

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Seventy-ninth Session  
May 4, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in Room 2134 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.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair  
Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Aaron D. Ford  
Senator Ben Kieckhefer  
Senator Becky Harris

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair (Excused)  
Senator Pete Goicoechea (Excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, Senatorial District No. 6  
Senator Heidi S. Gansert, Senatorial District No. 15  
Senator Scott Hammond, Senatorial District No. 18

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst  
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Lona Domenici, Finance Committee Manager  
Edgar Cervantes, Finance Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jonathan Leleu, International Market Centers

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Randy Soltero, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees 720  
Cheryl Blomstrom, Interim President, Nevada Taxpayers Association  
Tyre Gray, Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; Reno-Sparks  
Chamber of Commerce  
Bryan Wachter, Retail Association of Nevada  
Fran Almaraz, Teamsters Locals 14, 631 and 986  
Carter Bundy, AFSCME International  
Ken Retterath, Division Director, Washoe County Adult Services  
Shawn Marston, Deputy, Washoe County Sheriff's Office:  
Chuck Callaway, Director, Office of the Intergovernmental Services, Las Vegas  
Metropolitan Police Department  
Sarah Adler, President, National Alliance for Mental Illness Western Nevada  
Erik Jimenez, United Cerebral Palsy of Nevada, High Sierra Industries  
Lindsay Anderson, Washoe County School District  
Mary Pierczynski, Nevada Association of School Superintendents, Nevada  
Association of School Administrators  
Jessica Ferrato, Nevada Association of School Boards; Nevada Builders Alliance  
Bradley Keating, Clark County School District  
Alex Ortiz, Assistant Director, Department of Administration Services, Clark  
County  
Will Jensen, Director, Nevada Department of Education  
Kyle Davis, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife  
Chase Wittemore, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited  
Tony Wasley, Director, Department of Wildlife  
Andrew Clinger, Senior Advisor, Nevada Governor's Office  
Manny Lamarre, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation  
William Stanley, Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council;  
Northern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council  
Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of  
Education  
Austen Slaughter, Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Don Soderberg, Director, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and  
Rehabilitation  
Peggy Lear Bowen

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We are going to begin with work session on Senate Bill (S.B.) 286. The  
scheduled work sessions on S.B. 212, S.B. 227, S.B. 323, and S.B. 510 will be  
rolled to another day.

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**SENATE BILL 286 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing the regulation of applied behavior analysis. (BDR 39-633)

**SENATE BILL 212 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing the welfare of pupils. (BDR 34-674)

**SENATE BILL 227 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to nurses. (BDR 54-213)

**SENATE BILL 323 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (BDR 38-627)

**SENATE BILL 510**: Revises provision governing the eligibility of a child for assistance from the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. (BDR 38-901)

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

An amendment has been added to S.B. 286; therefore, I will call for a motion to re-refer S.B. 286 back to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy to handle the policy on the additional amendment before the Senate Committee on Finance vets S.B. 286.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO RE-REFER S.B. 286 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will open our bill hearing with S.B. 414.

**SENATE BILL 414 (2nd Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing the taxation of certain property owned by nonresidents. (BDR 32-935)

SENATOR SCOTT HAMMOND (Senatorial District No. 18):

Under existing law all personal property owned by a person who is not a resident of Nevada is exempt from a taxation of properties located in Nevada for purposes of a display, exhibition, convention, carnival, fair or circus that is transient in nature. Recently, the Clark County Assessor has interpreted this exemption to mean every category including displays, exhibitions and conventions must be transient in nature for the exemption to apply even though a simple reading of the exemption reveals otherwise. Yet, the Assessor has mandated several exhibitors at the World Trade Center in Las Vegas, a 5.1 million square foot trade show facility, to file personal property tax declarations identifying their exhibits for assessment of personal property tax.

Senate Bill 414 divides the exemptions into two parts. The first exemption is personal property located in Nevada for the purpose of a display, exhibition or convention, and second, personal property which is located of Nevada for the purpose of a transit carnival, fair or circus.

The Clark County Assessor has offered an amendment; therefore, we have a bill before the Committee that everyone agrees on. We aim to clarify the exemption with S.B. 414.

JOHNATHAN LELEU (International Market Centers):

International Market Centers is the corporate owner of the World Market Center in Las Vegas. We have been discussing S.B. 414 with Clark County for three months and have reached an agreement with the policy of S.B. 414. The amendment that has been offered and accepted was authored by the County. We are in agreement with that amendment.

There are two fiscal notes included in S.B. 414 offered by Clark County and the Nevada Department of Taxation. Clark County's fiscal note is \$700,000 for prospective revenue and not for revenue currently collected. The Department of Taxation revenue is approximately \$133,000 over the next biennium. The Department of Taxation's fiscal note states that it is based on Clark County's fiscal note, which is based on prospective revenue and not revenue that is currently being collected. A decrease in revenue will not result due to the approval and passage of S.B. 414.

We are addressing a tax that is not being collected, and through S.B. 414, we will clarify that Nevada will not tax trade show exhibits. It does not include

trade show equipment and other associated property. I ask the Committee to ask themselves, if we do not pass S.B. 414 and start collecting the tax, what will the cost be then?

SENATOR HARRIS:

We have a lot of trade shows that bring significant exhibits, displays and equipment. Are we currently taxing those exhibits?

MR. LELEU:

I do not know. The problem is that personal property tax declarations have been received by exhibitors in Las Vegas. If the Assessor decides to collect the tax and if we do not pass S.B. 414, then yes, we can collect a tax on convention exhibits.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Is the property tax for Nevada residents only, or does it include nonresidents?

MR. LELEU:

The idea of S.B. 414 is not to treat anyone differently, regardless of being in-State or out-of-State, but to ensure that we are not taxing certain categories of property with that category being convention exhibits.

SENATOR HARRIS:

It does not sound like we are going to be taxing personal property from out-of-State conventions that have exhibits. I would assume we are not currently taxing people who live in-State who may have to exhibit at a convention because of their business.

MR. LELEU:

I presume the same.

SENATOR FORD:

I like S.B. 414, but I have not heard any comments on the Department of Taxation's fiscal note. Please address the fiscal note.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

The Department of Taxation's fiscal note is based on the fiscal note provided by the Clark County Assessor.

MR. LELEU:

The Department of Taxation's fiscal note states "we started with numbers estimated by Clark County where there would be the greatest impact." The Department of Taxation's fiscal note is based on the Clark County fiscal note.

SENATOR DENIS:

The language of S.B. 414 reads: "not located in the State for more than 30 days." However, the World Market Center has display exhibits that are displayed all year.

MR. LELEU:

Senate Bill 414, as amended, has two parts. The first part exempts exhibits that are used in a convention or trade show located in the State or a display, convention, carnival, fair or circus that is transient in nature and located in the State for not more than 30 days. When we talk about not being located in the State for more than 30 days, we are not talking about the convention or trade show property but exhibitions, carnivals, fairs, circuses and plays that are not located in the State for more than 30 days.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now hear support testimony for S.B. 414.

RANDY SOLTERO (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees):

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees is in support of S.B. 414. We represent a large number of people in the convention industry and we have been hearing from contractors and convention coordinators that they do not get taxed in Orlando, Chicago or New York. That is a concern. Our members depend on the work that is provided by the convention industry, and we would like to see that continue without it being interrupted.

CHERYL BLOMSTROM (Interim President, Nevada Taxpayers Association):

The Nevada Taxpayers Association supports S.B. 414.

TYRE GRAY (Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce):

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce supports S.B. 414. Conventions play an important role in our economy, and we want to ensure we retain those conventions.

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BRYAN WACHTER (Retail Association of Nevada):

The Retail Association of Nevada is in favor of S.B. 414. This bill goes a long way to clarify what was intended to be exempt from this particular tax.

FRAN ALMARAZ (Teamsters Locals 14, 631 and 986):

Teamsters has received numerous calls from convention vendors wanting to know if they were going to be taxed. They were not happy about it, and they stated that they would find somewhere else where they would not be taxed. We are in full support of S.B. 414.

CARTER BUNDY (AFSCME International):

AFSCME International supports S.B. 414.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no one in opposition or in neutral, we will now have the sponsors of the bill provide us with their closing remarks.

MR. LELEU:

I was given the authority by the City of Las Vegas to state that the City supports S.B. 414.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now close the hearing on S.B. 414 and open the hearing on S.B. 192.

**SENATE BILL 192**: Establishes required hours of operation for certain mobile mental health units. (BDR 39-816)

SENATOR NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO (SENATORIAL DISTRICT NO. 6):

Senate Bill 192 requires mobile mental health units operating within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public and Behavioral Health to add four additional hours per day. Clark County and Washoe County must ensure that the mobile unit is available to provide services from at least 8:00 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Currently, this requirement would apply to the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) which is a program that pairs a behavioral health professional with a law enforcement officer to respond to calls and provide intervention in mental health crises. In fiscal year (FY) 2016-2017, MOST served an average of 199 clients each month, including 158 clients in northern Nevada, 16 clients in southern Nevada and 25 clients in Carson City and Lyon County.

This program is extremely popular among law enforcement and the behavioral health community, as evidenced by its expansion from Washoe County to rural areas of the State to southern Nevada. The goal of S.B. 192 is to expand an already successful program to increase access for much needed services because mental health crises are not limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. By providing mobile mental health services outside of regular business hours, the State will be able to serve more Nevadans in crises, when they need it most.

There is a substantial fiscal note from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The fiscal note reflects the cost of the additional staff required to expand the program, which currently operates on a limited basis.

Expanding the program will cost the State money, but if we provide such services upfront and get people connected with mental health professionals, the State will save a substantial amount of money in terms of incarceration, which is where I come in contact with some of these individuals. The State will also save money long-term on emergency room visits, ambulance rides, jail time, court time and actually get individuals who need services connected with mental health professionals. There is a dual purpose here: knowing that Nevadans receive the care they need while also reducing costs to the State.

KEN RETTERATH (Division Director, Washoe County Adult Services): The MOST program brings together law enforcement and mental health professionals to deal with some of the most difficult people that we deal with in our communities. They are often service resistant, homeless, mentally ill and/or suffering from substance abuse. By working together with law enforcement and mental health professionals, we will be able to reduce calls for service and make an impact.

Last year we had an elderly individual who came into our community; she was severely mentally ill and paranoid. We received a call from her daughter. This individual had left her home in Washington, and her family did not know where she was for months. This individual ended up in our community. Somehow the family was able to track her down. They called us and we called the MOST team. She was living on the streets and carried a knife because she was afraid people were going to attack her. She was a danger to herself and to those she came in contact with. In the course of three months and in coordination with



the MOST team and her family, we were able to get her home to Washington. There are many more of these people living on our streets. This is why this program is so important.

Recently this program has begun to transition to Washoe County. We recently completed the interviews for that, and we have hired two workers. One of the things we have heard from the people who have been working this program is that there is a big need for this. The two workers that we have cannot keep up with the demand in our community.

SHAWN MARSTON (Deputy, Washoe County Sheriff's Office):  
The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is in support of S.B. 192.

The MOST workers are currently working with the Reno Police Department, the City of Reno, nonincorporated areas of Washoe County and the City of Sparks. Right now, part of the responsibility for MOST is to conduct follow-ups. We have tried to set up a system to where the Sparks Police Department is able to send an e-mail and do referrals so the MOST team can follow up. Usually there is a lot of repeated calls for service from this population. Currently, Reno is so inundated with calls that they are going from call to call on crises. If there is someone who is suffering from mental illness, regardless if they are in Sun Valley, Sparks or Reno, they deserve the intervention from MOST. The MOST program bridges the gap between law enforcement and social services and connects the person to the services that they are in need of. I hope this Committee supports S.B. 192 to expand the services to meet all of Washoe County.

SENATOR FORD:

I agree with Senator Cannizzaro's statement that mental health crises do not happen only between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. I disagree with the assessment that the fiscal note is a hefty note for what we are trying to accomplish, especially when the State can save millions of dollars in the criminal justice system.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Are the hours of service currently decided for MOST?

MR. RETTERATH:

The hours of MOST are contingent on the hours law enforcement is working. I am not certain if other factors affect the determination of those hours. When we bring MOST into Washoe County we are going to find out what is the most effective way to implement this program and target the areas that we feel need this service the most.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

How many additional people do you anticipate needing to fully staff MOST?

MR. RETTERATH:

I anticipate at least four additional staff members are needed to fully staff MOST.

CHUCK CALLAWAY (Director, Office of the Intergovernmental Services, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department):

Clark County operates differently. We have approximately 2,000 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers. We have CIT officers available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When we respond to a crisis call, the officers determine if a Legal 2000 Civil Commitment is appropriate. We have two officers that do CIT full-time, and they administer the CIT program. They look at things such as repeat Legal 2000's, where we have people who we receive multiple calls about. The staff then makes a referral to the Clark County's MOST. Once a week, the MOST along with CIT officers do an outreach to make contact with people we have had repeat calls about. We try to direct them to the services they need, so they do not end up in the criminal justice system.

We are considering expanding the program. Our CIT officers recently visited Tuscon, Arizona, to study their model. The Tuscon program is similar to Washoe County's program where a MOST worker drives around with officers and they respond to calls as they happen. That is currently not how we do it in Clark County. We are interested in expanding our program to parallel Washoe County's program in the future. Right now it is service-based after our CIT officers have made contact.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now take testimony in support of S.B. 192.

SARAH ADLER (President, National Alliance or Mental Illness Western Nevada):  
I will now read from my prepared statement ([Exhibit C](#)).

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no testimony in opposition nor neutral on S.B. 192, we will now take Senator Cannizzaro's closing remarks.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I cannot overstate the importance of conversations regarding mental health and how to better serve those who are having difficulty accessing the services that they need. Addressing this problem can lead to major cost savings for the State. The program in Washoe County has become a great program, and we need to see it expand so it can serve a greater number of our population. Senate Bill 192 is one small step that would ultimately save the State money.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 192 and open the hearing on S.B. 213.

**SENATE BILL 213 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to education.  
(BDR 34-583)

SENATOR HEIDI S. GANSERT (Senatorial District No. 15):

Nevada has issues around the graduation rates for children with disabilities. The graduation rates for students with disabilities are significantly lower in Nevada than in other states, in particular Washoe County.

Senate Bill 213 tries to address some of the problems I identified during my research. First, there is the federal standard, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which requires students to be in the most inclusive environment, and that parents are to be part of the process when their student's individual education plan is put together.

Senate Bill 213 ensures that providers of special education are accountable and compliant with IDEA. It ensures that people who work with special education pupils, including teachers, administrators, other licensed personnel, substitute teachers and personnel who provide related services, receive training. It requests that the Nevada Department of Education establish what the training should be. The bill also ensures that parents with pupils with disabilities are

notified about the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process and the pupils' rights regarding the IEP process.

In Nevada, there is an alternative to a regular high school diploma known as the "adjusted diploma." If a student receives the adjusted diploma, it does not qualify them to continue on to higher education, the military or to receive grants. Senate Bill 213 ensures that parents of students with disabilities are notified about the effect of receiving an adjusted diploma. The bill also ensures that the board of trustees of school districts receive information about the special education program as far as who has received adjusted diplomas, graduation rates and so forth.

There is a problem with the current screening of individuals who are serving our students and ensuring that those individuals have a thorough background check. A regular fingerprint background check, which is all that is required now, only picks up convictions, but does not pick up substantiated cases of abuse and neglect. Senate Bill 213 expands the types of background checks that are required for employees. The bill also allows the courts to appoint an education surrogate for a pupil with a disability. The Clark County amendment ([Exhibit D](#)) allows that any party to the action around the IEP process may file a petition requesting the appointment of an education surrogate for the child.

[Exhibit E](#) explains that the fiscal note from the Department of Education has been removed.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no questions from the Committee, we will take testimony in support of S.B. 213.

ERIK JIMENEZ (United Cerebral Palsy of Nevada; High Sierra Industries):

Both United Cerebral Palsy of Nevada and High Sierra Industries are disability-related nonprofits in Washoe County. We think this is a great bill because it protects Nevada's most vulnerable students.

LINDSAY ANDERSON (Washoe County School District):

We are here to say, on the record, that we have removed our fiscal note from S.B. 213.

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MARY PIERCZYNSKI (Nevada Association of School Superintendents; Nevada Association of School Administrators):  
We are in support of S.B. 213.

JESSICA FERRATO (Nevada Association of School Boards):  
The Nevada Association of School Boards supports S.B. 213.

BRADLEY KEATING (Clark County School District):  
The Clark County School District is in support of S.B. 213.

ALEX ORTIZ (Assistant Director, Department of Administrative Services, Clark County):  
I want to thank the sponsor for accepting our amendment.

WILL JENSEN (Director, Nevada Department of Education):  
For clarification, the fiscal note was put on in error, and referred to the costs. Those costs will be absorbed through federal grants.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Seeing no further comments, we will close the hearing on S.B. 213 and open the hearing on S.B. 221.

**SENATE BILL 221 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing wildlife. (BDR 45-814)

SENATOR MOISES DENIS (Senatorial District No. 2):  
As amended, S.B. 221 creates the Nevada Wildlife Public Education Council within the Department of Wildlife that will develop a program to educate, promote and engage the residents of the State concerning the responsible stewardship of wildlife in the State. Parameters for the content of this program are outlined in section 5, and the makeup of the Council is outlined in section 3 of the bill. The funding for this program comes from the existing Wildlife Heritage Account. Details on the funding of the program are outlined in section 9 and will not exceed \$2 million over the four-year life of the program. If the program is successful, alternative funding methods will have to be devised.

Originally, S.B. 221, included a fiscal note since the first draft did not allocate enough of the \$2 million to cover the Department's cost. This has been resolved

in the amendment. The Department is present today to confirm that the amendment removes the need for a fiscal note.

There is also a proposed amendment to S.B. 221 ([Exhibit F](#)). This amendment is technical, adjusting a few details about how the funding is administered by the Department and brings the definition of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation in line with the definition from the Wildlife Society.

Nevada has an incredible story to tell about our wildlife. As the driest state in the Nation, quality wildlife habitat is hard to come by. Many of the popular big game species of today would have been on the Endangered Species List 100 years ago. It is through the efforts of sportsmen and sportswomen working in conservation organizations in partnership with the Department of Wildlife that we have brought many of our native species back from the brink of extinction. This is the cornerstone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, where the wildlife of our Country belongs to all of the people and are managed to ensure healthy populations.

Senate Bill 221 will create the Nevada Wildlife Public Education Council. We would like to create this Council within the Department of Wildlife to help more Nevadans gain a deeper understanding of how our wildlife species are managed, how we pay for it and the importance of these activities to ensure healthy wildlife populations for future generations.

KYLE DAVIS (Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife):

Senate Bill 221 accomplishes three things. First, it creates a Council to advise the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Second, it specifies the membership to administer this education program. Third, it funds this education program through an allocation from the Wildlife Heritage Account.

Through the amendments made in the policy committee, up to 20 percent of the \$2 million maximum may be used for the administration of the program. Through this amendment, the fiscal note from the Department of Wildlife has been removed. The technical amendment adjusts a few things that came about from drafting the amendment, [Exhibit F](#).

We aim to educate the public about our wildlife resources, how they are managed and the importance of the programs that we have in order to have healthy wildlife populations.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now take testimony in support of S.B. 221.

CHASE WITTEMORE (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited):

Nevada Bighorns Unlimited is in support of S.B. 221.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no one in opposition, we will now take neutral testimony.

TONY WASLEY (Director, Department of Wildlife):

The Department of Wildlife previously determined there would be a fiscal impact if S.B. 221 was implemented as introduced. Since then, S.B. 221 has been amended which eliminated the fiscal note that was attached to the bill as introduced. The Department of Wildlife requests the authority be placed in the Conservation Education budget account (B/A) 101-4462, to allow for the transfer for up to 20 percent, as necessary, to administer the provisions of this bill to accommodate the July 1, 2017, start date, should the bill pass.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

## WILDLIFE

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Budget Account 101-4462

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

What is the current principal balance in the Heritage Account?

MR. WASLEY:

The current principle balance in the Heritage Account is approximately \$8 million.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

How much comes in annually?

MR. WASLEY:

A little under \$1 million comes in annually. Currently, we can spend up to 75 percent of current year's proceeds from auction tags. We generate a little

less than \$1 million. While 75 percent of that amount can be spent on projects, the other 25 percent goes towards principal.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

You expect to bring in an annual revenue of \$4 million over the course of 4 years, spending \$3 million in the normal course of business. We will only be reducing the principal account by \$1 million over the 4-year period.

MR. WASLEY:

The way S.B. 221 has been drafted, there would not be much contribution towards the principal. There is language that changes the 75 percent of the current year's proceeds to 80 percent for projects, and the remaining 20 percent would go with a portion of the principal. This is not the Department's bill, so I cannot speak to where it stands with the amendments that have been included.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I do not see the 20 percent number in the language of the bill.

MR. DAVIS:

The original version of the bill did contemplate that 20 percent. But as amended, that section has been replaced with the \$2 million and the 80 percent adjustment.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

The basic math is right, except for that 5 percent difference between 75 percent and 80 percent?

MR. WASLEY:

You are understanding it correctly.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no further questions nor comments, we will close the hearing on S.B. 221 and open the hearing on S.B. 516.

**SENATE BILL 516 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions governing workforce innovation and apprenticeships. (BDR 53-913)



ANDREW CLINGER (Senior Advisor, Nevada Governor's Office):

Senate Bill 516 was proposed by Governor Brian Sandoval as part of the Comprehensive Workforce Development strategy. One of the challenges we face with the new Nevada economy is ensuring that we have a highly skilled and diverse workforce. The Governor has outlined strategy to achieve that in S.B. 516.

Senate Bill 516 does three things. First, it establishes the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) in the Governor's Office to provide for central oversight in coordination of workforce development activities. Second, it transfers the State Apprenticeship Council elevating its status to the Governor's Office from the Labor Commissioner's Office. Third, the bill transfers the Nevada P-22 to the Workforce Research Data (NPWR) system to OWINN.

MANNY LAMARRE (Executive Director, Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation):

The core components in the *Executive Budget* related to S.B. 516 include the transferring of the OWINN from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to a stand-alone 104 budget account within the Office of the Governor. The second major component is the transferring of the State Apprenticeship Council to OWINN.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Where is the NPWR component located in the language of the bill?

MR. CLINGER:

The components related to the transfer of NPWR to OWINN are found in section 14, section 20 and section 23. They are related to data pieces.

SENATOR FORD:

Are you familiar with Senator Atkinson's S.B. 357 regarding apprenticeships?

[SENATE BILL 357 \(1st Reprint\)](#): Revises provisions governing apprentices. (BDR 28-534)

MR. CLINGER:

Not specifically, no.

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SENATOR FORD:

I am interested to see how S.B. 357 would be able to work with S.B. 516. I would like to have a conversation in regards to that.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

On page 20 of S.B. 516, under the text of repealed sections, and under the compensation of members and employees subsection, it is my understanding that it was not your intent to delete that section. Is that correct?

MR. CLINGER:

That is correct.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will now take testimony in support of S.B. 516.

WILLIAM STANLEY (Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council;  
Northern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council):

We believe all the changes that will be made with the passage and approval of S.B. 516 are in the best interest of apprenticeship. We want to ensure that we are consciously leveraging public works dollars to create opportunities for apprentices in the underserved communities. That is a very important step in the economic development of our State. It is important for economic development that we understand we, the construction workforce of the future, tie to economic development. If we do not have the economic workforce to develop it, they will not come.

STEVE CANAVERO Ph.D. (Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada  
Department of Education):

Assembly Bill 7 was the first piece of the puzzle in seeking to join together to better serve the youth, young adults and adults of our State. Section 20, subsection 4, paragraphs a) and b), are two critical roles that we will see if this bill is successful in helping the Department of Education and the State Board of Education identify and recommend the pathways that are aligned to industry demand, as well as being informed by OWINN to discontinue pathways that do not meet the rigor that we would expect the pathways to meet in order to prepare students appropriately for postsecondary choices.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 7 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions related to education. (BDR 34-126)

AUSTEN SLAUGHTER (Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce):  
The Las Vegas Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce supports S.B. 516 and recognizes that workforce innovation and apprenticeships are key to diversifying and strengthening the Nevada economy.

MS. FERRATO (Nevada Builders Alliance):  
The Nevada Builders Alliance supports S.B. 516.

DON SODERBERG (Director, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation):  
We support S.B. 516. It is long overdue and invaluable to have a strategic focus that looks at what other agencies do. It will greatly benefit the people that we are trying to help in the community.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Seeing no testimony in opposition, we will take testimony in neutral.

PEGGY BOWEN:  
Did the previous boards not function when they were representing local areas? I do not understand why you would take a membership in a Council away from people who serve at the pleasure of the Governor. We just went through this with the Public Employees' Benefits Program. It seems like it takes authority out of the local communities and puts it in an office at the State level. Was there a problem with the way it was?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
We will now close the hearing on S.B. 516 and open the hearing for S.B. 518.

**SENATE BILL 518 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to certain accounts used for the education of pupils enrolled in public schools. (BDR 34-1094)

DR. CANAVERO:  
Historically the Contingency Account for Special Education Services, B/A 101-2615 was part of a larger account, but we are now trying to isolate \$5 million over the biennium that can be accessed by our districts for specific

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costs that are associated with extraordinary expenses related to special education. We created this account in the 78th Legislative Session

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

You are striking out that interest and income earned on the money in the account be credited to the account. That is the big change, right?

DR. CANAVERO:

Yes, that is the big change. When I asked the question, the response I received was that there was interest that is earned on the dollars that are there, but they are credited to a different account and not back to the Special Education Contingency Account due to its perpetual maintenance at the \$5 million mark.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does that then avoid increasing the maintenance of effort?

DR. CANAVERO:

That is correct.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no further comments, we will now close our hearing on S.B. 518 and open the hearing for public comment.

Ms. BOWEN:

I am a teacher of 35 years, and I was also educated in the State. I was elected to the State Board of Education for 12 years, Chair for the Women's Commission for the City of Reno for 10 years, Chair of the Nevada State Indian Commission for 10 years and a member for 15 years. I also created the Women's Nevada Caucus for the National Education Association, and funded the Nevada's Steering Committee and cochaired it. Thus, when I come to testify, I come with background and expertise.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no further comment, this meeting is adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Edgar Cervantes,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

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

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