amounts against the \$145 million figure, the State has \$18.9 million, however, the affordability analysis from the Treasurer also included bonds approved by the 2015 Legislature that have not yet been issued. Those bonds were approved in the 2015 Legislature to support the State's \$14 million portion of the new Northern Nevada Veterans Home that the Committees just approved.

Accounting for these, based on the Committees' actions up to this point, remaining affordability is \$4,537,762. The Debt Capacity and Affordability Report also projects future biennia. In addition to the \$145 million identified for the upcoming biennium, the report projects \$125 million in affordability for the 2019-2021 biennium and \$100 million for subsequent biennia.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is the \$93 million in construction costs all the State's share?

MR. LEISER:

That is the total cost.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

The cost of these projects would certainly be able to be funded based on what the Treasurer has said in the report.

MR. LEISER:

I have not worked with the State Public Works Division, Department of Administration or with NSHE to estimate what the actual future costs could be for the total costs. The projected \$93.6 million is not all-inclusive. Based on the funding split, it would be reasonable to say future costs are greater than \$100 million.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

Did you say NSC wants \$1 million to study two potential projects, but it does not know what it will study yet? It seems to be a blanket number to study an unknown.

MR. LEISER:

The NSC project would use the \$1 million to consider two options to address immediate space needs until a new building could be constructed.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

What will the \$1 million do in the meantime?

MR. LEISER:

I understand, once the decision is made, they could use the money to renovate the Dawson Building or, if the alternative option is selected, the \$1 million would acquire land or a building, or would lease space. Staff from NSHE is here and can correct that if necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

The education building was estimated at \$29 million. The reality of a new building at that cost was improbable. The options were presented as alternatives. About \$3.5 million will cover the planning, and \$1.5 million for the biennium will be necessary to deal with remodeling of the space they have now, so they can move forward while they are planning for the new building.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

These three planning projects are before us today because there is a need. Regarding the health and sciences building at CSN—if we are going to address the health science workforce needs in the State going forward, we need to address this, and soon. Regarding the NSC proposal for the education academic building, as indicated, it will provide the necessary classroom space for NSC to accomplish its primary mission, which is teacher preparation. We all know we have a desperate issue regarding our teacher pipeline. We want to grow our own and keep our own. Until we have the addition of this building, UNLV can do just so much. We really need the partner institution of NSC being able to bring along additional teachers.

The third one is the UNLV engineering building. I know it is newer to us than the other two, but the information we received in our Committee meetings indicated this is something we also need to address for the science, technology, engineering and mathematics workforce needs in the State. To meet the needs of employers in our State, we have to provide the institutions with the classroom space and resources they need. To know that UNLV is having to spread their engineering staff all over the campus, and even some down the street in a rented storefront, is just reprehensible. I know we cannot do all of these right now, but I would ask the Committees to look at these and see what we can do today to start moving these projects forward in planning stages so

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we are not further behind in meeting the needs of students who must fill these workforce positions.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON:

The shortage of providers in the health care field was painfully obvious at the Interim Health Care Committee meetings. We talk about the shortage of physicians and a new medical school going to the south. It will not be effective if we do not have support staff, nurses and others prepared to take on those responsibilities. I support anything we can do to build up our health sciences groups and make sure they are ready, willing and able when the time comes that those services are needed. We have nurses who are retiring. We will suffer a severe shortage of nursing staff, in addition to the social workers and others we continue to talk about.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

My proposal on CSN's health sciences building is to approve the split. I am not as comfortable with the split of costs in the future. Discussions have been had about CSN's 2.5 percent contribution growing. We have made commitments and we can work to see the percentage increase. My proposal is to bond for the CSN health and sciences building.

On the NSC education academic building, I propose to appropriate the money for the planning project on this if funding is available. On the UNLV engineering building, I am not comfortable doing anything with that today. We realize it is very important, but I am concerned about the budget process over the next few days. I suggest we hold on to that building until we make a few more decisions.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Do you mean General Fund appropriations for the NSC project for \$2.4 million and bonding authority for the CSN project for \$3.9 million?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

The number for CSN is correct, but the NSC is not.

MR. LEISER:

The \$2,483,871 would be for the planning project. The request also included \$1 million used to renovate the Dawson Building, or lease or acquire property.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:  
The correct number is \$3,483,871.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE WITHIN THE 2017 CIP FOR NSHE, AS SHOWN IN [EXHIBIT F](#), THE FUNDING SPLIT AND A PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE CSN HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING; TO APPROVE \$2,483,871 FOR THE NSC EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PLANNING PROJECT AND \$1 MILLION FOR OPTIONS TO RENOVATE THE DAWSON BUILDING, OR LEASE OR ACQUIRE PROPERTY; AND TO DEFER ACTION ON THE UNLV ENGINEERING BUILDING PLANNING PROJECT UNTIL A LATER DATE.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
I hope we can address the UNLV building before the end of Session. As you can tell, I am not giving up.

We will hear the Subcommittees report on the Department of Taxation B/A 101-2361 and B/A 101-4207.

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JENNIFER GAMROTH (PROGRAM ANALYST):

The Joint Subcommittees on General Government completed their review of the Department of Taxation ([Exhibit G](#)). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees result in a General Fund increase of \$146,405 in FY 2017-2018 and \$147,733 in FY 2018-2019.

For the Department of Taxation B/A 101-2361, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation for the reclassification of a tax examiner position to a management analyst position funded with tobacco settlement funds of \$24,961 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

For the Taxation Marijuana Regulation and Control B/A 101-4207, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation for this new budget to fund 16 new positions and associated costs for the Department of Taxation and funding for local government for the cost to carry out the provisions of the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. The Subcommittees recommended approving the technical adjustments completed by Fiscal staff to account for 100 percent of the most recent forecast of revenues as outlined in the Act; to establish a 90-day reserve for the cost to carry out the provisions of the Act; provide for the estimated balance of the reimbursement to the IFC Contingency Account for funding the Department received in FY 2016-2017 to implement the Act; and to include a transfer to the Distributive School Account (DSA) of the net proceeds as outlined in the Act.

Funding for this budget would come from application and license fees, and the 15 percent excise tax on marijuana wholesale sales, totaling \$50.5 million over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items, with the technical adjustments noted by Staff and with authority for Staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary, including the outcome of various bills relating to marijuana that may impact the Department of Taxation and this budget.

Pending legislation in Senate Bill 487 provides for the transfer of the Medical Marijuana Establishment program to the Department of Taxation in order to align the operational and revenue structures of both the medical and recreational marijuana programs.

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**SENATE BILL 487**: Revises provisions relating to sales of marijuana and related products. (BDR 32-818)

In addition, pending legislation would increase the excise tax on medical marijuana from the rate of 2 percent upon each wholesale sale of marijuana by a cultivation facility, each wholesale sale of edible marijuana products or marijuana-infused products by a facility for the production of edible marijuana products or marijuana-infused products and each retail sale of marijuana, edible marijuana products or marijuana-infused products by a medical marijuana dispensary to 15 percent on the wholesale sale of marijuana, consistent with the 15 percent excise tax on the wholesale sale of recreational marijuana.

The proceeds of the excise tax on medical marijuana distributed to the DSA would be consistent with recreational marijuana, in that the amount distributed would be after the costs of the Department and the local governments, instead of as the statute currently reads, which is 75 percent of the proceeds of the excise taxes on medical marijuana establishments to the State DSA in the State General Fund and 25 percent to pay the costs of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services, in carrying out the laws of this State relating to medical marijuana establishments.

Discussion of the potential transfer was not previously heard by the Joint Subcommittees on General Government. Do the Committees wish to approve the transfer of the Medical Marijuana Establishments program to the Department of Taxation; approve the proposed change in the percentage of the excise tax to 15 percent on medical marijuana consistent with recreational marijuana; and transfer the balance remaining after the expenses of the Department and local government to the DSA, both consistent with recreational marijuana, upon passage and approval of S.B. 487 or other enabling legislation, and grant authority for Fiscal staff to complete technical adjustments as necessary?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

I would move that we approve this, knowing that S.B. 487 prescribes the detail that we will follow.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE  
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PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION; APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF THE EXCISE TAX TO 15 PERCENT ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONSISTENT WITH RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA; AND TRANSFER THE BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO THE DSA, BOTH CONSISTENT WITH RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF S.B. 487 OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION, AND GRANT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO COMPLETE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I will not support the motion. My concern is about putting medical marijuana establishments' programs in the Department of Taxation. I am not comfortable with putting medicine within the Department of Taxation.

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

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will take a motion to accept the report.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNT 101-2361 AND 101-4207 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT CLOSING REPORT.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

There are two packets for the Department of Education. We will start with the Closing Report on K-12 Education ([Exhibit H](#)).

JULIE WALLER (Senior Program Analyst):

Today I will be discussing the recommendations for eight Nevada Department of Education (NDE) budgets.

The Joint Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPs have completed their review of the budgets for K-12 Education, which include the DSA, Other State Education Programs, Contingency Account for Special Education Services, Teach Nevada Scholarship Program, Professional Development Programs, State Supplemental School Support, Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement and Incentives for Licensed Education Personnel.

The Subcommittees recommendations result in a reduction of General Fund appropriations totaling \$23.6 million for FY 2017-2018 and \$52.5 million for FY 2018-2019. The following highlights the more significant closing recommendations of the Subcommittees.

For the Distributive School Account B/A 101-2610, the Subcommittees recommended approval of General Fund appropriations of \$1.16 billion in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.14 billion in FY 2018-2019 for the DSA.

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The Subcommittees also recommended approval of the revised forecast of the Governor's proposed new retail excise tax on recreational marijuana and marijuana products with the revenues directed to the DSA as a State funding



source in the amount of \$26.5 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$37.1 million in FY 2018-2019, contingent upon the passage and approval of enabling legislation, to enact the new retail excise tax on recreational marijuana and marijuana products.

While not considered by the Subcommittees during the closing of the DSA budget, Fiscal staff has made a technical adjustment to this budget to reflect the consolidation of the marijuana revenues directed to the DSA from both the medical marijuana program and the recreational marijuana program, net of program costs, as one transfer from the Department of Taxation. The technical adjustment resulted in additional revenue from marijuana totaling \$2.6 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$3.5 million in FY 2018-2019, with a corresponding reduction of General Fund appropriations. Pending legislation in S.B. 487 or some other enabling legislation provides for the transfer of the Medical Marijuana Establishment program to the Department of Taxation in order to align the operational and revenue structures of both the medical and recreational marijuana programs.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of General Fund appropriations of \$10 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$20 million in FY 2018-2019, as recommended by the Governor, to provide additional support for students with disabilities. Based on this recommendation, total funding for students with disabilities is \$183.7 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$199.8 million in FY 2018-2019, representing a 25 percent increase over legislatively approved funding for the 2015-2017 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of Budget Amendment A171652610 which when combined with the amounts in the *Executive Budget*, recommended transferring General Fund appropriations of \$83.8 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$85.8 million in FY 2018-2019 from the School Remediation Trust Fund to the DSA to fund kindergarten students as full-time students through the Nevada Plan funding formula pursuant to statute.

The Subcommittees also recommended adding General Fund appropriations of \$1.9 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$4.3 million in FY 2018-2019 to offset the impact of the \$4 reduction in Statewide average basic support per-pupil in each fiscal year as a result of the transfer of full-day kindergarten program into the DSA and to offset the \$5 per-pupil reduction in FY 2018-2019 resulting from

the projected increase of \$2.7 million for the two-thirds portion of property tax used in the basic support per-pupil calculation in FY 2018-2019. This recommendation increases the Statewide average basic support per-pupil to \$5,900 in FY 2017-2018 and \$5,967 in FY 2018-2019. This is the same per-pupil amount recommended by the Governor in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of General Fund appropriations of \$147.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$152.1 million in FY 2018-2019 to continue the Class-Size Reduction program at pupil-to-teacher ratios of 17:1 in Grades 1 and 2, and 20 to 1 in Grade 3, inclusive of Budget Amendment A171652610 which aligned the calculation of the class-size reduction with the amount recommended in the Governor's budget.

The Subcommittees also recommended directing the NDE to fund the student-to-teacher ratios associated with the type of Class-Size Reduction program implemented, and authorizing the Department to distribute residual Class-Size Reduction program funds to underperforming schools with Class-Size Reduction variances in the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended increasing funding for group insurance costs for school personnel by 3.6 percent in FY 2017-2018 and 4 percent in FY 2018-2019, based on the projected medical inflation increase included for State agencies. Total General Fund appropriations for this recommendation, including adjustments for updated enrollment projections, is \$10.3 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$22.5 million in FY 2018-2019. The Subcommittees recommended approval of Budget Amendment A171332610A that directs all of the Initiative Petition 1 Room Tax revenues, estimated at \$185.1 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$191.1 million in FY 2018-2019, to the DSA as a State funding source through June 30, 2019.

The Subcommittees approved projected weighted enrollment of 476,338 students in FY 2017-2018 and 482,292 students in FY 2018-2019. This reflects a projected enrollment growth of 1.05 percent in FY 2017-2018 and 1.25 percent in FY 2018-2019 for K-12 pupils. The Subcommittees also approved a 2 percent roll-up, which covers the cost of advancement by school district employees on their salary schedules. The NDE estimates the cost of the

2 percent roll-up to be approximately \$164.8 million over the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for funding of \$81.5 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$82.4 million in FY 2018-2019 for textbooks, instructional supplies, instructional hardware and instructional software. The Subcommittees also recommended funding of \$41 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for replacement equipment for school districts and charter schools, which is the same level of funding spent in FY 2015-2016.

The next budget is Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699.

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The Subcommittees voted not to approve additional General Fund appropriations of \$7.5 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$19.5 million in FY 2018-2019 and the transfer of \$7.5 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium from the New Teacher Incentives program to the Zoom Schools/English Learners grant program as recommended by the Governor to provide support for an estimated 30 additional underperforming schools in the 2017-2019 biennium. Rather, the Subcommittees redirected the recommended funding to support other high-priority educational initiatives of the money committees.

The Subcommittees voted to approve General Fund appropriations of \$1.2 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$3.2 million in FY 2018-2019 as recommended by the Governor to provide additional funding for students that are identified and served in Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs. The Subcommittees also voted to approve additional General Fund appropriations of \$128,828 in FY 2017-2018 and \$153,922 in FY 2018-2019 to support the administrative costs of the State-funded GATE program and transfer these funds from this budget to the Individuals with Disabilities B/A 101-2715. The Subcommittees further recommended approval of adding back language in the 2017 K-12 Education Funding Bill clarifying that eligibility requirements for GATE funding not only include that students be identified as gifted and talented through a State-approved assessment or procedure, but also

must receive GATE instruction in accordance with the requirements outlined in *Nevada Administrative Code* 388.435.

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The Subcommittees voted not to approve additional General Fund appropriations of \$10 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$20 million in FY 2018-2019 for the Victory School program as recommended by the Governor, but rather redirect the recommended funding to support other high-priority educational initiatives of the money committees.

The Subcommittees supported the Governor's recommendation for continued funding of \$22.3 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for the Read by Grade 3 grant program. The Subcommittees recommended approval of using \$1.71 million of this funding in each year of the biennium to fund a Statewide assessment contract, and provided Fiscal staff with authority to transfer General Fund appropriations of \$1.71 million in each year to the Department's Assessments and Accountability budget to fund the Statewide assessment contract in that budget.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of General Fund appropriations of \$11.2 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium as recommended by the Governor to continue the Social or Other Licensed Mental Health Worker (SOLMHW) grant program, as well as NDE's request to provide school districts and charter schools the flexibility to either contract with or hire individuals as employees. The Subcommittees recommended approval of providing authority for unexpended grant funding to be transferred from the first fiscal year to the second fiscal year of a biennium. The Subcommittees further authorized NDE the ability to carry forward unexpended SOLMHW grant funding between biennia, contingent upon the Subcommittees' action concerning the elimination of the School Remediation Trust Fund and provided Fiscal staff with the authority to transfer the SOLMHW grant program funding from the Other State Education Programs budget to the School Remediation Trust Fund.

The Subcommittees voted to approve the Governor's recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$20 million over the 2017-2019 biennium to

continue the Nevada Ready 21 (NR21) grant program, and directed NDE to discontinue the use of contract positions using these grant funds. The Subcommittees approved the NDE's request to use the funding appropriated for the NR21 program between fiscal years. The Subcommittees authorized unexpended General Fund appropriations approved for the NR21 program to be used across biennia, contingent upon the Subcommittee's closing action in the School Remediation Trust Fund budget to not repurpose the School Remediation Trust Fund budget. The Subcommittees further recommended providing Fiscal staff with authority to make a technical adjustment to transfer General Fund appropriations of \$20 million over the 2017-2019 biennium for the NR21 program to the School Remediation Trust Fund budget.

The Subcommittees approved the Governor's recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$2.5 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to continue the Turnaround Schools grant program. They further and approved the NDE's recommendation for expanded use of Turnaround Schools grant funds, to include allowing funds to support replication activities, to support a transition period until such time as a school is sustainable at a three-star level, and to allow the Department to use grant funds in a manner consistent with the approved federal plan for school improvement.

The Subcommittees voted to approve General Fund appropriations of \$5 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to continue the College and Career Readiness grant program as recommended by the Governor and authorized NDE to use between \$500,000 and \$750,000 of College and Career Readiness grant funds over the biennium to fund grants for the development and implementation of work-based-learning pilot programs, contingent upon the passage and approval of S. B. 66 or some other enabling legislation.

**SENATE BILL 66**: Revises provisions relating to work-based learning programs.  
(BDR 34-254)

The Subcommittees voted to add additional General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to restore the State Advanced Placement grant program funding to the legislatively-approved level in FY 2016-2017 of \$662,450.

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The next budget is the Contingency Account for Special Ed Services B/A 101-2615.

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The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to repurpose the School Remediation Trust Fund to the Contingency Account for Special Education Services, but rather, recommended to retain the School Remediation Trust Fund intact and create a new budget for the Contingency Account for Special Education Services and provided Fiscal staff with authority to transfer the funding for the Contingency Account for Special Education Services to the newly created budget. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to eliminate all but \$100 of the \$5 million General Fund appropriation for the support of the Special Education Contingency program with the remaining \$4,999,900 to be funded with a carryforward of unexpended funding in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees discussed the \$5 million level of funding for the Contingency Account for Special Education Services and whether this amount was too high for an account that is intended to assist school districts and charter schools with extraordinarily high-cost students with disabilities and intended to be used rarely. An alternative approach was discussed to reduce the funding level in the Contingency Account for Special Education Services and transfer the difference to the State-funded Special Education program as it may be a more beneficial use of the funding as opposed to committing such a large amount of funding to be available, but rarely expended. Fiscal staff confirmed that the federal maintenance of effort requirements would not be impacted as long as the combined level of State funding remained at or above the level approved by the 2015 Legislature.

Do the Committees wish to make an adjustment to the level of funding in the Contingency Account for Special Education Services, B/A 101-2615, with the commensurate increase in the State-funded Special Education program?

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

We were looking for the ability to address the fact that students who are designated as special education but are above the 13 percent cap we have in statute do not get any additional funding based upon the current funding structure. I have asked for more information to come up with a number that would help make sure we continue to provide enough funding for contingencies, while still trying to address the discrepancies in weighted funding. Since we have not drawn down money from the contingency account yet, I propose leaving \$2 million of the \$5 million in the contingency account and putting \$3 million into the State-funded Special Education Program and then work through existing legislation to address how we appropriately weight those students above 13 percent.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT LEAVING \$2 MILLION OF THE \$5 MILLION IN B/A 101-2615 AND PUTTING \$3 MILLION INTO THE STATE-FUNDED SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WORKING THROUGH EXISTING LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS SPECIAL EDUCATION WEIGHTED FUNDING WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. WALLER:

Consistent with its recommendation to not repurpose the School Remediation Trust Fund, the Subcommittees did not approve the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Treasurer's interest earnings in the amount of \$478,127 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees also did not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer General Fund appropriations totaling \$169.9 million over the biennium for three programs: New Teacher Incentives at \$20 million, English Learners at \$99.9 million, and Victory Schools at \$50 million, from this budget to the Other State Education Programs budget with no change in purpose.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of funding for the New Teachers Incentive program in the amount of \$2.5 million each fiscal year of the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees also recommended to approve a policy change to allow incentive funds from the New Teacher Incentives program to be used for the recruitment of special education teachers at any school during their first two years of employment in addition to newly hired teachers who are employed to teach in certain at-risk schools.

The Subcommittees also voted not to approve the \$7.5 million that was recommended for transfer to the Other State Education Programs budget, so the money committees could redirect this funding to other high-priority education initiatives.

The next budget is the Teach Nevada Scholarship Program B/A 101-2718.

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The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$500,000 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to fund additional scholarships for the Teach Nevada Scholarship program. The Subcommittees instead requested that Fiscal staff provide options for consideration by the Committees for the 25 percent holdback for scholarship recipients, which is currently distributed to the provider of the teacher preparation programs to hold in trust for the scholarship recipient until the recipient successfully completes the teacher preparation and five consecutive years of employment.

Benefits of retaining the 25 percent portion of the scholarship funds include: 1) protection to the State against loss in the event a provider of a teacher preparation program were to close; 2) less administrative burden on NDE to track balances retained by numerous providers; and 3) interest earned on the retained funding could help to support additional new scholarships. Current statute allows the program provider to retain the unclaimed amounts of the 25 percent portion of the scholarship funding. By allowing the Teach Nevada Scholarship Account to retain the unclaimed funds instead of reverting to a provider, additional scholarships could be funded.



Should the Committees wish to modify current statute to allow the 25 percent holdback to be retained in the Teach Nevada Scholarship Account until such time as the scholarship recipient is eligible to access the remaining scholarship funds, the Committees could authorize a statutory change be included in the K-12 Education Funding Bill to effectuate this change. If the Committees support such a statutory change, consideration may be given to extending the timeframe within which a scholarship recipient can claim his or her 25 percent portion of the remaining scholarship funds from 120 days after successful completion of the program and employment requirements, to perhaps, 180 days or one year.

Do the Committees wish to modify current statute to allow NDE to retain the 25 percent holdback until such time as the scholarship recipient is eligible to access the remaining scholarship funds and authorize Fiscal staff to include the statutory change necessary as back language in the K-12 Education Funding Bill to effectuate this change? If so, do the Committees wish to extend the timeframe within which a scholarship recipient can claim his or her remaining 25 percent portion of scholarship funds?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO MODIFY STATUTE TO RETAIN THE 25 PERCENT HOLDBACK IN THE TEACH NEVADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM B/A 101-2718 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS ELIGIBLE TO ACCESS THE REMAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO INCLUDE THE STATUTORY CHANGE NECESSARY AS BACK LANGUAGE IN THE K-12 EDUCATION FUNDING BILL TO EFFECTUATE THIS CHANGE AND EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME WITHIN WHICH A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CAN CLAIM HIS OR HER REMAINING 25 PERCENT PORTION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO ONE YEAR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

For the members who were not on the Subcommittees, there were some concerns about this money being held in the current fashion. We felt it would be more transparent and appropriate to have those dollars held by the State. We could monitor them and use the interest to support more teachers.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. WALLER:

The Subcommittees recommended closing the following budget as revised by the Governor:

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The Subcommittees recommended closing the following budgets as recommended by the Governor:

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NDE - Teachers' School Supplies Reimbursement — Budget Page K-12  
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Budget Account 101-2717

NDE - Incentives For Licensed Education Personnel — Budget Page K-12  
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Budget Account 101-2616

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-2610, 101-2615, 101-2616, 101-2617, 101-2618, 101-2699, 101-2717 AND 101-2718 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS FOR K-12 EDUCATION WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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JAIMARIE DAGDAGAN (Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPs have completed their review of the NDE budget recommendations in the *Executive Budget* for the 2017-2019 biennium. The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees result in an increase in General Fund appropriations of \$2.1 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.3 million in FY 2018-2019 when compared to the Governor's recommended budget. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the following closing actions discussed in ([Exhibit I](#)):

The first budget is the Educational Trust Account B/A 101-2614.

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The Subcommittees recommended approval of one contract educator in residence/graduate student or fellowship position and two summer fellowship contract positions in each year, supported by a reduction to reserves totaling \$171,000 over the 2017-2019 biennium. These contract positions would work on projects related to accountability, educator effectiveness, or data-driven instruction and introduce the thinking of an education practitioner into NDE's day-to-day operations.

The next budget is Standards and Instructional Support B/A 101-2675.

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Budget Account 101-2675

The *Executive Budget* recommended the continuation of one contract program director position funded with annual General Fund appropriations of \$120,000 and the continuation of consulting services funded with annual General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 to support the NR21 Plan, which provides students and teachers with 24-hour access to their own personal, portable, technology device. The Subcommittees recommended replacing the contract program director position for the NR21 program with one full-time State education programs professional position, which would result in General Fund savings of \$19,677 over the 2017-2019 biennium. Since the NR21 program would be an ongoing, established program in the upcoming biennium, the Subcommittees also recommended the consulting services used for the program be reduced from \$50,000 to \$25,000 in each year of the biennium, resulting in General Fund savings of \$50,000.

The next budget is Assessments and Accountability B/A101-2697.

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The NDE requested to revise the purpose for one component of the Governor's recommended enhancement in the amount of \$4.3 million in each year of the biennium. The decision unit, as originally recommended, was for various enhancements related to student assessments. Of the total General Fund appropriations included in the decision unit, NDE requested the Subcommittees consider approving \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018-2019 to provide funding to establish pathway high school diplomas, whereby students receive career and/or college-ready endorsements when graduating high school, and to fund a public awareness communication campaign to publicize these endorsements. The Subcommittees deferred action on these pathway high school diplomas indicating they wanted the money committee members to hear Assembly Bill (A.B.) 7 that would implement these diplomas and associated endorsements before making a decision. As justification for the proposed pathway high school diplomas, NDE indicates that all Nevada students in Grade 11 currently participate in the ACT assessment, which measures college readiness, but do not receive a similar assessment that measures their career readiness. The Department indicates this is a growing issue as it projects 58 percent of jobs in Nevada will require career certification

or a college degree by 2020, while currently only 28 percent of Nevadans have an associate's degree or higher.

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(BDR 34-126)

The NDE indicates that the pathway high school diploma would be aligned to the demands of college and career, be more rigorous than the standard diploma, and provide students with evidence, through a college and/or career endorsement, demonstrating they are ready for college and career, which they could provide to higher education or industry. These endorsements would be attained by students when the necessary coursework and assessment scores are achieved that indicate they are college and/or career-ready. The criteria would be developed by the State Board of Education in partnership with the NSHE, the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN), the Governor's Office of Economic Development and representatives from Nevada's industry and business community. The NDE indicates the endorsements would be flexible, allowing students to select different endorsements as they progress through high school to earn a pathway diploma. The Department further indicates that a student earning either a college and/or career endorsement would ultimately earn a high school diploma that is recognized and accepted by NSHE, as the pathway diploma would establish a higher standard than a standard diploma. The NDE indicates the model being proposed for high school diplomas is similar to programs that have been established in Florida, Kansas, Georgia and Virginia.

The Subcommittees further recommended approval of General Fund appropriations of \$1 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$916,658 in FY 2018-2019 for a vendor contract to provide support for existing Department data systems and the development of a new Nevada data portal that would provide various education data on a single Website. The Subcommittees also recommended placing funding of \$2 million in this budget's reserve category in FY 2018-2019, which may be used by NDE if it begins to transition to a different assessment vendor in FY 2018-2019. The Subcommittees also recommended the inclusion of enabling language in the 2017 Appropriations Act to authorize NDE to use the General Fund appropriations in this budget in either year of the 2017-2019 biennium, with IFC approval.

Regarding the Department's request for the Subcommittees to consider approving \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018-2019 to provide funding to establish pathway high school diplomas, Fiscal staff has developed the following closing options for the Committees' consideration as discussed beginning on page 5 of [Exhibit I](#) :

A. Approve NDE's revised request for General Fund appropriations of \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018-2019 to establish pathway high school diplomas and to fund a contract for a public awareness communication campaign, contingent upon passage and approval of A.B. 7, and placing these funds in this budget's reserve category. The IFC would need to approve the use of these funds, at which time NDE could provide an overview of the Department's planned program to use the funds.

B. Do not approve the Department's revised request for General Fund appropriations of \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018-2019 to establish pathway high school diplomas and to fund a contract for a public awareness communication campaign, which would result in General Fund savings of \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.5 million in FY 2018-2019. Fiscal staff would note that if the Committees approve Option B, the General Fund appropriations would be eliminated and the decision unit would not revert back to the funding levels contained in the *Executive Budget*.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER :

I had expressed concern about this program. I have since become more comfortable. I am trying to align some of our K-12 programming with workforce needs. I support Option A on page 5 of [Exhibit I](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I had very serious concerns about this. I did not want to keep children back. I want students to have a diploma that has value. I look forward to a name change that indicates a college and career ready diploma with endorsements. I look forward to the day we do not have something called a "standard" diploma. I support Option A.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I support Option A. I spoke to the Department. The word "standard" does not portray what we want. Our concerns will be addressed.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION A FOR B/A 101-2697, NDE'S REVISED REQUEST FOR GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$1.4 MILLION IN FY 2017-2018 AND \$1.5 MILLION IN FY 2018-2019 TO ESTABLISH A PATHWAY TO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AND TO FUND A CONTRACT FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN, CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF A.B. 7, AND PLACING THE FUNDS IN THIS BUDGET'S RESERVE CATEGORY.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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JAIMARIE DAGDAGAN:

While not considered by the Subcommittees during the closing of B/A 101-2697, but consistent with the Subcommittees' May 18 closing action in the Other State Education Programs budget, Fiscal staff has made a technical adjustment to this budget to establish the transfer of General Fund appropriations of \$1.7 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium from the Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699 to this budget to fund a Statewide contract for the Measures of Academic Progress assessments associated with the State-funded Read by Grade 3 program.

For the Data Systems Management B/A 101-2716, the Governor recommended \$400,000 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to fund master service agreement contractor positions that would provide specialized and intermittent support for the various data systems maintained by NDE. The Department requested, and the Subcommittees recommended approving, technical adjustments to reduce these amounts to \$262,912 in FY 2017-2018 and \$262,303 in FY 2018-2019.

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For the Educator Licensure B/A 101-2705, the Subcommittees recommended approval of reserve reductions of \$814,600 over the 2017-2019 biennium to continue the implementation of a new educator licensure system and fund the maintenance costs associated with this system. The Subcommittees also recommended a letter of intent (LOI) be issued directing NDE to provide a report on the implementation of the new system to IFC no later than October 1, 2018.

NDE - Educator Licensure — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-74 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2705

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new administrative assistant position for the Office of Educator Licensure to support the Office's background program and assist with the tracking of arrests by licensed individuals. The position would be supported with reserve reductions of \$29,601 in FY 2017-2018 and \$43,725 in FY 2018-2019, net of an operating expense offset of \$10,027 in each fiscal year related to the elimination of a part-time contract position.

The next budget is Safe and Respectful Learning B/A 101-2721.

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The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new Safe and Respectful Learning budget, which would isolate revenue and expenditure activity associated with the Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment and NDE's anti-bullying program that are currently reflected in the Student and School Support budget. The Subcommittees recommended the transfer of four positions, General Fund appropriations of \$906,171 and federal grant funds of \$6.7 million in the 2017-2019 biennium, from the Student and School Support B/A 101-2712 to the new Safe and Respectful Learning budget.



The Subcommittees also recommended approval of additional General Fund appropriations that were not reflected in the *Executive Budget* of \$67,358 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to continue annual funding of \$45,000 for anti-bullying grants to school districts, \$9,358 for anti-bullying training programs, \$13,000 for informational pamphlets and a social media campaign to address bullying prevention. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 388.1325, which establishes the Bullying Prevention Account to provide grants to school districts, the Subcommittees recommended approving the creation of the Bullying Prevention Account, B/A 101-2704, and placing the annual funding of \$45,000 for anti-bullying grants for school districts in that budget.

For the Student and School Support B/A 101-2712, the Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new program officer position due to concerns as to whether the administrative allowance for the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grant would support the new position. The Subcommittees recommended approval of a Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation grant of \$365,376 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to fund the Safe to Tell Project, wherein all initial reports of bullying, interpersonal violence, threats of school violence, concerns over suicide and other concerns will be received by the Department of Public Safety, which will use the P3 System, an online cloud-based anonymous tip line, to prioritize reports of bullying and other school safety concerns.

NDE - Student and School Support — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-100  
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The next budget is the Career and Technical Education B/A 101-2676.

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Budget Account 101-2676

Based on concerns by NDE that it might increase the State's Maintenance Of Effort requirement for the federal Carl D. Perkins grant, the Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to transfer General Fund appropriations of \$133,002 in each year of the 2017-2019

biennium from this budget to the Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699 to support six existing Nevada career and technical education (CTE) student organizations. Although the transfer of funding from this budget is not recommended for approval, NDE indicates it would still be able to provide the six CTE student organizations with \$40,000 in each year of the biennium through payments from the two separate budgets.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of New Skills for Youth grant revenue of \$1.6 million over the 2017-2019 biennium. This grant, which was approved by IFC in April 2017, would fund two new department positions that would administer the grant. The grant promotes the expansion of existing CTE programs and the development of new CTE programs.

For the Continuing Education B/A 101-2680, the Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to transfer the federal Adult Basic Education program to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). The Subcommittees also did not recommend approval of budget amendment A171202680 to transfer the State-funded Adult Literacy program to DETR and did not recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of \$11,173 in FY 2017-2018 and \$11,394 in FY 2018-2019 to fund various operating expenditures for NDE that were previously funded using the federal Adult Basic Education grant. The Subcommittees recommended approving all other closing items in the Continuing Education budget as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

NDE - Continuing Education — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-119 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2680

The next budget is the Individuals with Disabilities B/A 101-2715.

NDE - Individuals With Disabilities — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-125  
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Budget Account 101-2715

While not considered by the Subcommittees during the closing of this budget, but consistent with the Subcommittees' May 18 closing action in the Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699, Fiscal staff has made a technical

adjustment to this budget to establish the transfer of General Fund appropriations of \$129,828 in FY 2017-2018 and \$153,922 in FY 2018-2019 from the Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699 to this budget for the administrative costs associated with the Gifted and Talented Education program.

For the Account for Alternative Schools B/A 101-2672, the Subcommittees voted to approve transferring General Fund appropriations of \$183,562, reserves of \$9,448, and License and Fee revenues of \$14,300 over the 2017-2019 biennium associated with one education programs professional position and the program for licensure and regulation of private schools from the Parental Involvement and Family Engagement budget to the Account for Alternative Schools budget. The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items in the Account for Alternative Schools budget as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

NDE - Account For Alternative Schools — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-129  
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Budget Account 101-2672

The next budget is the Achievement School District B/A101-2674.

NDE - Achievement School District — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-133  
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Budget Account 101-2674

Although the Subcommittees indicated it was not in opposition to the work currently performed by the Executive Director/Superintendent In Residence for the Achievement School District, the Subcommittees voted not to approve the unique arrangement between NDE and the United Way of Southern Nevada of designating a non-State employee Executive Director/Superintendent In Residence position to provide services to the Achievement School District. Instead, the Subcommittees recommended to designate the position as a contract consultant with authority for the Achievement School District to accept and expend the funds received from federal grants and donations or monies from nonprofit organizations to fund the contract consultant. The Subcommittees also voted to provide Fiscal staff with authority to make any

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technical adjustments as necessary resulting from any legislation that would affect the Achievement School District budget.

The Subcommittees recommended closing the following Department budgets as recommended by the Governor, or as recommended by the Governor with minor or technical adjustments:

NDE - Office of the Superintendent — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-42  
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NDE - District Support Services — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-47 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2719

NDE - Department Support Services — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-51  
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Budget Account 101-2720

NDE - Educator Effectiveness — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-79 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2612

NDE - Gear Up — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-83 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2678

NDE - Parental Involvement and Family Engagement — Budget Page K-12  
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NDE - Office of Early Learning and Development — Budget Page K-12  
EDUCATION-92 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2709

NDE - Literacy Programs — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-110 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2713

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET  
ACCOUNTS 101-2612, 101-2614, 101-2672, 101-2673, 101-2674,  
101-2675, 101-2676, 101-2678, 101-2680, 101-2697, 101-2705,

101-2706, 101-2709, 101-2712, 101-2713, 101-2715, 101-2716, 101-2719, 101-2720 AND 101-2721 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS FOR K-12 EDUCATION WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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JENNIFER OUELLETTE (Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees for Human Services have completed their review of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Medical Marijuana budgets and have made the following recommendations for the Division's 2017-2019 biennium budget. The closing recommendations ([Exhibit J](#)) resulted in no change to General Fund appropriations in either year of the upcoming biennium.

The first budget is the Marijuana Health Registry B/A 101-4547. There were no major closing items in this budget. The Subcommittees recommended approval of this budget as recommended by the Governor and provided Staff with authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

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HHS-DPBH - Marijuana Health Registry — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-111  
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Staff is requesting the Committees consider the following item related to pending legislation that may be approved after the budgets are closed. The base budget for this program includes a \$350,000 transfer in each year of the upcoming biennium from this budget to the Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment budget to provide substance abuse prevention and treatment services to families involved with the child welfare system. Discussion of the transfer was not previously heard by the Joint Subcommittees for Human Services.

Do the Committees wish to approve moving the obligation to provide the transfer from the Marijuana Health Registry program B/A 101-4547 to the Medical Marijuana Establishment program B/A 101-4543 in order to better reflect the costs associated with the patient registry in this account?

HHS-DPBH - Medical Marijuana Establishments — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-  
115 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4543

ASSEMBLYMAN ARAUJO MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING THE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE TRANSFER FROM THE MARIJUANA HEALTH REGISTRY PROGRAM B/A 101-4547 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM TO THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM B/A 101-4543 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES TO FAMILIES INVOLVED WITH THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND TO BETTER REFLECT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PATIENT REGISTRY IN THIS ACCOUNT.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The next budget is the Medical Marijuana Establishments B/A 101-4543. There were no major closing items in this budget. The Subcommittees approved this

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budget as recommended by the Governor and provided Staff with authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

Staff is requesting the Committees consider the following item related to pending legislation that may be approved after the budgets are closed. Discussion of this transfer was not previously heard by the Joint Subcommittees for Human Services. Pending legislation in S.B. 487 provides for the transfer of the Medical Marijuana Establishments program to the Department of Taxation in order to align the operational and revenue structures of both the medical and recreational marijuana programs. If approved, the costs to administer the program would not change.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I am opposed to this action for the same reasons. I do not approve of medications in the Department of Taxation.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS PROGRAM B/A 101-4543 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF S.B. 487, OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. OUELLETTE:

The Subcommittees authorized Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments to the DPBH budgets as needed, including any adjustments that would result based on legislation approved by the 2017 Legislature.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-4547 AND B/A 101-4543 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE

TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY INCLUDING ANY  
ADJUSTMENTS THAT WOULD RESULT BASED ON LEGISLATION  
APPROVED BY THE 2017 LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIAZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
BUDGETS CLOSED.

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KAREN HOPPE (Senior Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees on Human Services have completed their review of the DHHS, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) budgets for the 2017-2019 biennium as shown in the closing report ([Exhibit K](#)). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund savings of \$696,571 in FY 2017-2018 and \$1,175,105 in FY 2018-2019. The following comments describe the more significant recommendations of the Subcommittees.

The first budget is Children, Youth & Family Administration B/A 101-3145.

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HHS-DCFS - Children Youth & Family Administration — Budget Page  
DHHS-DCFS-6 ((Volume II))  
Budget Account 101-3145

The Subcommittees recommended approval of additional federal Social Security Act Title IV-E revenues of \$3.4 million, increasing the expenditure authority for existing mandated Statewide core training for social workers for the upcoming biennium to a total of \$5 million. The core training program would be expanded through additional online training, supervisor/leadership training, and advanced/specialty classes in topics such as identification and prevention of human trafficking, suicide training and medication administration training.



While not considered by the Subcommittees during the closing of this budget, but consistent with the Committees' May 6 closing action in the Attorney General's Office (AGO) budgets, Fiscal staff has made a technical adjustment to this budget to establish the transfer of revenue and expenditure authority for the Confidential Address program in a special use category to provide ongoing transparency about the costs of the program.

For the UNITY/SACWIS B/A 101-3143, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation of a total of \$592,800 over the 2017-2019 biennium to convert the Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth (UNITY) system from a Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) to a Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) in order to continue to receive full federal Title IV-E funding and implement new CCWIS features such as data exchanges to improve access to information by UNITY users.

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Budget Account 101-3143

For the Washoe County Child Welfare B/A 101-3141, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to provide General Fund appropriations of \$656,547 over the 2017-2019 biennium for adoption subsidy caseload growth. The Subcommittees also recommended adding back language in the Appropriations Act authorizing DCFS to approach IFC to request additional funding for adoption subsidies.

HHS-DCFS - WASHOE County Child Welfare — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-28  
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Budget Account 101-3141

The next budget is Clark County Child Welfare B/A 101-3142.

HHS-DCFS - Clark County Child Welfare — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-31  
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Budget Account 101-3142

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to continue funding the Clark County Specialized Foster Care Program through a

block grant at the same level approved by the 2015 Legislature. The Subcommittees also recommended Fiscal staff work with DCFS to develop proposed reporting elements and timelines for a LOI, which would require the urban counties to provide detailed information about the Specialized Foster Care Program activities in their jurisdictions. Fiscal staff has included a summary of the proposed LOI reporting elements and timelines on page 9 of [Exhibit K](#).

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to provide General Funds of \$4.7 million over the 2017-2019 biennium for adoption subsidy caseload growth.

The next budget is Rural Child Welfare B/A 101-3229.

HHS-DCFS - Rural Child Welfare — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-34 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3229

The Subcommittees recommended approving higher provider rates of \$125 per day for a portion of the specialized foster care population in the rural region. The Subcommittees recommended the associated funding of \$789,045 for FY 2017-2018 remain in this budget, but the associated funding of \$823,006 for FY 20018-2019 be placed in the IFC Contingency Account, requiring the DCFS to approach the IFC to request the FY 2018-2019 funding and demonstrate why the higher provider rates are necessary. Fiscal staff would note the associated funding of \$823,006 for FY 2018-2019 consists of \$306,227 federal Title IV-E funding and \$516,779 General Fund appropriations. General Fund appropriations of \$516,779 would be placed in the IFC Contingency Account for FY 2018-2019 for this purpose.

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to implement the Kinship Guardianship Program in the rural region with subsidy payments totaling \$389,654 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approving the remaining projected growth for legislatively-approved caseloads, including adoption subsidies, family foster care, and court jurisdiction foster care. The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to increase Medicaid funding by \$526,917 over the biennium, with a corresponding reduction to General Fund appropriations, generated through Targeted Case Management billing.

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For the Community Juvenile Justice Programs B/A 101-1383, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to fund juvenile justice system improvements with General Fund appropriations of \$1.5 million over the 2017-2019 biennium.

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DCFS-49 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-1383

The additional funding would support the implementation of uniform data collection and analysis, research and quality improvements, and the adoption of Statewide validated risk and needs assessments.

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to fund video surveillance system improvements at Summit View Youth Center, Caliente Youth Center and Nevada Youth Training Center for Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance with General Fund appropriations of \$493,574 in FY 2017-2018.

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to change the funding source for the existing PREA coordinator and associated costs from expiring federal grant funds to General Fund appropriations of \$230,247 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

For the Youth Alternative Placement B/A 101-3147, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as amended, to increase the China Spring/Aurora Pines Youth Camp budget by \$144,328 in FY 2017-2018 and \$179,328 in FY 2018-2019, to address a projected salary deficit and an increase in the Douglas County cost allocation, funded by county participation fees.

HHS-DCFS - Youth Alternative Placement — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-58  
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The next budget is the Summit View Youth Center B/A 101-3148.

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The Subcommittees recommended approving General Fund appropriations of \$25,986 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to increase staff training, and General Fund appropriations of \$43,054, as adjusted, over the biennium for staff uniforms and safety equipment.

The Subcommittees recommended reauthorizing back language in the Appropriations Act that would allow DCFS to transfer General Fund appropriations between the three youth correctional facility budgets with the approval of the IFC.

For the Nevada Youth Training Center B/A 101-3259, the Subcommittees recommended approving additional in-State staff travel expenditures, reduced by 25 percent per year from the Governor's recommendation, resulting in additional in-State travel expenditures of \$6,687 in FY 2017-2018 and \$9,961 in FY 2018-2019. The Subcommittees also recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to increase funding for staff training by \$19,515 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium.

HHS-DCFS - Nevada Youth Training Center — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-71  
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Budget Account 101-3259

For Youth Parole Services B/A 101-3263, the Subcommittees recommended approving costs of \$51,251 over the 2017-2019 biennium for staff uniform and youth parole officer safety equipment.

HHS-DCFS - Youth Parole Services — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-77 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3263

For the Northern Nevada Child & Adolescent Services B/A 101-3281, the Subcommittees recommended approving General Fund appropriations of \$183,004 over the 2017-2019 biennium to increase the expenditure authority in the Mental Health Placements category, which is used for acute hospital

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services for uninsured or underinsured children and adolescents and for specialized foster care placements.

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Budget Account 101-3281

The next budget is the Southern Nevada Child & Adolescent Services B/A 101-3646.

HHS-DCFS - Southern NV Child & Adolescent Services — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-96 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3646

The Subcommittees recommended not approving the Governor's recommendation to operate 20 youth beds at the adult Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital, but instead continue operating 20 beds within the 58-bed Desert Willow Treatment Center facility, leaving 38 beds empty and available for an outside agency to operate under a provider agreement or contract. This decision would restore three full-time positions, and building maintenance and utilities costs, and would decrease budgeted General Fund appropriations savings from \$3.2 million as recommended by the Governor to \$3 million, as adjusted, over the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items within the DCFS budgets that were presented to the Subcommittees as recommended by the Governor including amendments, and authorized Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

The Subcommittees recommended closing the following DCFS budgets as recommended in the *Executive Budget*, with minor or technical adjustments:

HHS-DCFS - Victims of Domestic Violence — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-18 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3181

HHS-DCFS - Child Welfare Trust — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-44 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 645-3242

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Budget Account 101-3250

HHS-DCFS - Review of Death of Children — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-48  
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Budget Account 101-3251

HHS-DCFS - Caliente Youth Center — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-66 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3179

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-1383, 101-3141, 101-3142, 101-3143, 101-3145, 101-3147, 645-3148, 101-3179, 101-3181, 101-3229, 101-3242, 101-3250, 101-3251, 101-3259, 101-3263, 101-3281 AND 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON AND EDWARDS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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CATHY CROCKET (Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees for Human Services have completed their review of DETR as shown in ([Exhibit L](#)), and have made the following recommendations for the Department's 2017-2019 biennium budget. The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund appropriation decreases of \$286,114 in FY 2017-2018 and \$292,004 in FY 2018-2019

when compared to the Governor's recommended budget. The following are the more significant recommendations of the Subcommittees:

The first budget is the Nevada P-20 Workforce Reporting B/A 101-3270.

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Nevada P20 Workforce Reporting — Budget Page ELECTED-92 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-3270

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Nevada P-20 Workforce Reporting budget to OWINN, contingent upon the passage and approval of S.B. 516 or other enabling legislation. To align with the non-classified staffing structure of the office, the Subcommittees recommended approval of reclassifying a classified information technology (IT) professional position to a non-classified policy analyst. The transfer of the budget and position reclassification results in General Fund savings totaling \$66,813 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

**SENATE BILL 516:** Revises provisions governing workforce innovation and apprenticeships. (BDR 53-913)

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for enhanced reporting and analytical tools for the Nevada P-20 to Workforce Research Data System, funded with General Fund appropriations of \$269,522 over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees recommended not approving the Governor's recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$500,000 over the biennium for data partner planning for the system and authorized DETR to approach IFC for an allocation from the Contingency Account after developing a detailed cost estimate and resolving issues related to data matching.

The next budget is Rehabilitation Administration B/A 101-3268.

DETR - Rehabilitation Administration — Budget Page DETR-7 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3268

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Preferred Purchase Program from DETR to the Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, contingent upon the passage and approval of A.B. 483 or other enabling legislation. The transfer of \$109,799 includes purchasing program reserves in FY 2017-2018, and \$58,716 in preferred purchasing administration fees over the 2017-2019 biennium to support the Program.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 483**: Revises provisions governing the Program to Encourage and Facilitate Purchases by Agencies of Commodities and Services From Organizations. (BDR 27-911)

For the Disability Adjudication B/A 101-3269, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to fund a new information technician position to provide routine system support and maintenance to the Las Vegas Bureau of Disability Adjudication Office. The position would be funded with Social Security Administration funds of \$170,347 over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to reclassify an existing bureau chief position to a deputy administrator position in order to align compensation with position responsibilities. The reclassification would be funded with \$30,114 in Social Security Administration funds over the biennium.

DETR - Disability Adjudication — Budget Page DETR-12 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3269

The next budget is Vocational Rehabilitation B/A 101-3265.

DETR - Vocational Rehabilitation — Budget Page DETR-19 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3265

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to fund a new training officer position to provide ongoing training and technical assistance throughout the Rehabilitation Division. The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to fund a new Statewide coordinator position to serve as the single point of contact for school districts and post-secondary educations within the Vocational Rehabilitation program. The Subcommittees also recommended approving the Governor's



recommendation to reclassify a vacant administrative assistant position to a rehabilitation counselor position that would assist participants in the CareerConnect program at Truckee Meadows Community College. The two new positions and the position reclassification recommended for approval would be supported by federal Rehabilitation Act Section 110 grant funding of \$306,576 and General Fund appropriations of \$82,973 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

For the Services to the Blind & Visually Impaired B/A 101-3254, the Subcommittees approved the Governor's recommendation to transfer 12 positions and associated costs from the Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired budget to the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation budget to more accurately portray how funding and services are being provided by DETR. The associated position costs are supported by federal Section 110 grant funding totaling \$1.6 million and General Fund appropriations of \$421,371 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

DETR - Services To the Blind & Visually Impaired — Budget Page DETR-28  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3254

For the Workforce Development B/A 205-4770, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to eliminate 20 full-time positions beginning July 1, as the result of a decrease in federal Unemployment Insurance administrative grant funds, for savings of \$2.7 million over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees recommended approving the cost-neutral conversion of 24 intermittent positions that provide veterans services and services to unemployment insurance benefit recipients through JobConnect centers to permanent positions to improve staff retention as recommended by the Governor. The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation for contract legal services to assist in managing the legal section's workload, funded with federal funds totaling \$240,000 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

DETR - Workforce Development — Budget Page DETR-46 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 205-4770

The next budget is Employment Security – Special Fund B/A 235-4771.

DETR - Employment Security - Special Fund — Budget Page DETR-64  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 235-4771

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to transfer funding totaling \$2.9 million over the 2017-2019 biennium to the Unemployment Insurance budget to support the administration of the Unemployment Insurance program, including the costs of 14 positions, on a one-time, rather than an ongoing, basis. The Subcommittees recommended issuing a LOI indicating the rebuilding of DETR's reserves is a priority and directing DETR to remove the one-time funding from the 2019-2021 biennium base budget. If the Department proposes to use the Special Fund to support ongoing Unemployment Insurance operations beyond the 2017-2019 biennium, the request should be reflected as an enhancement in the 2019-2021 biennium budget. The LOI directs the Department to report on its progress in eliminating its reliance on transfers from this budget to support its routine Unemployment Insurance operations by June 1, 2018.

For the Unemployment Insurance B/A 205-4772, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to establish a separate Unemployment Insurance budget through the transfer of the Unemployment Insurance program, including 248 positions and \$61.7 million in funding over the 2017-2019 biennium, from the Workforce Development budget to provide for enhanced fiscal transparency.

DETR - Unemployment Insurance — Budget Page DETR-67 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 205-4772

For the Adult Basic Education B/A 205-4773, the Subcommittees recommended not approving the Governor's recommendation to establish the Adult Basic Education budget in DETR, including not approving the transfer of the Adult Basic Education and Adult Literacy programs from NDE to DETR, consistent with the closing recommendation of the K-12/Higher Education/CIPs Joint Subcommittees.

DETR - Adult Basic Education — Budget Page DETR-70 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 205-4773

For the Administration B/A 101-3272, the Subcommittees recommended approval of a portion of a budget amendment to reorganize the Financial Management Unit, including reclassifying four positions funded with reserve reductions of \$46,937 over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the addition of one new management analyst position included in the budget amendment. The Subcommittees also did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to add a second deputy director for DETR, resulting in a reduction of cost allocation reimbursements totaling \$333,842 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

DETR - Administration — Budget Page DETR-85 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3272

For the Research and Analysis B/A 101-3273, the Subcommittees recommended approval of staffing reductions to reflect the transition from the Nevada Career Information System to the Silver State Solutions system, including the elimination of one economist position, the transfer of a program officer position to the workforce development budget, and the transfer of an administrative assistant position to OWINN, resulting in funding reductions totaling \$416,799 over the 2017-2019 biennium, as recommended by the Governor.

DETR - Research & Analysis — Budget Page DETR-97 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3273

The Subcommittees recommended eliminating one statistician position as recommended by the Governor as a result of declining federal Unemployment Insurance administrative grant funding, generating savings of \$158,739 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

In addition to the actions taken on the more significant items for the budgets previously noted, the Subcommittees recommended approving the remaining decision units as recommended by the Governor, or with minor technical adjustments.

The Subcommittees recommends closing the following DETR budgets as recommended in the *Executive Budget*:

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DETR – Blind Business Enterprise Program — Budget Page DETR-35 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3253

DETR – Equal Rights Commission — Budget Page DETR-74 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-2580

DETR – Information Development and Processing — Budget Page DETR-91  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3274

The Subcommittees also recommended approving technical adjustments noted by Staff and authorized Staff to make other technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-2580, 101-3253, 101-3254, 101-3265, 101-3268, 101-3269, 101-3270, 101-3272, 101-3273, 101-3274, 205-4770, 235-4771, 205-4772 AND 205-4773 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES FOR DETR WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ANDERSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS AND EDWARDS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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Ms. SHEA:

The Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation have completed their review of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) budget request for the 2017-2019 biennium as shown in ([Exhibit M](#)). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund

reductions of \$2,849,159 in FY 2017-2018 and \$2,482,582 in FY 2018-2019. The NDOC'S budget is primarily driven by the projected number of inmates to be housed. The *Executive Budget* provided funding to house an average of 14,006 inmates in FY 2017-2018 and 14,247 in FY 2018-2019, based on inmate population projections derived in October 2016. The budget, as modified by the Subcommittees, will provide funding to house an average of 13,998 inmates in FY 2017-2018 and 14,231 in FY 2018-2019, which is based on revised inmate population projections updated in February 2017. The revised inmate population projections result in a General Fund decrease of \$84,033 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes a reduction to General Fund appropriations of \$1.1 million over the biennium and an increase in room and board revenues of \$967,044.

The NDOC is currently projecting a bed shortage departmentwide due to an increasing inmate population, and a lack of capacity in its institutions and facilities. Based on NDOC's capacity analysis report (201704-CA-63), the Department's operating capacity indicates 12,799 available beds, including 412 overflow beds that exist in day rooms and other non-traditional housing areas throughout its institutions and camps. The Department would have a projected bed shortage of 324 male beds in FY 2017-2018 and 754 beds in FY 2018-2019, based on the projected inmate populations for the 2017-2019 biennium, removal of the overflow beds, as well as the reduction of 212 beds due to the temporary closure of Housing Unit 8 at Southern Desert Correctional Center, which is recommended by the Governor as part of the 2017 CIP.

The Subcommittees approved several Parole and Probation initiatives that may reduce the male inmate population by 131 inmates in FY 2017-2018 and 375 inmates in FY 2018-2019 bringing the bed shortage to 193 male beds in FY 2017-2018 and 379 beds in FY 2018-2019. Due to the projected bed shortage, after taking into consideration the reduction of inmates due to the Parole and Probation initiatives, the Subcommittees recommended the approval of the Governor's recommendation with a technical adjustment made by Staff, to transfer 200 inmates out of State to a privately contracted facility funded with \$11.4 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees also recommended approval of budgeting the expenditures associated with the out-of-State contractor in the Director's Office budget in a new and distinct expenditure category; to include language in the 2017 Appropriations Act to restrict NDOC from transferring any contract

savings, or shortfalls, to or from other expenditure categories or budget accounts; to provide NDOC with authority to transfer budgeted funds for the out-of-State contract between fiscal years within the Director's Office budget over the 2017-2019 biennium; and to require the agency to report to IFC on a quarterly basis regarding updates on the Department's capacity issues and updates detailing the transfer of inmates out of State.

The first budget is the Director's Office B/A 101-3710.

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## CORRECTIONS

### NDOC - Director's Office — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-10 (Volume III) Budget Account 101-3710

The Subcommittees recommended approving General Fund appropriations of \$1.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$430,919 in FY 2018-2019 to fund the purchase of 71 body cameras and 312 stationary cameras, associated hardware and increased bandwidth costs for seven of the NDOC institutions. The Subcommittees also recommended the issuance of a LOI, directing NDOC to report to IFC during the interim on statistical data collected related to effectiveness and results experienced as a result of implementing body cameras, including use of recordings as evidence during litigation.

The next budget is Prison Medical Care B/A 101-3706.

### NDOC - Prison Medical Care — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-23 (Volume III) Budget Account 101-3706

The Subcommittees voted to approve the Governor's recommendation of \$17.3 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$18.2 million in FY 2018-2019 for inmate-driven medical expenditures, which includes inflationary adjustments of \$1 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$1.7 million in FY 2018-2019 recommended for outside medical care, prescription drugs, and dental and medical supplies. The Subcommittees authorized Fiscal staff to make various technical adjustments based on the closing actions of the Subcommittees throughout the Department, which result in total funding of \$17 million and \$17.6 million for

inmate-driven medical expenditures in FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 respectively.

For the Correctional Programs B/A 101-3711, the Subcommittees recommend the elimination of a full-time psychologist position at Northern Nevada Correctional Center and a part-time psychologist position at Ely State Prison and to use the General Fund savings to support the addition of a new mental health director position, resulting in a net General Fund reduction of \$331 in FY 2017-2018 and \$7,911 in FY 2018-2019, as recommended by the Governor. The new mental health director would be a clinical professional responsible for the overall administration and quality control of mental health programming. The Subcommittees recommended approval of Budget Amendment A17123711 to retain two substance abuse counselors and fund them 100 percent with fund transfers from the Inmate Welfare Account.

NDOC - Correctional Programs — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-29 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3711

For the Offenders Store Fund B/A 240-3708, the Subcommittees recommended approval of two retail storekeepers at High Desert State Prison funded with retained earnings of \$212,108 over the 2017-2019 biennium to implement changes to the inmate merchandise delivery system.

NDOC - Offenders' Store Fund — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-164 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 240-3708

For High Desert State Prison B/A 101-3762, the Subcommittees did not approve the Governor's recommendation to add 11 new correctional officer positions. The Subcommittees did recommended eliminating five existing correctional officer positions and replacing them with five new non-sworn correctional assistant positions.

NDOC - High Desert State Prison — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-43 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3762

This recommendation results in a reduction in General Fund appropriations of \$203,548 in FY 2017-2018 and \$691,454 in FY 2018-2019, after technical adjustments.

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For Northern Nevada Correctional Center B/A 101-3717, the Subcommittees recommended eliminating the current mailroom correctional officer position and replacing it with two new non-sworn correctional assistant positions. This recommendation results in a reduction of General Fund appropriations of \$117,294 in FY 2017-2018 and \$137,101 in FY 2018-2019, prior to technical adjustments.

NDOC - Northern Nevada Correctional Center — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-53  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3717

For Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center B/A 101-3761, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation of General Fund appropriations of \$946,627 in FY 2018-2019 to fund ten new correctional officers and one new correctional casework specialist and associated costs to open Housing Unit 10, based on the increased projections in the female inmate population.

NDOC - Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center — Budget Page  
CORRECTIONS-91 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3761

The Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items within the NDOC budgets as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments noted by Staff, and authorize Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

The Subcommittees recommend closing the following NDOC budgets as recommended in the *Executive Budget*, with minor or technical adjustments:

NDOC - Ely State Prison — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-35 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3751

NDOC - Nevada State Prison — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-63 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3718



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NDOC - Southern Desert Correctional Center — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-65  
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Budget Account 101-3738

NDOC - Lovelock Correctional Center — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-73  
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Budget Account 101-3759

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

NDOC - Warm Springs Correctional Center — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-84  
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Budget Account 101-3716

NDOC - Casa Grande Transitional Housing — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-99  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3760

NDOC - Northern Nevada Transitional Housing — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-  
105 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3724

NDOC - Stewart Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-110  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3722

NDOC - Pioche Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-115  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3723

NDOC - Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-  
122 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3725

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NDOC - Wells Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-128 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3739

NDOC - Humboldt Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-134 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3741

NDOC - Ely Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-140 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3747

NDOC - Jean Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-145 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3748

NDOC - Silver Springs Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-150 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3749

NDOC - Carlin Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-152 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3752

NDOC - Tonopah Conservation Camp — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-158 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3754

NDOC - Inmate Welfare Account — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-172 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 240-3763

NDOC - Prison Industry — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-177 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 525-3719

NDOC - Prison Ranch — Budget Page CORRECTIONS-182 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 525-3727

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I was not on the Subcommittee. On page 2 of the report, following the adjustments there is still an estimated 193-bed shortage in the first year of the biennium and a 379-bed shortage in the second year. Are those numbers offset by the 200 out-of-State beds so we cover the full estimated population in the first year, but we are still short 179 beds in the second year?

Ms. SHEA:

We would be short 93 beds in FY 2017-2018 and 179 beds in FY 2018-2019 after the transfer of 200 beds out of State. Let me correct that. We would have a surplus of 93 beds in FY 2017-2018.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does mean we are over by seven beds in the first year of 2017-2019 biennium and short 179 in the second year of the biennium?

Ms. SHEA:

Yes.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I have concerns about budgeting a shortfall in the second year of the biennium. If they were to come to IFC for contingency funds, it would take half of our Contingency Fund. This troubles me.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-3706, 240-3708, 101-3710, 101-3711, 101-3715, 101-3716, 101-3717, 101-3718, 525-3719, 101-3722, 101-3723, 101-3724, 101-3725, 525-3727, 101-3738, 101-3739, 101-3741, 101-3747, 101-3748, 101-3749, 101-3751, 101-3752, 101-3754, 101-3759, 101-3760, 101-3761, 101-3762 AND 240-3763 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR NDOC WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON VOTED NO. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ANDERSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS AND EDWARDS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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KRISTIN KOLBE (Program Analyst):

The Joint Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation have completed their review of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Division of Parole and Probation (P&P), and Parole Board budgets for the 2017-2019 biennium as shown in ([Exhibit N](#)). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund appropriation increases of \$3.4 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$4.2 million in FY 2018-2019. The following information describes the more significant recommendations of the Subcommittees.

The first budget is the Parole and Probation B/A 101-3740.

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DPS - Parole and Probation — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-71 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3740

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the staffing and caseload projections for sworn positions recommended by the Governor and amended for updated caseload projections, which resulted in the elimination of nine DPS officers and one DPS sergeant. The Subcommittees recommended adding back and repurposing eight of the existing DPS officer positions to address other workload demands that do not relate to offender supervision.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of two P&P specialist positions for postconviction investigations and one new P&P specialist position for the interstate compact unit as recommended by the Governor. The Subcommittees

did not approve the Governor's recommendation for a new P&P specialist position for the fugitive apprehension unit due to updated caseload projections.

The Subcommittees also recommended approving an additional 31 non-sworn positions including 5 administrative assistant, 23 P&P specialist, and 3 P&P supervisor positions in FY 2017-2018 and an additional non-sworn P&P specialist position in FY 2018-2019, supported with additional General Fund appropriations of \$1.2 million and county reimbursements of \$2.7 million over the 2017-2019 biennium. These positions will provide court and related services and presentence investigation (PSI) activities, and new staffing ratios for P&P specialist positions responsible for PSI reports. The Subcommittees also recommended reissuing a LOI originally issued by the 2015 money committees, requiring the P&P to report quarterly to IFC on PSI caseloads and timeliness of completing PSI reports.

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to add 11 full-time DPS officer positions and a full-time DPS sergeant position supported by General Fund appropriations of \$2.4 million over the 2017-2019 biennium, and an additional 10 sworn positions in FY 2017-2018 supported with General Fund appropriations of \$1.3 million, and 3 additional sworn officer positions in FY 2018-2019 supported with General Fund appropriations of \$1.8 million to properly reflect the staffing needs associated with the reduced staffing ratios proposed by the Governor.

The Subcommittees recommended approving General Fund appropriations of \$2.7 million over the 2017-2019 biennium to add eight full-time positions including one DPS sergeant, five DPS officer, and two P&P specialist positions and related costs for offender intervention and incarceration alternatives; implementing a new risk assessment tool; training for staff; establishing day reporting centers contingent upon the passage and approval of A.B. 23; and issuing a letter of intent to track offender participation in the day reporting centers.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 23:** Authorizes the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to establish and operate independent reporting facilities. (BDR 16-170)

The Subcommittees recommended General Fund appropriations of \$3.4 million over the 2017-2019 biennium to support the following:

- 1) a pilot reentry program,
- 2) a State-funded electronic monitoring program
- 3) a State-funded transitional housing program
- 4) the addition of seven DPS officer, two DPS sergeant, six P&P specialist, and one administrative assistant positions, and the reclassification of two P&P specialist positions to P&P specialist III positions
- 5) issue a LOI to track the number of offenders impacted by the reentry program.

The Subcommittees also recommended requesting a bill draft to provide enabling language in support of this recommendation.

The Subcommittees approved the remainder of the budget as recommended by the Governor including technical adjustments to align the funding to support PSI report activities.

For the Parole Board B/A 101-3800, the Subcommittees recommended additional General Fund appropriations of \$118,111 over the 2017-2019 biennium for a new administrative assistant position to support the Pardons Board.

DPS - Parole Board — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-205 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3800

The Subcommittees approved the remainder of the budget as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-3740 AND 101-3800 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ANDERSON, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS AND EDWARDS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR HARRIS WAS EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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Ms. GAMROTH:

The Joint Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation completed their review of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) as shown in ([Exhibit O](#)). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees result in a General Fund increase of \$193,033 in FY 2017-2018 and a reduction of \$1.3 million in FY 2018-2019. The Subcommittees recommended the following closing actions.

The first budget is Administration B/A 101-4150.

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DCNR - Administration — Budget Page DCNR-17 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4150

The Subcommittees recommended approval of DCNR's request to include language in the Appropriations Act to allow the Department to transfer any unexpended contract authority for updating the Conservation Credit System Manual and Nevada's Scientific Methods Document and Habitat Quantification Tool from FY 2017-2018 to FY 2018-2019.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of Fiscal staff's recommendation to include language in the Authorizations Act and the Appropriations Act to allow funds in the Account to Restore the Sagebrush Ecosystem remaining at the end of FY 2016-2017 to be balanced forward to FY 2017-2018, and that remaining

funds do not revert to the General Fund. This includes \$844,187 remaining from IFC Contingency Fund and \$1 million from the General Fund appropriation for FY 2016-2017.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of Fiscal staff's recommendation to establish revenue and expenditure authority in the Sagebrush Ecosystem budget in FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 in the Authorizations Act.

For the Conservation Districts Program B/A 101-4151, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to continue the increased General Fund appropriations approved by the 2015 Legislature for the Competitive Grant Program totaling \$75,000 in both fiscal years of the 2017-2019 biennium.

DCNR - Conservation Districts Program — Budget Page DCNR-27 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4151

For the OVH Commission B/A 101-4285, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation of the budgetary changes to the Off-Highway Vehicle Program, which include consolidating funding for the Off-Highway Vehicle grants into one category, establishing a 90-day reserve, and funding for Board and Commission pay, with authority for staff to complete technical adjustments, contingent upon the passage of A. B. 29.

Ohv Commission — Budget Page DCNR-34 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4285

**ASSEMBLY BILL 29**: Revises provisions governing off-highway vehicles.  
(BDR 18-220)

For the State Parks B/A 101-4162, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's Explore Your Nevada Initiative, with the noted technical adjustments, as follows:

DCNR - State Parks — Budget Page DCNR-43 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4162

1. New Walker River State Recreation Area:



The Subcommittees recommended acceptance of the land donation of the Flying M, Rafter 7, and Pitchfork ranches for the proposed new Walker River State Recreation Area located on the East Walker River in Lyon County on 12,000 acres of ranchland donated to the State by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Subcommittees further recommended funding for 12 new permanent positions, 4 seasonal positions, ongoing operating and equipment costs and one-time start-up costs, including construction and maintenance projects funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$4.8 million and other funds totaling \$17,500, which includes technical adjustments totaling \$115,364 for items omitted from the *Executive Budget*.

The Subcommittees recommended approving DCNR's proposal to decrease the Construction and Maintenance Project category by \$130,400 over the 2017-2019 biennium and the Division's proposal to decrease General Fund appropriations totaling \$670,000 in a one-shot appropriation in S. B. 536 recommended for the construction of a campground at the proposed Walker River State Recreation Area, which would partially fund the omitted items, totaling \$1.3 million, and other modifications identified in the various decision units that are part of the Explore Your Nevada Initiative proposed in the *Executive Budget*.

**SENATE BILL 536:** Makes appropriations to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for projects at certain parks and recreation areas. (BDR S-1205)

The Subcommittees recommended approval of DCNR's request for Highway Funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Transportation totaling \$100,000 for each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for the maintenance of the gravel roads within the Walker River State Recreation Area.

2. New Tule Springs State Park:

The Subcommittees recommended funding for the new Tule Springs State Park in Clark County, located on 315 acres of existing State-owned land adjacent to the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. The funding recommendation includes two permanent positions and two seasonal

positions and associated one-time and ongoing operating costs funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$1.6 million, which includes Fiscal staff's proposed technical adjustments of \$384,295 and the Division's recommendation to eliminate \$125,000 in FY 2017-2018 for a master plan for the proposed new Tule Springs State Park, which would partially fund the items omitted in the *Executive Budget*.

3. Staffing, Equipment and Ongoing Operating Costs for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park:

The Subcommittees recommended funding for one permanent park ranger position, two seasonal park aide positions, ongoing operating and equipment costs and one-time start-up costs, construction and maintenance projects, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$401,974 and other funds totaling \$27,219 over the 2017-2019 biennium. The recommendation includes Fiscal staff's proposed technical adjustments of \$46,984 over the biennium and the DCNR's recommendation to eliminate \$125,000 in FY 2018-2019 for a master plan for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park, which would partially fund the items omitted in the *Executive Budget*.

4. Maintenance and Construction Projects for Existing State Parks:

The Subcommittees recommended funding for the construction of water and power hookups at 97 campsites within 7 State parks, installation of equipment and associated monthly connection charges for Wi-Fi availability at 8 State parks, construction of an equestrian area at Lahontan State Recreation Area, and funding for road base to maintain gravel roads and parking lots Statewide, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$367,616 and other funds totaling \$330,588, which includes Fiscal staff's proposed technical adjustments of \$267,204 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

5. New Positions:

The Subcommittees recommended funding for 13 new positions and the associated operating and equipment costs, with technical adjustments to add items omitted from the *Executive Budget* as follows:

- a. Four new positions to restore the Eastern Nevada Regional Office, which had been eliminated due to budget reductions approved by the 2009 Legislature. The new positions, including operating and equipment costs, total \$733,222 in General Fund appropriations over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$150,022.
- b. Three new park ranger positions; one each assigned to Lahontan State Recreation Area, Spring Mountain Ranch and Valley of Fire State Park, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$617,762 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$183,887.
- c. One park and recreation program manager position to update existing master plans and create new master plans for parks Statewide, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$157,946 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$7,956.
- d. Two new water system operator positions to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and other water system regulations, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$341,800 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$74,978.
- e. One park maintenance specialist position for Big Bend State Park, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$162,075 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$34,816.
- f. One safety specialist consultant position to conduct safety training for permanent and seasonal staff Statewide, funded with

General Fund appropriations totaling \$190,546 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$39,886.

- g. One education and information officer position dedicated to outreach, including marketing on the Division's Website and via social media, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$170,404 over the 2017-2019 biennium, which includes technical adjustments of \$4,193.

6. Replacement Equipment:

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for replacement equipment, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$1.3 million over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees also recommended approval of the DCNR's proposal to reduce the number of vehicles requested for replacement from 16 to 8, resulting in a General Fund reduction of \$285,237 that would partially fund the omitted items, totaling \$1.3 million, and other modifications identified in the various decision units that are part of the Explore Your Nevada Initiative proposed in the *Executive Budget*.

7. Other Items:

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to fund ongoing operating expenses, replacement radios for the lifeguards at Sand Harbor State Park, body armor for law enforcement positions, and testing fees for professional engineer certifications and emergency medical recertification required for DCNR staff, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$15,298 for each year of the 2017-2019 biennium.

The next budget is Water Resources B/A 101-4171.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of five new positions, including one professional engineer and four associate engineer positions, and associated travel and operating expenses. The new positions would be funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$938,039 over the 2017-2019 biennium to implement recommendations of the Governor's Nevada Drought Forum for the Division of Water Resources. The Subcommittees also recommended approval of equipment for the five new positions funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$196,003.

The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new water conservation and drought resiliency unit, which would include four new positions and associated travel and operating expenses, resulting in General Fund savings of \$778,959 over the 2017-2019 biennium. The Subcommittees did not approve the funding for the equipment associated with the four new positions, which results in General Fund savings totaling \$97,717. The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to establish a new advisory committee on water planning and drought, resulting in General Funds savings totaling \$111,040 over the biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to replace 100 percent of the fees collected in this budget with General Fund appropriations totaling \$3.4 million for each year of the 2017-2019 biennium and to deposit all fee revenue directly to the General Fund instead of the non-executive Water Distribution Revolving budget upon approval of S.B. 514.

**SENATE BILL 514**: Revises provisions governing the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR 48-903)

For the Division of Forestry, the Subcommittees did not approve the Governor's recommendation to change the funding source from \$2.5 million in General Fund appropriations each year for the suppression of wildfires, to approximately \$1.8 million each year in county reimbursements paid for the Wildland Fire Protection Program (WFPP), and did not approve the transfer of reserves from the WFPP to the Forest Fire Suppression budget.

The Subcommittees did not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the WFPP, including all positions and operating costs to the Forestry budget.

For the Forestry B/A 101-4195, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the elimination of the air operations cost allocation as recommended by Fiscal staff, and increasing General Fund appropriations by \$146,188 in FY 2017-2018 and \$146,715 in FY 2018-2019 to support 100 percent of the air operations positions in the Forestry budget with General Fund appropriations.

DCNR - Forestry — Budget Page DCNR-88 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4195

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, with technical adjustments, for General Fund appropriations totaling \$245,858 in FY 2017-2018 and \$422,432 in FY 2018-2019 for one new aircraft maintenance specialist position and 12 seasonal positions to support the Governor's Drought Initiative.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Division's request for one new conservation staff specialist position and the associated operating and equipment costs, funded with federal funds and cost allocation reimbursements totaling \$232,624 over the 2017-2019 biennium for the Nevada Network of Fire Adaptive Communities Program.

The Subcommittees recommended the approval of General Fund appropriations that were repurposed in the base budget for purposes other than the purpose approved by the 2015 Legislature for the 2017-2019 biennium to change the funding source for:

- 1) The salaries and fringe benefits for the IT professional positions from 100 percent central reporting unit assessments to 100 percent General Fund appropriations.
- 2) The accounting assistant position from 25 percent of the salaries and fringe benefits included in the air operations cost allocation to 100 percent funding from the central reporting unit assessments.

3) The elimination of revenues in both years of the 2017-2019 biennium previously budgeted for the Elko and Minden Interagency Dispatch Center (IDC) for reimbursements received from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) of \$72,370 for FY 2015-2016 and to increase the Interagency Wildland Fire Dispatch category totaling \$57,336 in FY 2017-2018 and \$62,999 in FY 2018-2019, which the Division indicates is based on the additional cost per a draft cost-sharing agreement with the BLM and USFS for the Minden and Elko IDCs.

The Subcommittees did not recommend the funding source change for a pilot position from 100 percent General Fund appropriations to 25 percent Fire Reimbursements included in the air operations cost allocation. The Subcommittees recommended issuing an LOI directing the Division of Forestry to provide semi-annual status reports to IFC regarding its review and evaluation of processes and programs for the:

- Divisionwide cost allocation methodologies.
- Wildland Fire Protection Program.
- Prepositioning of positions and resources for Fire Suppression.
- Evaluation of the staffing and equipment needs for the suppression of wildland fires.
- The new Air Operations Program approved for the Governor's Drought Initiative.
- Resources needed to timely process fire billings, and a final report to IFC by July 1, 2018, regarding its findings and recommendations for proposed changes to be included in the 2019-2021 biennial budget submittal.

For the Forest Fire Suppression B/A 101-4196, the Subcommittees approved Fiscal staff's recommendation to fund the air operations positions in the Forestry budget with General Fund appropriations of \$146,188 in FY 2017-2018 and \$146,715 in FY 2018-2019, rather than forest fire reimbursements via an air operations cost allocation.

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For the Forestry Conservation Camps B/A 101-4198, the Subcommittees did not recommend the approval of the Governor's recommendation to consolidate the Conservation Camp-Specific Expenditure categories and the majority of the standard expense categories into two categories.

DCNR - Forestry Conservation Camps — Budget Page DCNR-106 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4198

For the Wildland Fire Protection Program B/A 101-4194, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the other closing items as recommended by the Governor with the noted technical adjustments and with authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as needed. The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of other closing items 4 and 5 as discussed in the Division-wide closing document.

DCNR - Forestry - Wildland Fire Protection Prgm — Budget Page DCNR-114  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4194

For the State Lands B/A 101-4173, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for one new land agent position and the associated operating costs, funded with General Fund appropriations totaling \$155,342 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

DCNR - State Lands — Budget Page DCNR-127 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4173

For the Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) Air Quality B/A 101-3185, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to fund a contract with the Nevada Business Environmental Program for air compliance assistance for businesses, funded with fees collected by the DEP for the Air Program totaling \$150,000 for each year of the 2017-2019 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended an LOI directing DEP to provide semi-annual progress reports to IFC regarding the status of the Volkswagen settlement and the Mitigation Fund, including the proposed activities to be supported by settlement funds.



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DCNR - DEP Air Quality — Budget Page DCNR-164 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3185

For the DEP Water Pollution Control B/A 101-3186, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to establish a new Storm Water Branch under the Bureau of Water Pollution Control, and the addition of one new professional engineer position, one new environmental scientist position and associated operating expenses funded with fee reserves totaling \$525,961, as adjusted, over the 2017-2019 biennium.

DCNR - DEP Water Pollution Control — Budget Page DCNR-171 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3186

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to reclassify a vacant administrative assistant position to an environmental scientist position for the Division's Storm Water program with an adjusted total cost of \$39,317 over the 2017-2019 biennium.

For the DEP Waste Management and Corrective Action B/A 101-3187, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to use \$150,000 in fees transferred from the Hazardous Waste Management Fund in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for a new contract to provide technical services for the Three Kids Mine site.

DCNR - DEP Waste Mgmt and Corrective Action — Budget Page DCNR-179  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3187

For the DEP Safe Drinking Water Regulatory Program B/A 101-3197, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to approve \$526,766 over the 2017-2019 biennium, with technical adjustments, to add one professional engineer position and one environmental scientist position and associated operating expenses for the Drinking Water Program.

DCNR - DEP Safe Drinking Water Regulatory Program — Budget Page  
DCNR-207 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3197

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For the DEP Industrial Site Cleanup B/A 101-3175, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for an increase in contract services related to the Kerr-McGee Tronox site in Henderson, funded with settlement income of \$1.3 million in FY 2017-2018 and \$249,570 in FY 2018-2019.

DCNR - DEP Industrial Site Cleanup — Budget Page DCNR-216 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3175

For the other DCNR budgets, the Subcommittees recommended approval of all other closing items with the technical adjustments noted by Staff, and with authority for Staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary. The Subcommittees recommended closing the new Sagebrush Ecosystem B/A 101-4156 and the following DCNR budgets as recommended by the Governor with minor or technical adjustments:

DCNR - State Historic Preservation Office — Budget Page DCNR-5 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4205

DCNR - Historic Pres - Comstock Historic District — Budget Page DCNR-12  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-5030

DCNR - Forestry Nurseries — Budget Page DCNR-119 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 257-4235

DCNR - Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency — Budget Page DCNR-136  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4166

DCNR - Nevada Natural Heritage — Budget Page DCNR-139 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4101

DCNR - State Environmental Commission — Budget Page DCNR-152  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4149

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DCNR - DEP Administration — Budget Page DCNR-154 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3173

DCNR - DEP Mining Regulation/Reclamation — Budget Page DCNR-189  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3188

DCNR - DEP State Revolving Fund - Admin — Budget Page DCNR-195  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 746-3189

DCNR - DEP Water Quality Planning — Budget Page DCNR-201 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3193

DCNR - DEP Water Planning Cap Improvement — Budget Page DCNR-214  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-4155

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I am concerned about the type of toilets in the budget. The Department tried to stay within its budget and cut some things out of the Walker River State Park. One of the cuts eliminated the flush toilets and replaced them with vault toilets. I think having flush toilets is worth the \$90,000 cost. If we build a brand new State park, maybe we should include early 20th century technology. Are the Committees willing to add that back in decision unit E-353?

E-353 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DCNR-49

I think giving people flush toilets and showers is entirely reasonable.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON:

We considered it. We cannot do everything. We want to see what the traffic is like with some expansion of the site. We will assess it if the usage goes up as we hope. This is a first step. I am excited about it.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I support the idea that the traffic can be monitored. We are still asking 20 families to camp out and flush toilets would make it a better experience.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I think it will be alright for the first few years to do it this way.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-3173, 101-3175, 101-3185, 101-3186, 101-3187, 101-3188, 101-3193, 101-3197, 101-4101, 101-4149, 101-4150, 101-4151, 101-4155, 101-4156, 101-4162, 101-4166, 101-4171, 101-4173, 101-4194, 101-4195, 101-4196, 101-4198, 101-4205, 101-4285, 101-5030, 257-4235 AND 746-3189 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR DCNR WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLY MEMBERS BUSTAMANTE ADAMS AND EDWARDS WERE EXCUSED FROM THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will move to the Report on Budget Closing Differences ([Exhibit P](#)) to resolve the differences.

CINDY JONES (Assembly Fiscal Analyst):

The first difference is for the Governor's Finance Office, B/A 101-1340.

Governor's Finance Office - Budget Division — Budget Page ELECTED-52  
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Budget Account 101-1340

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The Governor recommended General Fund appropriations of \$56,686 over the 2017-2019 biennium to fund startup costs for a fiscal training course that would be offered by Western Nevada College (WNC). The WNC class would consolidate and enhance the fiscal training currently provided by the Department of Administration, Controller's Office, Governor's Finance Office and other entities and provide an employment credential for individuals who complete the course.

The Senate Committee on Finance approved the Governor's recommendation to fund startup costs for a fiscal training course at WNC, whereas the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means did not approve the Governor's recommendation to fund startup costs for a fiscal training course at WNC.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I suggest we have the Senate close this as the Assembly did.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY MOTION TO NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND STARTUP COSTS FOR A FISCAL TRAINING COURSE AT WNC IN B/A 101-1340.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGET CLOSED.

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MARK KRMPOTIC (Senate Fiscal Analyst):

For the Office of the State Treasurer B/A 101-1080, the Governor recommended the continuation of a public information officer (PIO) that was established in the 2015-2016 Interim. It was noted in the closing document, that the Treasurer's Office would have built in salary savings of \$50,000 in FY 2017-2018 and \$52,604 in FY 2018-2019, due to positions that were underfilled in FY 2016-2017, and anticipated to continue to be underfilled in the 2017-2019 biennium.

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Treasurer - State Treasurer — Budget Page ELECTED-205 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-1080

The Senate Committee on Finance did not approve the continuation of the PIO position in the 2017-2019 biennium, and recommended reducing funding by \$78,679 in FY 2017-2018 and \$81,673 in FY 2018-2019 related to funding the position. The Senate did not make any adjustments to reduce personnel expenditures based on the estimated built-in salary savings for underfilled positions. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved the Governor's recommendation to continue the PIO position in the 2017-2019 biennium, but reduced the Treasurer's Office personnel expenditures by \$50,000 in FY 2017-2018 and \$52,604 in FY 2018-2019 to account for the underfilled positions.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means kept the position as we believed it was a filled position. We have since found out it is becoming vacant due to a resignation.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO NOT APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE PIO POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER IN B/A 101-1080.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee reduced personnel expenditures by \$50,000 in FY 2017-2018 and \$52,604 in FY 2018-2019 to account for the underfilled positions expected to remain underfilled in the upcoming biennium.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO REDUCE B/A 101-1080 PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES BY \$50,000 IN FY 2017-2018 AND

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\$52,604 IN FY 2018-2019 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE UNDERFILLED POSITIONS EXPECTED TO REMAIN UNDERFILLED IN THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. JONES:

The next closing difference is for the Office of the Controller B/A 101-1130.

Controller - Controller's Office — Budget Page ELECTED-259 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-1130

The Governor recommended eliminating the training facility and a training officer. Funding reductions of General Fund appropriations of \$140,579 in FY 2017-2018 and \$147,169 in FY 2018-2019 would result from this recommendation. The Senate Committee on Finance approved the recommendation to eliminate the training officer and training facility. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means did not approve the recommendation, which would add back into the Controller's budget General Fund appropriation of \$140,579 in FY 2017-2018 and \$147,169 in FY 2018-2019.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

We are trying to find a compromise. I have a new proposal, which is to move the training officer position to the Department of Administration and allow the Department of Administration to use some space that has become available. This would be a first step to have training in the Department of Administration. We can then develop a strategy for training in other areas.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO RESCIND THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MOTION THAT DID NOT APPROVE ELIMINATING THE TRAINING FACILITY AND A TRAINING OFFICER AND

REDUCTIONS OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$140,579 IN FY 2017-2018 AND \$147,169 IN FY 2018-2019 WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THIS RECOMMENDATION.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR FORD MOVED TO RESCIND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION THAT APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING OFFICER AND TRAINING FACILITY AND RELATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TRAINING OFFICER IN B/A 101-1130 AS DISCUSSED IN [EXHIBIT P](#) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO USE SPACE THAT MAY HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF ELIMINATION OF TESTING DONE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LATER DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR TRAINING IN OTHER AREAS.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Do we know what the fiscal impact of this motion will be?

Ms. JONES:

There would be a reduction by no longer funding the training facility. I do not have that figure. Costs associated with the position would remain the same.



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The position would be moved from the Office of the Controller to the Department of Administration.

MR. KRMPOTIC:

The amounts listed would come down somewhat. We would eliminate a non-State building rent, which is generally a higher cost to the State and incorporating the training room into a State-owned space. We do not have exact costs, but they would be expected to be less than stated in [Exhibit P](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Is there any estimate on the training room space that would open up?

MR. KRMPOTIC:

It would be ongoing rent in the Nevada State Library and Archives building.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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MS. JONES:

The Debt Recovery Account is B/A 101-1140. It is currently in the Office of the Controller. The Governor recommended transferring the Debt Collection Unit from the Office of the Controller to the Governor's Finance Office (GFO). The Senate Committee on Finance voted to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Debt Collection Unit and organize the Debt Recovery Account under the GFO. The Assembly Ways and Means Committee did not approve the transfer.

Governor's Finance Office - Debt Recovery Account — Budget Page  
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Budget Account 101-1140

A statutory change would be needed to transfer the State's debt collection responsibility to the GFO. The changes would have been made by [A.B. 51](#), but

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it was not passed by the Assembly before the first House passage deadline and no further action may be taken on that bill. If it is the Committees' desire to move debt collection from the Controller's Office to the GFO, enabling legislation would be required.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 51**: Revises provisions regarding the collection of debts owed to State agencies. (BDR 31-231)

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I suggest to the Senate we concur with the Assembly action.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-1140 AND CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO NOT APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE DEBT RECOVERY ACCOUNT, B/A 101-1140, FROM THE STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE TO THE GFO.

SENATOR FORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

The Governor recommended outsourcing the State Collections and Disbursement Unit (SCaDU), which is responsible for child support payment processing, effective January 2018. The recommendation would result in a net savings of \$1.6 million over the biennium and includes the elimination of 17 positions. The Agency does not anticipate any layoffs. The net savings is the State share of collections, which is included in the Child Support Enforcement Account.

A motion was made to not approve the Governor's recommendation to outsource SCaDU in B/A 101-3238. The motion was passed by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, but the motion failed in the Senate Committee on Finance. The Senate did not make an alternative motion.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I suggest to the Senate we concur with the Assembly action.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-3238 AND CONCUR  
WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION IN  
B/A 101-3238 TO NOT APPROVE OUTSOURCING SCADU.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

We processed 448 budgets, 147 were Fiscal staff closings. You have all done a phenomenal job.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I second that. Thank you so much to Fiscal staff and Committee staff who work day and night to prepare us. Thanks to the Subcommittee chairs who worked so hard to get us here. Seeing no further public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Felicia Archer,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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