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

#### Eightieth Session May 3, 2019

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda (Exhibit A), the Attendance Roster (Exhibit B), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Jason Frierson
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
Assemblyman Al Kramer
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Assemblywoman Dina Neal
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Assemblyman John Hambrick Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst Cathy Crocket, Senior Program Analyst Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary Lisa McAlister, Committee Assistant



Chair Carlton asked the committee assistant to call the roll. The Chair then reminded Committee members, testifiers, and members of the audience about Committee rules and protocol.

### <u>Assembly Bill 157 (1st Reprint)</u>: Establishes provisions relating to certain services for and resources concerning victims of human trafficking. (BDR 18-141)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the first bill was Assembly Bill (A.B.) 157 (1st Reprint). This bill was heard on May 1, 2019, and required the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate with the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to develop and distribute certain informational materials related to human trafficking of children. The Department of Education put a fiscal note on this bill of \$12,000 for print and digital campaigns. Ms. Jones said the committee asked during the hearing whether that \$12,000 could be funded by the Educational Trust Fund, which was funded through a transfer from the Unclaimed Property Division, Office of the State Treasurer, for unspent or returned gift cards. An email had been received yesterday morning that the Department of Education could use the Educational Trust Fund; however, subsequent to that communication, Fiscal staff received an email from the Department of Education indicating that it would like to partner with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support those costs. Ms. Jones said those costs would be required to be approved by DHHS' internal grant review board, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff's concern was that the program have a solid funding source as originally represented by the Department of Education. It appeared that the fiscal note had a couple of options for funding, and no General Funds would be needed to support this bill.

Chair Carlton commented that there were multiple options that could be considered as this bill moved forward.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 157 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton requested that Assemblywoman Titus present the floor statement for A.B. 157 (R1).

### **Assembly Bill 290 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to occupational safety and health. (BDR 53-286)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the second bill for consideration was <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 290 (1st Reprint)</u>, which revised provisions related to occupational safety and health. The bill required that the

Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, establish a registry publically assessable via the internet to track certain persons in the construction industry who had completed required courses in construction industry safety and hazard recognition and to track persons who were authorized as trainers of such courses. The Division of Industrial Relations indicated a fiscal effect of \$76,971 in fiscal year (FY) 2020 and \$61,061 in FY 2021. The Division submitted an unsolicited fiscal note to amend the amounts to \$30,000 in FY 2020 and \$3,000 in FY 2021. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that the workplace safety accounts included in the Division of Industrial Relations were funded by federal grants and the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund assessment, which was charged against providers of Workers' Compensation insurance. Therefore, an appropriation from the General Fund would not be needed to fund the fiscal note on this bill. Rather, the cost would be included in the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund assessment, which was administered by the Division of Industrial Relations and would probably have a negligible effect on that assessment to employers.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 290 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton requested that Assemblywoman Jauregui present the floor statement for A.B. 290 (R1).

Assembly Bill 496: Revises provisions governing the employees of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. (BDR 57-1215)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 496</u> revised provisions regarding the employees of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. Currently, statute required that persons employed by the Exchange were in the unclassified service; however, the current budget that was approved by the Subcommittee on General Government and would be closed before the full committees tomorrow, included nine new positions in the classified service. This bill aligned the type of service included in <u>The Executive Budget</u> with the statute for the agency. There were no other comments on the bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 496.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton requested that Assemblyman Kramer present the floor statement on A.B. 496.

Assembly Bill 500: Makes appropriations to the Office of Finance for replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System with the Enterprise Resource Planning System. (BDR S-1166)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 500</u> made an appropriation to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, for the replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System. This was a continuing project called the SMART 21 Project, and Ms. Jones said the Director of that office, Lee-Ann Easton, was available to explain the appropriations contained in the bill. Fiscal Analysis Division staff wanted to propose a technical amendment to the bill after Ms. Easton was finished providing information to the Committee.

Lee-Ann Easton, Director, Office of Project Management, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, read the following statement into the record:

Good afternoon Madam Chair and Members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Lee-Ann Easton, Director of the Office of Project Management.

I am here today to present to you <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 500</u>. Your approval of this bill would provide continued funding for the SMART 21 Project to replace the state's financial and human resources systems.

Over the past year and a half, the Office of Project Management has been working diligently on the development and release of the request for proposal (RFP), and evaluation of both written bids and oral presentations, and we currently are in the negotiation phases of this process. We anticipate completing the negotiations by the end of this month. After negotiations are complete and we are satisfied that the vendor can meet the state's requirements, we will then issue a notice of award. From there we anticipate having a contract in place for the July 9, 2019, Board of Examiners' meeting, with a start date of July 10, 2019.

I will now go through section 1 of this bill:

Section 1, subsections 1 and 2, provide a combination of 81 percent General Funds and 19 percent Highway Funds, totaling \$2,393,299, to fund a Master Services Agreement (MSA), to perform Legacy system data cleanup services, which will go through our records and eliminate duplicates, inaccuracies, and

remove old records so we can transfer accurate data to the new system. It will also provide funding to build 14 identified interfaces.

Section 1, subsections 3 and 4, provide a total \$40,500,000 in General Funds and \$9,500,000 in Highway Funds over the biennium to pay for the initial system design, configuration, integration, and load stress testing and vendor support.

This will also provide funding for the additional Subject Matter Experts that the vendor stated are required on the state's side to implement this project. These Subject Matter Experts will complete the design and configuration, change management, and testing and training of this system prior to deployment. It is anticipated that we will bring these Subject Matter Experts in full-time intermittently throughout the project until system deployment, which is expected to be January 2021 for nonpayroll related Human Resource modules and January to July 2022 for payroll and finance. In working with the vendor, we estimate it will take 13 Human Resources staff, 15 Finance staff, and 8 technical staff on this project, which will total approximately \$2.5 million per year. Our plan is to bring in the state Subject Matter Experts in each field and reimburse the agencies for their time so that the agencies can hire additional temporary staff to cover position duties.

This project will begin moving at a very rapid pace once the vendor is on board with us in July. We will need to move fluidly and be able to make decisions quickly in these specified areas in order to keep this project on schedule. We expect that the funding for each area that I presented above would be placed into a special-use category or something of that nature to ensure that we keep costs segregated and are able to quickly provide an analysis of costs incurred in each of these areas. We will need this not only for transparency and reporting on the project, but for our own budgeting purposes as well.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that this funding be placed in our budget so we can access it quickly as needed throughout this project, with the intent of providing this body an informational report of progress made and expenditures incurred on a set periodic basis of whatever timeframe you feel is appropriate, so we do not delay the project as we move forward.

Chair Carlton requested that Fiscal staff go through the amendment and then allow Committee members to ask questions.

Cathy Crocket, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the proposed amendment developed by Fiscal Analysis Division staff would allow for the continued usage of \$14.4 million, which was appropriated to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) this biennium for allocation to the project. Of the \$14.4 million

appropriated, approximately \$11.7 million remained, so in subsections 3 and 4 of section 1, the appropriations had been reduced by the amount of remaining funding in the IFC Contingency Account. Sections 3 and 4 would allow for the funding in the IFC Contingency Account to be used throughout the upcoming biennium, with a reversion to the General Fund in fiscal year (FY) 2021.

Chair Carlton informed the Committee members this bill would provide an accounting mechanism that would be needed to have the money go through the correct accounts to get where it was needed. She thanked Ms. Easton and congratulated her on her retirement and thanked her for her service to the state.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 500</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 500</u> and opened the hearing on <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 508</u>.

### **Assembly Bill 508:** Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of medical equipment. (BDR S-1185)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 508</u> made appropriations to the Department of Corrections for replacement of certain medical equipment, which was included in <u>The Executive Budget</u>. The bill requested \$114,700 for replacement of medical equipment and \$385 separately for a bladder scanner.

Theresa E. Wickham, Chief of Nursing Services, Medical Administration, Department of Corrections, testified in support of A.B. 508. Ms. Wickham said she would like to request a technical correction on the bladder scanner in section 1, subsection 2, line 7, because the device was not a bladder scanner in the truest sense of the word: it was a portable Doppler system, which had an interchangeable probe for transvaginal use to be able to detect very early fetal heartbeats. She said if someone was on Coumadin, or another anticoagulant for deep vein thrombosis prevention, and they started complaining of pain or swelling, with this tool a deep vein thrombosis could be ruled out. Currently, there was no way to check at the institution, and inmates had to be sent to the emergency room where they would sit for up to eight hours. Ms. Wickham said the prison medical staff could rule out a problem in-house with the requested device.

Chair Carlton asked about the language that was needed on line 7, and Ms. Wickham said she wanted to change "bladder scanner" to "deep vascular scanner."

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 508</u>, anyone in opposition, or anyone neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 508</u> and opened the hearing on <u>A.B. 509</u>.

#### **Assembly Bill 509:** Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission for the new automation solution to streamline the intake process. (BDR S-1187)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said this was another bill that was included in <u>The Executive Budget</u>. The request included an appropriation for \$543,488 for a new automation system to streamline the intake process. The agency had been contacted and did not anticipate any change in the requested amount.

Christopher Sewell, Chief of Operations, Legislative Liaison, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), introduced Chief Financial Officer Kitty DeSocio in Carson City, and in Las Vegas, Director Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Ph.D. and Deputy Director Dennis A. Perea.

Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Ph.D., Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), said the Committee might recollect that this was an investment to formally establish a case management system for the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. She said Deputy Director Dennis Perea would provide an overview.

Dennis A. Perea, Deputy Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), said before the Committee was a request for an intake and case management system to help streamline the intake process for the Nevada Equal Rights Commission (NERC). It would also provide better management reports, as well as help NERC's investigators manage cases more closely. Currently NERC, on average, received about 300 cases per month, and when those came in they needed to be "scrubbed" to determine whether NERC had jurisdiction in those cases. Mr. Perea said the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) had gone to a system that helped inform people of their rights and determined whether the agency had jurisdiction. In Washington, D.C. the EEOC's only concern was that NERC never set up a system that would screen people out and not have a live person to contact. Mr. Perea wanted to make the commitment to the EEOC, as well as to the Legislature, that any automated intake system would have the ability to provide answers to questions from a live person if necessary.

The cost of \$543,488 was derived from a Request for Information (RFI) by averaging seven proposals that contained implementation costs and license fees and added \$250,000 for a Master Services Agreement (MSA) contractor to manage the project. Mr. Perea said there was one proposal that was not averaged in because the numbers were so high, it was left out of the equation.

Chair Carlton said she was curious about \$250,000 for the MSA, noting that was almost half of the appropriation. She wondered whether she heard that correctly.

Mr. Perea said the calculation was \$250,000 on an MSA contract for about six months' worth of work from a contractor. It was estimated it would take six months to implement the case management system, which would be finished December 31, 2020.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked whether this represented the total cost of the project or if it was planning money.

Mr. Perea said the numbers were based on the RFI, and the agency was looking at approximately \$50,000 in license fees on this particular system. The number that he had averaged out was \$42,302, and there would be continuing costs associated with the system. That was what came back in the RFI for a shop of 17 people. Mr. Perea was aware it was a pretty steep bill, but he believed it could be installed for that cost.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson commented that she was fine with that number.

Chair Carlton requested that Mr. Perea supply backup information to Fiscal staff. She wanted the agency to have the system it needed, and she thanked Mr. Perea for putting on the record that if someone called they would still be able to talk to a live person.

Mr. Perea said he would provide all information to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 509</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 509</u> and opened the hearing on <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 510</u>.

#### **Assembly Bill 510:** Makes an appropriation to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Automatic Voter Registration Initiative. (BDR S-1190)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 510</u> made an appropriation to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the automatic voter registration initiative. Fiscal Analysis Division staff had confirmed with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that the expected amount of \$87,000 had not changed and was included in The Executive Budget.

Julie Butler, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), stated she was in support of this measure and on January 30, 2019, the Department presented a work program to the Interim Finance Committee asking for contingency funds in the amount of \$84,000 to retain the services of a contract programmer to make the necessary changes to the DMV system to comply with Question 5 [automatic voter registration initiative]. The contractor was brought on board in March and was reviewing the business rules and making coding changes to the DMV systems that were known at this time. The appropriation granted in this bill would ensure there would be enough funding for the contractor to continue working on the required changes throughout the remainder of calendar year 2019 to be ready for an anticipated golive date of January 1, 2020.

Assemblyman Kramer stated he did not understand what the \$87,000 was to be used for at DMV.

Ms. Butler said the funding was requested for programming changes that were required pursuant to Question 5 from the 2018 ballot, and there were many different items. First, systems needed to be changed to comply with the requirements, and that necessitated programming, and along with that there were going to be changes to forms that would be required. Additionally, there were a lot of things that needed to be done in preparation on DMV's end to transmit that data to the Secretary of State and to the county registrars. Ms. Butler said this funding would continue the work that was already begun in FY 2019 and would continue through FY 2020 to ensure DMV was ready to go live for the 2020 election.

Assemblyman Kramer commented that he had been in the data processing field for a long time, and to be able to do what DMV was planning in that amount of time with the system at DMV for this small dollar amount surprised him.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone here in support of <u>A.B. 510</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 510</u> and opened the hearing on <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 513</u>.

## Assembly Bill 513: Makes appropriations to the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of computer hardware and software and building maintenance. (BDR S-1219)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said the next bill for consideration was Assembly Bill (A.B.) 513, which made appropriations to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the replacement of computer hardware and software and also included building maintenance. These appropriations were included in The Executive Budget. Ms. Jones said Assembly Bill 513 made appropriations of approximately \$27,387 in General Funds for replacement computer hardware and software for the DPS Training Division. The second item was \$47,056 in Highway Fund appropriations for replacement computer software for the Training Division, \$24,606 in General Fund appropriations for the maintenance of the Training Division building, and \$28,885 in Highway Fund appropriations for maintenance at the Carson City training building. Ms. Jones said it was basically for two purposes: replacement computer hardware and software and maintenance of the training building, but the funding was split between General Fund and Highway Fund for both of those items. The agency indicated that certain amounts of this request might change, depending upon what was approved in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Natasha Koch, Chief, Training Division, Nevada Department of Public Safety, said the Training Division currently had Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project 19-M18, and if approved, the agency would not need sections 3 and 4 of <u>A.B. 513</u>.

Chair Carlton asked whether the agency would like to delete sections 3 and 4 depending upon approval of the CIP, and Ms. Koch said that was correct: if the CIP was approved, those two sections could be eliminated.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 513</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 513</u> and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 514.

### **Assembly Bill 514:** Makes an appropriation to the Secretary of State for implementation of the Automatic Voter Registration Initiative. (BDR S-1225)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said <u>A.B. 514</u> made an appropriation to the Secretary of State for the implementation of the Automatic Voter Registration Initiative in the amount of \$7,665. Fiscal staff had received information from the Secretary of State indicating that the amount was no longer needed.

Susan Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, confirmed that the Office of the Secretary of State had withdrawn the request.

Chair Carlton stated it was good to have that on the record and <u>A.B. 514</u> would be considered withdrawn.

## Assembly Bill 517: Makes supplemental appropriations to the Office of the Governor for an unanticipated shortfall in contract, utility and other operating costs. (BDR S-1230)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said <u>Assembly Bill 517</u> was included in <u>The Executive Budget</u> and made supplemental appropriations to the Office of the Governor for unanticipated shortfalls in contract, utility, and other operating costs. There were three sections to the bill: the first included an appropriation for a shortfall in utility costs at the Governor's Mansion of \$8,475; the second provided an appropriation of \$12,500 to cover a shortfall in operations in the Governor's budget; and the third, an appropriation of \$66,556 to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, for a shortfall in contract costs. Ms. Jones believed the last figure was being reduced to \$33,556. The Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, was available to discuss the bill.

Paul Nicks, Deputy Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, said in section 1 and section 2, the Office was still tracking the expenditures and would provide an update as new numbers were received if they fluctuated either way. Regarding the shortfall for the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, Mr. Nicks said he was comfortable with the \$33,556 noted by Ms. Jones instead of the \$66,556 included in section 3 the bill.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 517</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 517</u> and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 519.

#### Assembly Bill 519: Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account and the Contingency Account. (BDR S-1240)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said this was another appropriation included in <u>The Executive Budget</u>. <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 519</u> made appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account and the Contingency Account. The bill included General Fund appropriations of \$2.5 million to the Stale Claims Account and \$16,253,908 to the Contingency Account. Ms. Jones said the Office of Finance was requesting an amendment relative to the Statutory Contingency Account.

Susan Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, stated the Office was requesting a revision to add the Statutory Contingency Account to this request because of unanticipated costs associated with pending election costs and settlements, which were expected to be settled in the near future. The amount being requested was \$7,680,419.

Chair Carlton said she believed the amended proposal concerned the Waterfall fire, and Ms. Brown said that was correct.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 519</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on <u>A.B. 519</u> and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 525.

## Assembly Bill 525: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of State Parks for an unanticipated increase in terminal leave payout costs. (BDR S-1237)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), said this appropriation was included in <u>The Executive Budget</u> and was a supplemental appropriation for the Division of State Parks for unanticipated costs in terminal leave payouts. This appropriation would support costs for the continued operations of the agency for the current fiscal year, and the amount included in the appropriation was \$142,047.

Robert Mergell, Administrator, Division of State Parks, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, said as stated, the supplemental request was for the current fiscal year to help offset terminal leave payout costs. There were three retirements of long-term employees and the potential for one more retirement. Mr. Mergell said the Division was working with the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, as well as the Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, to true up the actual costs, but the actual amount was most likely going to be less than what was being requested. The Division had some vacancies that would offset the retirements to some degree, but there would still be some need for a supplemental appropriation.

Chair Carlton asked whether the agency had any idea of when it might be able submit the correct amount.

Jennifer Idema, Administrative Services Officer, Division of State Parks, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, said the Division was working with the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, and the final figure was likely to be available next week.

Chair Carlton asked whether there was anyone in support of <u>A.B. 525</u> or in opposition or neutral, and seeing none, she closed the hearing on A.B. 525.

Chair Carlton informed the Committee members that a number of the bills could be processed at this meeting. But first, the Committee needed to vote to suspend Rule Number 57 to be able to process the bills on the same day of hearing.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED TO SUSPEND ASSEMBLY RULE NUMBER 57 OF THE STANDING RULES FOR THE 80TH SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton said it was her intention to process <u>A.B. 500</u>, <u>A.B. 508</u>, <u>A.B. 509</u>, <u>A.B. 510</u>, <u>A.B. 517</u>, and <u>A.B. 519</u>. She said <u>A.B. 513</u> would be held for the CIP conversation that needed to happen.

Assembly Bill 500: Makes appropriations to the Office of Finance for replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System with the Enterprise Resource Planning System. (BDR S-1166)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 500</u> was heard earlier today, and it provided appropriations to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, for the replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System. There was an amendment proposed by Fiscal Analysis Division staff on the bill. Lee-Ann Easton had testified regarding A.B. 500.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 500.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton stated she would handle the Floor Statement for this bill.

#### Assembly Bill 508: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of medical equipment. (BDR S-1185)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), said the bill was heard earlier today and the Department of Corrections testified on the bill. <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 508</u> made an appropriation of \$114,700 for various medical equipment replacements and included \$385 for a bladder scanner. However, the agency requested a change to line 7. Instead of \$385 for a bladder scanner, it was preferred to request \$385 for a deep vascular scanner.

Assemblywoman Titus commented that the equipment should probably be called a venous scanner, which was the technical term.

Chair Carlton said the correct technical term would be determined before the Committee received the amendment.

ASSEMLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 508.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton requested that Assemblywoman Titus handle the Floor Statement.

**Assembly Bill 509:** Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission for the new automation solution to streamline the intake process. (BDR S-1187)

Chair Carlton noted that the Nevada Equal Rights Commission had been asked for the backup documents on this bill, and with the Committee's agreement, she wanted to wait to process this bill until those documents were submitted to Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

#### **Assembly Bill 510:** Makes an appropriation to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Automatic Voter Registration Initiative. (BDR S-1190)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), said <u>Assembly Bill 510</u>, heard earlier today, made an appropriation to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Automatic Voter Registration Initiative. The request was for \$87,000 for the cost of implementing automatic voter registration. Testimony by the agency indicated those were programming dollars, and Fiscal Analysis Division staff had confirmed earlier there was no change to the amount requested.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 510.

#### ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton requested that Assemblywoman Jauregui handle the Floor Statement.

# <u>Assembly Bill 517</u>: Makes supplemental appropriations to the Office of the Governor for an unanticipated shortfall in contract, utility and other operating costs. (BDR S-1230)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated that <u>Assembly Bill 517</u> made a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Governor for an unanticipated shortfall in contract, utility, and other operating costs. This request was included in <u>The Executive Budget</u>. The bill contained an appropriation of \$8,475 to address a shortfall in utility costs for the Governor's Mansion and \$12,500 for the Office of the Governor budget for a shortfall in operating costs. Ms. Jones stated that because of testimony by the agency, the bill would need an amendment to reduce the amount for contract costs included in the bill for the Budget Division, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, from \$66,556, to \$33,556.

Chair Carlton commented that this motion would be to amend and do pass with the final amount for \$33,556.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS <u>ASSEMBLY BILL 517</u>.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton said she would handle the Floor Statement for this bill.

## Assembly Bill 519: Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account and the Contingency Account. (BDR S-1240)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, presented <u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 519</u>, which made appropriations to restore balances in the Stale Claims Account and the Contingency Account. The amounts in this bill were included in <u>The Executive Budget</u>, prior to the amendment being proposed. The bill would provide an appropriation to the Stale Claims Account for \$2.5 million, and it would make an appropriation of \$16,253,908 to restore the balance in the Contingency Account. The Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, had requested an amendment to the bill to add funding

for the Statutory Contingency Account of \$7,680,419 to cover settlement costs of \$7 million. Ms. Jones said other anticipated settlements would be covered with the balance.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 519.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblymen Hambrick and Thompson were not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton said she would handle the Floor Statement for A.B. 519.

Chair Carlton called for public comment and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Anne Bowen
APPROVED BY:	Committee Secretary
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair	
DATE:	

#### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A is the Agenda.

Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.