

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

**Eightieth Session  
May 22, 2019**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 9:12 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 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](http://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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
John Kucera, Program Analyst  
Janice Wright, Committee Secretary  
Lisa McAlister, Committee Assistant

After a call of the roll, Chair Carlton reminded those in attendance to silence electronic devices, and then she reviewed the rules of the Committee. She said the Committee would change the order of work today from what was posted on the agenda. The plan was the first



work session would include Assembly Bill 509, Assembly Bill 513, and Assembly Bill 234. After that work session, the Committee would hear Senate Bill 520 (1st Reprint) that related to the State Distributive School Account because that bill needed to be processed right away. She intended to process that bill in a work session immediately after it was heard to move it to the Assembly floor. Then the Committee would hear Assembly Bill 503, Assembly Bill 501, and Assembly Bill 502. She wanted the Committee and the audience to be aware of the order of today's work. Later, the Committee would hear Assembly Bill 504 and Assembly Bill 505. Assembly Bill 506, Assembly Bill 507, and Assembly Bill 524 related to the Department of Corrections. If the Committee was able to hear those bills later in the morning, it would do so. If not, those bills would be rolled to the top of the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Chair Carlton said the first bill in the work session would be Assembly Bill 509.

**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)

John Kucera, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division., Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that Assembly Bill 509 made an appropriation to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission (NERC) for a new automated solution to streamline the intake process. According to the agency, NERC lacked a current management or intake system and accomplished many activities through forms posted online or in person at interviews. The bill was previously heard by the Committee on May 3, 2019, and became effective upon passage and approval. Assembly Bill 509 authorized a State General Fund appropriation of \$543,488 for a new automated business solution. The agency had been contacted and had no adjustments to the bill or to the dollar amounts requested.

Previously, the Committee requested more information related to the components of the bill. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff worked with the agency to provide the following figures. The request of \$543,488 was composed of three amounts. The first amount was \$251,186 for the enactment expenditures that were based on the average request for information (RFI) response from six different vendors. The second cost was \$42,302 to pay for the annual ongoing licensing expenditures that would continue into future biennia as long as the agency used the software solution. The third component was \$250,000 for contracted master services agreement project manager expenditures that would be a one-time cost. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff received the RFI responses and could provide any information the Committee needed. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Ph.D., Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, and Dennis A. Perea, Deputy Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, provided information at the budget hearing. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff followed up on the responses and would address any questions or concerns of the Committee.

Chair Carlton asked Mr. Kucera to repeat the first number and purpose of the request.

Mr. Kucera responded that the first figure was \$251,186 for the enactment expenditures to pay for the cost of the new software solution, and that cost would be a one-time expenditure based on the average RFI response.

Chair Carlton noted that when the bill was previously heard by the Committee, a request was made for all RFI information to ensure the Committee had all the relevant information before it processed the bill. She said there were no proposed amendments.

There being no further questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 509.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Neal.

Chair Carlton said the next bill for the work session was Assembly Bill 513.

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

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 513 made an appropriation to the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of computer hardware and software and for building maintenance. The bill was heard by the Committee on May 3, 2019. The bill made an appropriation of \$27,387 to the Department from the State General Fund for computer hardware and software and \$47,056 from the State Highway Fund for computer hardware and software. Also included in the bill were General Fund and Highway Fund appropriations for the Training Division, Department of Public Safety, for maintenance at the Carson City training building. However, those projects were also included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) schedule and were approved in the CIP bill. Sections 3 and 4 of A.B. 513 were no longer needed as part of the one-shot request. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended the removal of \$24,606 of General Funds for the Training Division maintenance projects and \$28,885 of Highway Funds for the training maintenance projects that were included in A.B. 513 through an amendment [later introduced as Amendment 886 to Assembly Bill 513].

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion to delete section 3 and section 4 of the bill because those appropriations were included in the CIP, and the only sections that would remain in the bill would be section 1 and section 2.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 513 TO DELETE SECTIONS 3 AND 4 FROM THE BILL.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Neal.

Chair Carlton said the next item for the work session was Assembly Bill 234 (1st Reprint).

**Assembly Bill 234 (1st Reprint):** Makes various changes relating to the Program for Child Care and Development. (BDR 38-305)

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 234 (1st Reprint) made various changes related to the program for Child Care and Development. The bill as amended required the state plan for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program to include measures to increase availability of childcare for children with disabilities and reimburse a portion of the cost of childcare for certain eligible children. However, there were certain sections amended in the bill to make it a permissive bill and specify that services would be provided when funds were available. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff worked with the Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, on a mock-up amendment (Exhibit C). [Exhibit C is mock-up amendment #5828 developed by the Fiscal Analysis Division staff and the Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, and posted on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) to add the words "to the extent of money available" on page 2, section 1 of Assembly Bill 234 (1st Reprint).] Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno presented the bill. Ms. Jones noted that Nova Murray, Deputy Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services, testified that the fiscal note that was originally submitted was no longer needed and would be removed.

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 234 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno.

Chair Carlton said the work session was concluded for the morning meeting. The next item on the agenda would be a hearing on Senate Bill 520 (1st Reprint), and she opened the hearing on the bill.

**Senate Bill 520 (1st Reprint): Makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for an unanticipated increase in K-12 enrollment for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. (BDR S-1231)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Senate Bill 520 (1st Reprint) made a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account (DSA) to cover costs for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. The original amount included in the bill had been amended by the Senate and reduced to \$8,246,261.

Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Support Services, Department of Education, stated that the Department appreciated the Committee's consideration of the supplemental request.

There being no questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. She closed the hearing on the bill.

Assemblywoman Titus asked for the exact amount of the appropriation.

Chair Carlton said the exact amount was \$8,246,261 and was listed on line 3 of section 1 of the bill.

There being no further questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE DO  
PASS SENATE BILL 520 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton would present the floor statement on the bill.

Chair Carlton said the Committee would begin to hear the bills listed on the agenda beginning with Assembly Bill 503 and Assembly Bill 501 because both bills were associated with a similar topic. She opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 503.

**Assembly Bill 503: Makes appropriations to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the purchase of new vehicles. (BDR S-1174)**

John Kucera, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 503 made an appropriation to the Fleet Services Division, Department of Administration, for the purchase of new vehicles. The bill included \$5,059,053 in State General Fund appropriations and \$715,350 of State Highway Funds to purchase 175 new vehicles based on requests from the using agencies, including upgrades. The act became effective upon passage and approval. There were several conversations related to the total number of vehicles requested as well as the total dollar amount. Changes were made at the Subcommittee hearing allowing state agencies to lease additional vehicles that needed to be replaced by the Fleet Services Division.

Mr. Kucera said that the Fiscal Analysis Division staff had two recommended amendments. The first amendment would remove \$715,350 in Highway Fund appropriations because no vehicles were being procured for agencies supported by the Highway Fund. The appropriation of Highway Funds did not appear reasonable to the Fiscal Analysis Division staff, and staff recommended the total Highway Fund appropriation be eliminated completely. The second amendment was based on the shortfall as well as adjustments to needed vehicles by using agencies. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended the addition of \$508,706 in General Fund appropriations that resulted in a total General Fund appropriation \$5,567,759. Assembly Bill (A.B.) 501 was related and included an appropriation for a General Fund loan for the replacement of vehicles. The new vehicles met the need of using agencies and would take precedence over the replacement of vehicles. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended an additional \$508,706 in General Funds be added to A.B. 503 and subtracted from A.B. 501 making the change an expenditure-neutral adjustment. The amendment would allow for the purchase of 158 new and upgraded vehicles for the using agencies. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff had been in close contact with the Administrative Services Division, Department of Administration, as well as the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, and understood that both agencies concurred with the adjustments.

Chair Carlton wanted to ensure that she understood that 158 new vehicles would be purchased.

Mr. Kucera confirmed that 158 new vehicles would be purchased. The total General Fund appropriation recommended by the Fiscal Analysis Division staff was \$5,567,759.

Chair Carlton said the additional General Funds totaled \$508,706. The next bill related to replacement vehicles, and she opened the hearing and asked Mr. Kucera to explain Assembly Bill 501.

**Assembly Bill 501: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance as a loan to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the replacement of vehicles. (BDR S-1171)**

John Kucera, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said Assembly Bill (A.B.) 501 as recommended by the Governor included \$5,291,952 in a State

General Fund loan to the Fleet Services Division, Department of Administration, to purchase 196 replacement vehicles, including 100 vehicles in fiscal year (FY) 2020 and 96 in FY 2021. A repayment amount was included in the budget for the Fleet Services Division, Department of Administration. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended two amendments. The first amendment that was mentioned during the discussion of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 503 would reduce the General Fund appropriation in Assembly Bill 501 by \$508,706. Assembly Bill 501 was proposed by the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, as a loan to the Fleet Services Division to be repaid. Mr. Kucera suggested that it might be reasonable to change the loan to a one-shot appropriation and remove the requirement for Fleet Services to repay the loan. That change would cost \$671,005 in fiscal year (FY) 2021 and reflected the historical appropriation that was generally made for the acquisition of new and replacement vehicles. The intent would be to allow Fleet Services to rebuild its depleted reserve over the 2019-2020 Interim and allow the Division to purchase more vehicles in future biennia with its own capital reserves.

Chair Carlton said there were a number of moving parts to this matter, and the new vehicles would take precedence over the replacement vehicles. The Division might purchase the new vehicles first and then acquire the replacement vehicles that were on the normal schedule. The Division might work toward purchasing the number of vehicles authorized in A.B. 503. She wanted the Committee to discuss the option of authorizing a one-time appropriation rather than requiring repayment of a loan. The state had sufficient funds in the budget this year to provide a one-shot appropriation rather than have the agency carry a loan on its books. The repayment would not start until FY 2021. The vehicles would be used and have considerable mileage before the agency would begin repayment of the loan. A loan to the agency would be repaid with the state's own money. She cited a circular reference noting the Legislature would authorize a loan of General Funds, and the agency would repay the loan with General Funds. Chair Carlton suggested that a one-shot appropriation would be a simple process rather than all the machinations of loaning money and doing the paperwork to reflect the repayment of a loan.

Assemblyman Kramer thought the Division was a service agency that provided vehicles to state agencies and received rental fees in return. The fee revenue received would be the source of funding used to purchase new vehicles in the future. He supported the idea of authorizing a one-shot appropriation.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that typically when the Fleet Services Division purchased vehicles, the Division received a one-shot appropriation. The recommendation of a loan was a variation from the standard practice. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff did not receive any information about why a loan was recommended. The Division's funds were spent on supporting the operations of the Fleet Services Division, maintenance on the vehicles, and the purchase of new vehicles. Converting to a loan would result in raising the rates to state agencies in the future. The state agencies experienced a significant increase in the rates for the 2019-2021 biennium because the Fleet Services Division's reserves were decimated in the prior years when the rates were artificially set too low. There were a variety of factors in the

decision of whether the Committee wanted to approve a one-shot appropriation or a loan with \$671,005 to be repaid in FY 2021. The decision of a loan or a one-shot appropriation would not have a significant effect on the budget either way.

Assemblywoman Neal expressed concern about the comment that the Fleet Services Division's reserves were decimated in the 2017-2019 biennium. She asked whether the agency would provide a periodic report or documentation about its revenue and fees to provide the Legislature some certainty that the loan would be repaid.

Mr. Kucera responded that there were a variety of ways that oversight of the Fleet Services Division was provided. First, the Department of Administration had direct oversight of fiscal matters. The Department regularly checked to ensure that individual agencies were solvent, the rates generated the proper amount of money expected, and the reserve balances were at an adequate level to support operations. The Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, provided oversight regarding the acquisition of new vehicles. The third oversight was provided by the Fiscal Analysis Division staff who also regularly reviewed the agency's level of reserves and operations to ensure solvency and to report any operations that failed to comply with Legislative intent.

Assemblywoman Titus said there were two separate bills under consideration by the Committee. Both bills cost roughly \$5 million. She thought the recommendation was just moving funds from one budget to another budget for different purposes. She asked whether the Fleet Services Division would purchase \$10 million worth of vehicles.

Chair Carlton confirmed that there were two different bills under consideration by the Committee. The first bill authorized the purchase of new vehicles, and the second bill authorized the purchase of replacement vehicles. The total cost was \$10 million for new and replacement vehicles. Those vehicles were listed on the vehicle replacement schedule. She said Mr. Kucera worked diligently until late last night to verify every single vehicle and ensure that the recommendation was appropriate. That was why the number of vehicles was reduced in the bill. She had asked him to reiterate that part to clarify the bills.

Ms. Jones explained that the shift between the two bills in the General Fund amounts was neutral and reflected an addition to the new vehicles and a reduction to the replacement vehicles. The total request was a wash compared to what was in The Executive Budget except for the return of the amounts to the Highway Fund that were not supposed to support vehicles that were used by General Fund agencies. However, the question before the Committee was whether a loan should be approved for the replacement vehicles versus a one-shot appropriation that had been approved in prior biennia.

Chair Carlton said the Committee could understand why both bills were presented at the same time to ensure the members received all the information and heard the total presentation. The Department of Administration was at the table if there were any questions. Chair Carlton asked whether the Department would like to add any comments.



Jenni Cartwright, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, Department of Administration, thanked the Fiscal Analysis Division staff and particularly Mr. Kucera for working through the matter. The Division supported the amendments and agreed with the numbers presented.

Ms. Jones added that there had been a staff discussion about a related matter. When vehicles that were purchased with the General Funds were sold, the salvage value from the sale, by prior practice, had not been deposited in the General Fund. If the Committee was interested, staff could add that as part of the amendment to require that those funds be returned to the General Fund that paid for those vehicles.

Chair Carlton said if the Committee was comfortable with that suggestion, she thought it was appropriate. The vehicles were purchased with General Fund dollars, and the sale proceeds could be returned to the General Fund. She directed the Fiscal Analysis Division staff to make that appropriate adjustment in the language of the bills. Those bills would be processed later in today's meeting to ensure everything was correct.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on A.B. 501. There was none. She closed the hearing on A.B. 501 and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 503.

**Assembly Bill 503: Makes appropriations to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the purchase of new vehicles. (BDR S-1174)**

This bill was discussed previously. There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 503. There was none. She closed the hearing on A.B. 503. She would set aside A.B. 503 and Assembly Bill 501 for possible work session later today.

Chair Carlton opened the hearing on the next agenda item that was Assembly Bill 502.

**Assembly Bill 502: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance for an electronic tracking system for capital improvement projects. (BDR S-1172)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 502 made an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, for an electronic tracking system for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Ward D. Patrick, P.E., Administrator, State Public Works Division, Department of Administration, testified that the bill was a request for \$500,000 for an electronic tracking system for capital improvement projects. The system would allow the agency to track the CIP scope, cost containment, and inflation. The system had been part of the agency's strategic plan for several years and under evaluation for the past two years. Coordination had been conducted with the Statewide Management of Automated Record Transfer

(SMART) 21 group as well as the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services, (EITS), Department of Administration. An analysis of neighboring states and the systems for tracking their CIPs was conducted by EITS. Certain states seem to mirror Nevada's process and would be good models. He thought Utah had a model that Nevada could adopt. The State Public Works Division investigated six different commercial, off-the-shelf systems as well as the possibility of using the programmer who developed the state accounting system and the Nevada Executive Budget System (NEBS). Those were the systems used by the State Public Works Division, the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, to monitor the fiscal nature of the various parts of state government. Although the request for funding to develop the CIP tracking system was not the entire cost of the information needs of the Division, the appropriation would allow tracking the scope, cost containment, and inflation. He thanked the Committee for its consideration of the critical item and asked for approval of A.B. 502 for the requested amount of \$500,000 to create the electronic tracking system for the CIP.

Assemblywoman Swank said there had been considerable discussion about the system during the Subcommittees budget hearing. The software would help the Division to sort out what was inflation and what were the changes to projects to not conflate those matters.

Mr. Patrick agreed that the agency would be able to separate the scope changes and the quality changes from price changes that reflected the inflationary part.

Assemblyman Wheeler asked whether the software would connect to outside vendors to capture keystrokes and screen shots or whether the software would be totally internal within the Division.

Mr. Patrick responded that the data would not be broadcast to contractors, architects, engineers, or builders. The software would only interface with the existing systems of the state. The new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system would be in development for the next three years and would work with the Division's tracking system. The NEBS system was being upgraded, and the intent would be to integrate with that system internally.

Chair Carlton understood that the tracking system was purely an internal working system for the state to be able to monitor CIP projects and would not be used to pull down data from outside entities or be intrusive in anyone's business. The state's payroll system was purely internal to track data and did not integrate with any other systems.

Mr. Patrick confirmed that the system would be internal similar to the state's payroll system.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. Chair Carlton closed the hearing on the bill and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 504.

**Assembly Bill 504: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Agriculture for water conservation projects and the purchase and replacement of laboratory equipment. (BDR S-1177)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 504 made a State General Fund appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for water conservation projects and for the purchase and replacement of laboratory equipment. The total cost for water conservation projects was \$400,000, the new laboratory equipment would cost \$159,605, and the replacement laboratory equipment for Veterinary Medical Services would cost \$14,479. The Department recommended an amendment to the bill.

Jennifer Ott, Director, State Department of Agriculture, testified that the Department proposed an amendment in section 1, subsection 1, to reduce the amount for the drought program to \$125,000 for drought projects that would be subawarded to farmers and ranchers for farm improvements. The Department also recommended to use \$100,000 to purchase two replacement trucks for the agriculture enforcement officers. The \$100,000 was inclusive of the truck purchases and the equipment to outfit them for law enforcement purposes. The remaining \$175,000 would return to the General Fund.

Assemblywoman Swank said she had a conversation with the State Department of Agriculture about the agricultural enforcement trucks. One gentleman had a truck that ran, but two trucks were only used for parts. The Committee should give him one truck that worked. She had several good conversations about how to maintain the drought initiative projects and complete a few other tasks during the session.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether those agriculture enforcement officers were brand inspectors or were they separate from the brand inspectors.

Ms. Ott responded that those trucks were used by the agricultural inspectors and not the brand inspectors.

Assemblywoman Titus asked about the number of positions for agricultural inspectors.

Ms. Ott responded that the Department had five positions for agricultural inspectors.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether the positions were all out in the field or did some stay at the Department offices.

Ms. Ott replied that the agricultural inspectors worked predominately out in the field.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether the agricultural inspectors had any duties related to marijuana or hemp inspections.

Ms. Ott responded that the agricultural inspection officers were used when the agricultural inspectors encountered a problem that they were unable to handle. The agricultural enforcement officers were used in a law enforcement capacity, but they were not involved in conducting the inspections.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether the officers were Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified.

Ms. Ott confirmed that the officers were P.O.S.T. certified.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none, and she closed the hearing on the bill. Chair Carlton said the proper motion would be an Amend and Do Pass, and she would ensure that the correct amendment was prepared. Chair Carlton opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 505.

**Assembly Bill 505: Makes appropriations to the Division of State Parks for self-pay kiosks, replacement of vehicles, a paving project and maintenance at Ice Age Fossils State Park and maintenance of equipment for Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. (BDR S-1180)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 505 made a State General Fund appropriation to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for self-pay kiosks, replacement of vehicles, a paving project and maintenance at Ice Age Fossils State Park, and maintenance of equipment for Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. The various sections in the bill provided the costs for each specific project. There was a recommended amendment to section 2, line 8, to change the word "maintenance" to "construction" at the Ice Age Fossils State Park. The recommendation was made because the parking lot had not yet been built.

Dale Conner, Deputy Administrator, Division of State Parks, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, introduced his staff. He said that section 1 was a request for \$160,000 for a paving project at the Ice Age Fossils State Park. Section 2 requested \$2,080,000 to complete phase two of the Ice Age Fossils State Park including construction of a maintenance facility, amphitheater, and trail buildout. Section 3 requested \$213,009 for 19 self-pay kiosks throughout the state and 2 tablet computers. Section 4 was a request for \$1,291,348 for 28 replacement vehicles pursuant to the state replacement policy. Section 5 requested \$49,500 for the purchase of a beach cleaner at Sand Harbor State Park with a one-half match anticipated to come from a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

Chair Carlton asked about the completion date for the projects at Ice Age Fossils State Park.

Mr. Conner responded that the rough grading and compaction was already finished. The construction of the visitor's center was scheduled to start on May 29, 2019. After completion

of that visitor's center, construction would begin on the other projects and be completed within the year.

Chair Carlton understood when construction started and asked again when the agency anticipated completion of the center.

Mr. Conner replied that the visitor's center project would be complete in the fall of 2019.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. Chair Carlton closed the hearing on the bill and said the bill required a proposed amendment to change the wording. She opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 506.

**Assembly Bill 506: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for systems and equipment. (BDR S-1182)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 506 made State General Fund appropriations to the Department of Corrections (NDOC) for various systems and equipment. The bill recommended \$1,812,000 for an offender tracking information system, \$623,060 for a facility key control system, \$1,465,235 for wireless network capabilities, \$96,100 for replacement uninterruptable power supply equipment, \$3,390 for data racks for the main data centers, \$152,371 for replacement of handheld and vehicle radios and repeater upgrades, and \$4,380 for replacement of scanners. The Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation at its meeting on May 7, 2019, approved the recommendation to fund the replacement computer equipment that was included in The Executive Budget and suggested that the amounts be added to the one-shot bill. The amounts recommended in The Executive Budget included General Fund appropriations of \$515,964 in FY 2020 and \$514,385 in FY 2021 for the purchase of 700 desktop computers and laptops. That suggestion was made during the budget closing instead of approving the appropriation in the operating budget. The request for a one-shot appropriation for the 2019-2021 biennium could be placed in the bill, and fiscal year (FY) 2019 funds would be used to pay for the additional cost.

John Borrowman, Deputy Director, Support Services, Department of Corrections, read the following statement dated May 22, 2019, into the record.

Good morning to the Madam Chair and all members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. My name is John Borrowman, Deputy Director of Support Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections. I am sitting with our Director, Jim Dzurenda, and Scott Ewart, Chief of Fiscal Services, and Ashwin Ramphal, Chief of MIS. I am providing a brief statement in support of A.B. 506 making appropriations to the department for systems and equipment. The bill includes seven noted appropriations and one inferred

addition as a result of the Committee's closing for the department's Director's Office budget account 3710.

First, the bill appropriates \$1,812,000 for ongoing development of the department's primary software application used to manage the information about inmates and operations. This international application has over 30 modules available to users, and NDOC has only implemented just over half of those modules, the most recent being the rollout of the Medical module for medical records and functionality integrated with the NOTIS architecture, providing an incredible value for the achieved functionality. The Department received a 2017 appropriation to evaluate alternatives to NOTIS and found this application continues to be the best value for the department and all partners that rely upon this system's data. The 2017 appropriation also made critical updates to the core code to meet the new standard for Oracle Forms and migrate to the 12c platform. This project was completed on time and under budget. This bill represents the ongoing development and implementation of the application to improve the NDOC efficiencies and effectiveness.

Second, the bill appropriates \$623,060 for the full implementation of the Key Control system to all major institutions. Pilot projects have been implemented successfully at three institutions, generating substantially increased efficiency and key control. This project upgrades the first pilot project to the enterprise standard and installs the system at the remaining four major institutions. Again, this project was completed on time and within budget.

Third, the bill appropriates \$1,465,235 for wireless networking. NDOC historically allowed inmates to use an MP3 player with the kiosk system to view photos and messages sent by family and friends, purchase music, and submit orders for commissary. The MP3 is no longer manufactured as the nation migrates to wireless tablets with improved functionality to support core correctional activities including programming, education/vocation, reentry, job development, correspondence, and so much more. NDOC is deferring the nationally accepted standard and progression pending implementation of the wireless network monitoring hardware provided for in this request. Without this equipment, NDOC will regress in the next few months to using an iPod Shuffle that cannot support photos or messages and requires the device to be sent to the vendor to load additional songs and is incapable of supporting any of the additional functionality considered standard nationwide. Without this appropriation, NDOC will take an incredible step backward in technology and services to the inmates and subsequent reintegration into the community. Additionally, the new Medical module is incapable to be fully deployed with laptops for providers until the wireless network is established. We had so much opportunity for the future,

but NDOC is deferring that progress until we can get the wireless hardware in place.

The remaining four requests are for routine equipment replacements consistent with the replacement schedule or to support the general operations. I can provide additional detail if desired.

I would like to refer to the Committee's closing of the departments Director's Office budget account 3710. Other closing item #4 was modified to eliminate the replacement of desktop and laptop computers from the operating budget and was to be considered in a one-shot bill. If I understand the modification, this equated to \$1,030,349 for the replacement of 350 desktop computers in each year and 16 and 15 laptops in each respective year. It is assumed the addition to a one-shot bill would be included in this bill.

Finally, this meeting represents the last anticipated appropriations specific to NDOC concerns. We appreciate the support for these projects and look forward to getting started. However, I am hopeful the Committee is still considering the request to address the unfunded overtime required for CIP custody escort as documented on each CIP request.

I am available for any questions the Committee might have.

Chair Carlton thanked the Subcommittees that worked on the NDOC budgets that were complicated.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked about the uninterruptable power supply equipment and whether it was different than the \$100,000 equipment for a generator discussed during the Subcommittee meeting.

Scott Ewart, Chief of Fiscal Services, Department of Corrections, responded that the generator that was discussed during the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation meeting was a backup generator for an institution. When the utility company lost power to an institution, it was required for safety and security reasons that the institution run on backup power. The request in A.B. 506 was related to uninterruptable power supplies (UPS) for the central management information system (MIS) and information technology (IT) support center in Carson City.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether the request was for backup batteries that one would use to plug units into to protect the devices if a power surge occurred.

Mr. Ewart responded that the UPS was more powerful than Assemblywoman Titus contemplated. The equipment would be a rack of batteries and monitoring systems much larger than what a person would plug a home computer into for protection.

Chair Carlton was confused. She thought the original conversation during the Subcommittee meeting was about providing tablets to inmates. She was unsure whether the MP3 players were discussed during the earlier meeting. She was unsure whether that was a new iteration or whether that was discussed during the Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Borrowman clarified that the request was to install monitoring hardware that would monitor the traffic that flowed through on the network in and out of the Department of Corrections. The agency would be able to look at any wireless device that connected to the NDOC network to examine what data the wireless device transmitted. The monitoring hardware could examine data on a wireless tablet used to connect to the current commissary program and examine music, photos, or messages that were on the MP3 players. The future deployment of the tablets would allow all the additional functionality such as education, reentry programs, and core correctional activities that were identified in the earlier presentation. Any device, be it an MP3 player or a wireless device such as a tablet, that connected to the NDOC network would be tracked. The NDOC had to ensure it tracked and understood what that data component was, the content, who it contacted, and what data was sent to ensure that the wireless devices had not hacked the network and were not transmitting inappropriate data to inappropriate sites. Without that control, NDOC was restrictive about allowing any wireless devices within the institution. If NDOC could not see it, NDOC would not allow it. Substantial technology was delayed pending the installation of monitoring hardware.

Chair Carlton said some confusion existed, and the Committee might want a little time to do some investigation. The chair of the Subcommittee might want to research and advise the Committee on the matter.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. Chair Carlton closed the hearing on A.B. 506 and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 507.

**Assembly Bill 507: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of buses and other vehicles. (BDR S-1183)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 507 made a one-shot State General Fund appropriation to the Department of Corrections of \$822,498 for the replacement of buses and \$1,731,157 for the replacement of other vehicles. The bill was a one-shot appropriation that would become effective upon passage and approval.

Harold Wickham, Deputy Director, Operations, Department of Corrections (NDOC), testified that A.B. 507 was a one-shot request for NDOC critical vehicle replacements. The single biggest safety and security matter at NDOC was transporting offenders into the community, and that was the highest risk. Last year an NDOC bus broke down nine times on state highways with inmates and staff onboard. Those were huge risks to the community, the



officers, and the offenders. The Department had to move forward to obtain replacement vehicles, and the Department had not seen replacements in several biennia except for a few vehicles. All of the vehicles requested in A.B. 507 met the replacement cycle and needed to be replaced. The Department had vehicles that were no longer safe to drive on the highways in accordance with the SAM manual and the requirements of NDOT, and the vehicles needed to be replaced. He asked for the favorable consideration from the Committee.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether any of the buses were used for medical transportation.

Mr. Wickham responded that 88 vans that were requested for replacement were used for medical transportation and included caged vans, and NDOC would use the smaller buses when needed.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. Chair Carlton closed the hearing on the bill and said there were no amendments to the bill. She opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 524.

**Assembly Bill 524: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Director of the Department of Corrections for an unanticipated shortfall in certain costs. (BDR S-1234)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill (A.B.) 524 made a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Corrections for FY 2019 of \$1,479,223 for an unanticipated shortfall in funds needed to support utility costs, inmate-driven costs, and food costs. The bill would become effective upon passage and approval. She believed an amendment was expected to increase the request for some funds that the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, did not approve from the salary adjustment funds to support the shortfalls.

Scott Ewart, Chief of Fiscal Services, Department of Corrections, read the following statement dated May 22, 2019.

Good morning Committee chair and Committee members. My name is Scott Ewart, and I am the Chief of Fiscal Services for the Department of Corrections. Thank you for this opportunity to present the department's Supplemental Appropriation request as presented through Assembly Bill 524.

The NDOC Fiscal Services continuously monitors the fiscal health of the department, develops and recommends funding solutions where General Fund shortfalls exist caused by very dynamic and ever-changing department needs, while considering all recommendations pertinent to the continued safety and security of the department. The dynamics are driven by pressures such as, inmate populations, food and utility price fluctuations, NDOC facility

equipment and infrastructure malfunctions, and custody coverage to provide for inmate and staff security and safety.

As currently written and enrolled in NELIS, Assembly Bill 524 is requesting Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$1,479,223. The NDOC is seeking your consideration to revise that amount to \$2,750,684 to fund unanticipated General Fund projected shortfalls in institutional utilities costs, inmate food costs, maintenance of building and grounds costs, operating costs, personnel services costs, and partial loss of federal receipts for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grant, also known as the SCAPP grant.

The department is currently projecting a \$5.1 million General Fund shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. The department has taken actions to partially fund this projected shortfall by utilizing statutory allowable funding solutions prior to coming to this Committee with this request. Budget account projected category funding surpluses had been utilized to fund other expenditure category shortfalls within a single budget account through future work programs. Budgetary transfers between budget accounts have been submitted through future work programs to further reduce this request. Board of Examiners Salary Adjustment funds in the amount of \$711,233 have been projected to fund qualifying COLA adjustments. Inmate Welfare Account to fund the projected current fiscal year NDOC Medical claims expenditure shortfalls in the amount of \$2,418,443 has also been submitted through future work programs.

The department has utilized every available funding option to reduce this Supplemental Appropriation request and appreciates your consideration. I am available to answer any questions the Committee might have.

Thank you.

Chair Carlton asked that a copy of the written statement be provided to the secretary and to every member of the Committee so that as the members considered the request, they had access to all the details. The Department requested \$1,479,223 and increased that to \$2,750,684, and that was a substantial increase. She asked him to reiterate the major components of the increase.

Mr. Ewart said the largest increase occurred because of the loss of the State Board of Examiners (BOE) Salary Adjustment funds.

Chair Carlton asked whether the matter had been explained to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, and when.

Mr. Ewart responded that the conversation happened about one week ago and affirmed last night through another conversation.

Ms. Jones said the Fiscal Analysis Division staff was not prepared to proceed on the matter and did not have the numbers that were referenced. She understood that there would be continued work on those amounts. The information was new to the Fiscal Analysis Division staff. She explained that the BOE salary adjustment funds were set aside in a separate account each biennium to support cost of living adjustment (COLA) increases. State agencies that were unable to absorb COLAs in their operating budgets could approach the BOE for those funds. But those funds were restricted and could not be used for any other shortfall except COLA increases that could not be funded from any other source. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff was not a party to any discussions about the increased request. It appeared that the BOE denied part of the request because it did not believe it was justified for use to support COLAs. That would be the only reason for denial. She suggested the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, would be better suited to speak to that matter.

Chair Carlton asked whether that was the reason the request was denied by BOE and was before the Committee.

Mr. Ewart confirmed that was correct.

Chair Carlton understood that NDOC asked for the money from BOE, but it was not approved for the COLA because the restrictions on the funds were considered. The funds were denied, and NDOC decided to request the funds from the Committee.

Mr. Ewart said he would correct the first part of the statement made by Chair Carlton. The request never actually was submitted to the BOE, but the request was submitted to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, which served as the gateway to the BOE. The Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, denied the request because only a COLA adjustment was permitted. Denial was communicated to the NDOC early last night.

Assemblywoman Titus asked about the original amount of the shortfall in utility costs and whether it was associated with returning inmates from out-of-state. She asked whether NDOC had to change anything in the buildings or complex for those inmates.

Mr. Ewart responded that no shortfalls were associated with returning inmates from out of state. The projected shortfalls for utility costs resulted from rate increases that NDOC paid. The Department of Corrections was not immune to utility rate increases.

Assemblywoman Titus asked whether any of the shortfalls were related to infrastructure needs.

Mr. Ewart replied that none of the shortfalls were related to any infrastructure needs.

Chair Carlton said she understood that infrastructure needs would not fit the timeframe of those out-of-state prisoners discussed.

Paul Nicks, Deputy Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, stated that the Office had been working with NDOC for several weeks on the salary adjustment funds. The salary adjustments funds were specific for COLAs. The Office examined the request and removed items that were not related to the salary COLA. The Office agreed to fund part of the request through salary adjustment funds but only those items associated with the salary increases and the COLA. The remainder of the request related to other shortfalls in the budget that NDOC needed to fund through a supplemental appropriation.

Chair Carlton said there was more work that needed to be done on the matter. She asked Mr. Nicks to work with the Fiscal Analysis Division staff. The Committee would like to have a full understanding of the matter. The Committee asked for the complete document and the statement that was read into the record earlier. The Committee needed more information because this was not a small adjustment and the members were conscious of that.

Assemblywoman Neal asked for details about the other shortfalls.

Mr. Ewart responded that the other shortfalls occurred in the Personnel category that was related to the loss of salary adjustments funds, the Operating category, and the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category. The Operating and Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds categories together related to the Ely State Prison hot water loop failure that NDOC was unable to fund through other funding means and category 50 that was related to inmate food pricing and primarily reflected increases in produce, dairy products, and individual component pricing. The Utilities category reflected utility increases driven by utility rates for propane fuel and heating oil rate changes that the Department had no control over during the fiscal year.

Assemblyman Kramer thought the Office of Finance would support the revised amount based on the agreement last night. He had not heard Mr. Nicks say the Office supported the substantial need for NDOC. He asked for confirmation.

Mr. Nicks said the Office received the information yesterday afternoon, and the Office had not had time to vet the numbers to develop a position about whether the Office would support the request or not. He wanted to work with NDOC to understand and ensure that both agencies agreed before they moved forward.

Assemblyman Kramer said he understood that agreement would be completed during the next two weeks.

Chair Carlton encouraged the parties to work together immediately.

Mr. Nicks replied that the Office would hope to have a discussion and position within a day or two and no later than the end of the week.

There being no further questions or comments from the Committee, Chair Carlton asked for testimony in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on the bill. There was none. She closed the hearing and opened the work session.

Chair Carlton said the first bills to process were Assembly Bill 501 and Assembly Bill 503 to ensure that the Committee was aware of the new vehicles versus the replacement vehicles.

**Assembly Bill 503: Makes appropriations to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the purchase of new vehicles. (BDR S-1174)**

John Kucera, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained Assembly Bill 503 was heard this morning and, as introduced, would appropriate \$5,059,053 in State General Funds and \$715,350 in State Highway Funds for 175 new vehicles. The Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommended two amendments to the bill. The amendments would remove \$715,350 in Highway Funds with the addition of \$508,706 in General Fund appropriations bringing the General Fund total to \$5,567,759. The two amendments would allow the Fleet Services Division to purchase new vehicles for the using agencies and meet the demands based on the budget closing decisions of the full Committees.

Chair Carlton asked about the discussion of adding the salvage value to the General Fund when the vehicles were sold. She thought that language could be added to the bill.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said she did not believe that language was needed in either bill. However, the Fiscal Analysis Division staff would suggest that if the Committee was interested in having the agency revert funds that were received from the sale of the vehicles that were being disposed of that were purchased with General Funds, the appropriate place to include that language would be in the Authorizations Act separate from the bill. That way the language could be carried forward biennium to biennium and it would not get lost in the bills.

Chair Carlton said the Authorizations Act would be heard by the Committee later, and that language could be added then.

There being no further questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 503.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton said she would present the floor statement in case there was any confusion with the two bills.

Chair Carlton moved to Assembly Bill 501.

**Assembly Bill 501: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance as a loan to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the replacement of vehicles. (BDR S-1171)**

John Kucera, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 501 was heard this morning and would appropriate \$5,291,952 in a General Fund loan to the Fleet Services Division, Department of Administration, to purchase 196 replacement vehicles. Two amendments for consideration of the Committee would be to remove \$508,706 that was added to Assembly Bill 503 to reduce the number of replacement vehicles. Additionally, the Committee might consider making the funding a one-shot appropriation as opposed to a General Fund loan and not requiring the Fleet Services Division to repay any of those amounts starting in FY 2021 and ending in FY 2025. That action would make the new General Fund appropriation total \$4,783,246 with the removal of \$508,706.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said she wanted to clarify that the motion would include the intention to approve a one-shot appropriation and not a loan.

Chair Carlton said it was her intention that the funding would be a one-shot appropriation. The Legislature typically approved funds to purchase fleet vehicles as a one-shot appropriation, and she wanted to continue that practice. The motion would be an Amend and Do Pass making it a one-shot appropriation with the numbers stated as adjustments by Mr. Kucera.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 501.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton said she would present the floor statement in case there was any confusion with the two bills.

Chair Carlton said the next bill to be processed was Assembly Bill 502.

**Assembly Bill 502: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance for an electronic tracking system for capital improvement projects. (BDR S-1172)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said Assembly Bill 502 made a one-shot appropriation of \$500,000 to the Office of

Finance, Office of the Governor, to support the development and application of a tracking system for capital improvement projects. The intent of the system was to create an internal tracking mechanism that would interface with the Nevada Executive Budget System (NEBS) that was used by the Executive Branch to build The Executive Budget that was presented to the Legislature every two years. There was no testimony for or against the bill that would be effective upon passage and approval.

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 502.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Swank.

Chair Carlton moved to Assembly Bill 504.

**Assembly Bill 504: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Agriculture for water conservation projects and the purchase and replacement of laboratory equipment. (BDR S-1177)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said Assembly Bill 504 made an appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for water conservation projects and the purchase and replacement of laboratory equipment. A conceptual amendment was provided by the agency to amend section 1 that indicated a cost of \$400,000 for water conservation projects to facilitate the modernization of techniques for irrigation and water storage for agricultural and ranching industries. Section 1 would be reduced from \$400,000 to \$125,000 for projects related to water conservation and \$100,000 for the replacement of two vehicles for the agriculture enforcement positions in the Department. The total amount of the appropriation in section 1 would be reduced from \$400,000 to \$225,000. The amount of \$175,000 would no longer be needed. In addition there were two other items included in the budget of \$159,605 for Veterinary Medical Services for new laboratory equipment and an additional \$14,479 for replacement of laboratory equipment for the Veterinary Medical Services budget. This appropriation was a one-shot appropriation that would become effective upon passage and approval. The proper motion would be Amend and Do Pass if the Committee favored those changes.

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 504.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Swank.

Chair Carlton moved to Assembly Bill 505.

**Assembly Bill 505: Makes appropriations to the Division of State Parks for self-pay kiosks, replacement of vehicles, a paving project and maintenance at Ice Age Fossils State Park and maintenance of equipment for Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. (BDR S-1180)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 505 made an appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Section 1 recommended General Fund appropriations of \$160,000 for a paving project at the visitor's center at Ice Age Fossils State Park. Section 2 recommended General Fund appropriations of \$2,080,000 for the second phase of construction at the Ice Age Fossils State Park. Section 3 recommended appropriations of \$213,009 for the installation of self-pay kiosks at various state parks. Section 4 recommended General Fund appropriations of \$1,291,348 for the replacement of fleet vehicles. Section 5 recommended \$49,500 for equipment for Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. There was no testimony for or against the bill. The agency had presented the bill. In section 2, line 8, an amendment was requested to change the word "maintenance" to "construction" for the amounts being provided to Ice Age Fossils State Park for the next phase of construction of the facilities. The motion would be Amend and Do Pass to change that word.

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 505.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno.

Chair Carlton moved to Assembly Bill 507.



**Assembly Bill 507: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of buses and other vehicles. (BDR S-1183)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, said Assembly Bill 507 made an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of buses and vehicles. The cost of the replacement buses was \$822,498, and the cost of replacement of other vehicles was \$1,731,157. The bill would become effective upon passage and approval. There were no amendments.

There being no questions or comments, Chair Carlton called for a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 507.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

Chair Carlton assigned the floor statement to Assemblywoman Titus.

Chair Carlton thanked the Committee for a good job today. That concluded the Committee's work for the morning's agenda. She opened public comment.

Harold Wickham, Deputy Director, Operations, Department of Corrections, stated that today's meeting was his last appearance before the Committee, and he thanked the members for all their hard work for the state. It had been a good learning experience for him, and he thanked them for indulging him.

Chair Carlton asked whether he was retiring, but he said he was not retiring.

Chair Carlton said the Committee would hold an evening meeting tonight that would start at 6:00 p.m., and six bills would be heard tonight. There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Carlton adjourned the meeting [at 10:45 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Janice Wright  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

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

## EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is mock-up amendment 5828 developed by the Fiscal Analysis Division staff and the Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, and posted on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System to add the words "to the extent of money available" on page 2, section 1 of Assembly Bill 234 (1st Reprint).