MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Eightieth Session May 10, 2019

The Senate Committee Finance called on was to order bν Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair Senator Moises Denis Senator Yvanna D. Cancela Senator Chris Brooks Senator James A. Settelmeyer Senator Ben Kieckhefer Senator Pete Goicoechea

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Leanndra Copeland, Program Analyst
Cathy Crocket, Senior Program Analyst
Kimbra Ellsworth, Program Analyst
John Kucera, Program Analyst
Colby Nichols, Program Analyst
Jaimarie Ortega, Program Analyst
Kristina Shea, Program Analyst
Julie Waller, Senior Program Analyst
Felicia Archer, Committee Secretary
Barbara Williams, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

James P. Kemp

Bryan Wachter, Retail Association of Nevada

Ann Silver, Chief Executive Officer, Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce

Misty Grimmer, Nevada Resort Association

David Boire, Children's Advocacy Alliance

James Wadhams, Nevada Hospital Association

Elisa Caffarata, Time to Care Nevada Coalition

Natalie Hernandez, Time to Care Nevada Coalition

Jean Melby-Mauer, Paradise Las Vegas Indivisible

Jeri Burton, Nevada Chapter, National Organization of Women

Constance McMullen, Personal Care Association of Nevada

Allan Ward, Home Instead Senior Care

Dan Musgrove, Mechanical Contractors Association of Las Vegas

Paul Moradkhan, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce

Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Support Services, Nevada Department of Education

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I am taking <u>Senate Bill (S.B.) 130</u> off of work session and requesting a Committee introduction of Bill Draft Request (BDR) 43-1213.

SENATE BILL 130 (1st Reprint): Provides for the licensing and regulation of certain persons who administer radiation. (BDR 40-61)

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 43-1213: Revises provisions governing state financial administration. (Later introduced as Senate Bill 541.)

MARK KRMPOTIC (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

This is a budget implementation bill that would redirect 25 percent of the Governmental Services Tax to the General Fund. The remaining 75 percent would be directed to the Highway Fund. This bill extends the provision which would otherwise sunset on June 30.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 43-1213.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Next, we will hear the Subcommittees' reports.

KRISTINA SHEA (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPs have completed their review of the Department of Administration, State Public Works Division's (SPWD) budgets (<u>Exhibit C</u>) and make the following recommendations for the 2019-2021 biennium. The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in a reduction of General Fund appropriations of \$137,160 in fiscal year (FY) 2020 and \$142,046 in FY 2021.

The first budget account is (B/A) 101-1562, Engineering and Planning.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION

<u>Administration - SPWD - Engineering & Planning — Budget Page ADMIN-179</u> (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1562

The Subcommittees recommended approval of a new management analyst position and associated costs to support the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) accounting functions; however, this position was recommended to be included in the Department's Administrative Services Division budget and funded with cost allocations due to its supervisory role over several positions within that budget.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of a budget amendment requested by the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) to increase fee revenue by \$1.2 million over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund 3 new project manager positions and 3 new building construction inspector positions due to the anticipated level of services required to support the 2019 CIP. The Subcommittees approved the

remainder of the Engineering and Planning budget as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments made by Fiscal Analysis Division staff.

In Buildings and Grounds, B/A 710-1349, the Subcommittees concurred with the Governor's recommendation to fund deferred maintenance projects totaling \$2.2 million over the 2019-2021 biennium.

<u>Administration - SPWD - Buildings & Grounds</u> — Budget Page ADMIN-190 (Volume I)

Budget Account 710-1349

The Subcommittees also approved \$5,416 in FY 2020 and \$5,959 in FY 2021 to lease a 12-passenger van for the purpose of implementing a new inmate labor program in southern Nevada and recommended a letter of intent (LOI) for annual reports regarding the program. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the remainder of the Buildings and Grounds budget as recommended by the Governor, including approval of a requested amendment to fund an increase in the transfer to Capitol Police to support the Nevada Shared Radio System replacement.

In B/A 712-1366, Marlette Lake Water System, the Subcommittees recommended approval of a technical adjustment to reflect revised revenue projections and to include a General Fund appropriation of \$100 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium which would allow the Division access to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account to ensure this budget remains solvent over the 2019-2021 biennium. The Subcommittees approved the issuance of an LOI requiring the Agency to submit semi-annual reports to the IFC concerning the status of action taken by the SPWD to ensure the Marlette Lake Water System is able to continue operations as a self-sustaining system. The Subcommittees recommended approval of the remainder of the Marlette Lake Water System budget as recommended by the Governor.

<u>Administration - SPWD - Marlette Lake</u> — Budget Page ADMIN-199 (Volume I) Budget Account 712-1366

The Subcommittees also recommend closing SPWD budgets 101-1540 and 101-1560 as recommended in the <u>Executive Budget</u> with minor technical adjustments by Fiscal staff.

<u>Administration - SPWD - Administration</u> — Budget Page ADMIN-174 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-1540

<u>Administration - SPWD - Facility Cond & Analysis</u> — Budget Page ADMIN-186 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1560

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-1562, 710-1349, 712-1366, 101-1540, AND 101-1560 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS FOR THE SPWD WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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JAIMARIE ORTEGA (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIPs have completed their review of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) budget recommendations in the Executive Budget for the 2019-2021 biennium (Exhibit D).

In B/A 101-2711, State Public Charter School Authority, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to add 1 education programs professional position, 1 administrative assistant position and convert 1 contract position to a full-time administrative assistant position totaling \$402,422 over the 2019-2021 biennium. The Subcommittees also recommended approval of a reduction in SPCSA charter school sponsorship fee revenues, resulting from the SPCSA's plan to reduce the sponsorship fee from 1.5 percent to 1.25 percent, thereby reducing revenues by \$1.7 million over the 2019-2021 biennium.

EDUCATION

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

<u>State Public Charter School Authority</u> — Budget Page CHARTER SCHOOL-5 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-2711

The Subcommittees deferred action on the Governor's recommendation for one new education and information officer (EIO) position and requested that Fiscal staff provide additional information regarding the proposed duties of the EIO position when the full committees review the Subcommittees' recommendations. In response, Fiscal staff requested additional information from the SPCSA regarding the proposed duties of the EIO position. The SPCSA indicates the new EIO position would spend approximately 20 percent of its time performing public information-related activities, which include responding to media inquiries and releasing public information documents. The SPCSA further indicates approximately 80 percent of the new EIO position's time would be dedicated to performing education-related duties.

The SPCSA indicates multiple staff are currently responsible for disseminating this information and the recommendation would provide one staff member dedicated to these functions to allow consistent messaging and provide real-time response and distribution of information. Additionally, the SPCSA indicates it currently utilizes email to disseminate information to sponsored charter schools which the SPCSA indicates is not efficient and does not allow for real-time, two-way communication.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I would like to see us move forward and approve this position. We have been asking for more accountability from our charter schools, and this position would clearly be interacting with the schools themselves.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-2711 FOR THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY WITHOUT APPROVING RESERVE REDUCTIONS FOR 1 NEW EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:

The additional employee would help resolve some of the problems we keep hearing about.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I understand what you are saying. I want to see the Charter School Authority get all of its work underway and bring some of its failing charter schools up to par. We may consider adding positions in the next Legislative Session.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Ortega:

In B/A 101-2708, Public Charter School Loan Program, the Governor recommends providing loans of up to \$200,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to continue the SPCSA Public Charter School Loan Program. The Subcommittees deferred action on the closing of the Public Charter School Loan Program budget and requested that Fiscal staff provide additional information regarding the loan applications received by the SPCSA for FY 2019.

<u>Public Charter School Loan Program</u> — Budget Page CHARTER SCHOOL-13 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-2708

In response, Fiscal staff notes *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 388A.438 requires the SPCSA to provide loans to eligible charter schools that have an approved charter contract with the SPCSA. However, the SPCSA provided loans to 3 schools sponsored by the Achievement School District (ASD) totaling \$198,000 in FY 2018. The SPCSA also indicates 2 schools currently sponsored by the ASD submitted applications for the loan program in FY 2019.

Fiscal staff discussed this issue with staff from the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), who determined schools sponsored by the ASD are not eligible to apply for the SPCSA Public Charter School Loan Program pursuant to NRS 388A. In follow-up communication with the SPCSA, the SPCSA concurred with the LCB Legal Division's determination that ASD charter

schools are not eligible for this loan program. The SPCSA indicates it would notify the two ASD charter schools that submitted applications of this determination and would no longer consider these applications.

SENATOR BROOKS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-2708 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIPS FOR THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LOAN PROGRAM WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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KIMBRA ELLSWORTH (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees on General Government have completed their review of the Division of Minerals budget (<u>Exhibit E</u>), and recommended approving B/A 101-4219 as recommended by the Governor and authorized Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

MINERALS

<u>Division of Minerals</u> — Budget Page MINERALS-5 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-4219

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE 101-4219 B/A AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON **GENERAL** GOVERNMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF MINERALS WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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COLBY NICHOLS (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees on General Government have completed their review (Exhibit F) of the Department of Business and Industry (B&I) budgets for the 2019-2021 biennium. The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund appropriation increases of \$873,283 in FY 2020 and \$902,544 in FY 2021.

In B/A 101-4681, Business and Industry Administration, the Subcommittees recommended the continuation of the Consumer Affairs Unit contingent upon passage and approval of <u>BDR 18-1206</u>. This has since been introduced as <u>S.B. 537</u> and referred to this Committee. <u>Senate Bill 537</u> extends the Consumer Affairs Unit through June 30, 2021. This recommendation includes changing the funding to General Fund appropriations instead of State settlement income transferred from the Office of the Attorney General and reducing an administrative assistant position from 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) to the current level of 0.60 FTE as recommended in Budget Amendment No. A192414681 (<u>Exhibit G</u>) which will result in additional General Fund appropriations of \$671,893 in FY 2020 and \$690,339 in FY 2021.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

<u>B&I - Business and Industry Administration</u> — Budget Page B & I-12 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-4681

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 18-1206: Extends statutory authorization for Consumer Affairs Unit. (Later introduced as Senate Bill 537.)

<u>SENATE BILL 537</u>: Extends the prospective expiration of the Consumer Affairs Unit of the Department of Business and Industry. (BDR 18-1206)

The Subcommittees also recommended approval of a new administrative assistant position with associated operating and equipment costs to facilitate the processing and maintenance of agent applications and licenses for the Mortgage Lending Division with technical adjustments. They also recommended approval of the remaining portions of Budget Amendment No. A192414681, Exhibit G, to adjust funding streams to balance the budget appropriately including additional General Fund appropriations of \$201,390 in FY 2020 and \$212,205 in FY 2021. Finally, the Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management (DHRM) approved the reclassification of an information technology (IT) Professional position effective December 7, 2018; therefore, the Subcommittees recommended not approving the request to reclassify the position and instead recommended providing Staff authority to make a technical adjustment to the position in the base budget.

For B/A 210-4680, Division of Industrial Relations, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for 1 new business process analyst position to oversee training and problem resolution of the Workers' Compensation Section's Claims and Regulatory Data System funded with an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund of \$64,477 in FY 2020 and \$77,197 in FY 2021.

<u>B&I - Division of Industrial Relations</u> — Budget Page B & I-59 (Volume II) Budget Account 210-4680

In B/A 210-4682, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the revised technology investment notification, known as the Elevator Digital Plan Review System, funded with an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund of \$25,160 in FY 2020. The Division indicates this new system would streamline the review of plans submitted by contractors for new installations and alterations to existing elevators and conveyances by its Mechanical Compliance Section staff.

B&I - Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement — Budget Page B & I-66 (Volume II) Budget Account 210-4682

In B/A 101-3952, Athletic Commission, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Athletic Commission from B&I to the Governor's Office contingent upon the passage and approval of

<u>Assembly Bill (A.B.) 529</u> which has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. The transfer includes the addition of ASD cost allocation payments totaling \$182,113 over the 2019-2021 biennium funded with reserve reductions.

<u>Athletic Commission</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-111 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3952

ASSEMBLY BILL 529: Revises provisions governing the Nevada Athletic Commission. (BDR 41-1207)

For B/A 101-3845, Inspection and Compliance Budget, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the transfer of 1 compliance/audit investigator position from this budget to the Weatherization B/A 101-4865 to properly align the grant-funded position with its federal revenue source.

<u>B&I - Housing Inspection & Compliance</u> — Budget Page B & I -112 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3845

<u>B&I - Weatherization</u> — Budget Page B & I-104 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-4865

For B/A 101-3820, Common Interest Communities, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new program officer in Carson City to provide training and outreach to homeowner associations (HOA) and common interest communities in northern and rural Nevada funded with reserve reductions of \$149,781 over the 2019-2021 biennium. The Subcommittees also recommended approval of a new database to automate HOA registration and renewal processes funded with reserve reductions of \$25,000 in each year of the biennium as recommended by the Governor.

<u>B&I - Common Interest Communities</u> — Budget Page B & I-147 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3820

In B/A 245-4130, Taxicab Authority, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation to increase the medallion fee from \$100 per cab per year to \$300.

<u>B&I - Taxicab Authority</u> — Budget Page B & I-162 (Volume II) Budget Account 245-4130

This recommendation is contingent upon the passage and approval of enabling legislation. Senate Bill 539 was introduced and referred to this Committee and would enact this change.

SENATE BILL 539: Revises provisions governing financial support of the Taxicab Authority. (BDR 58-1208)

This increase would generate \$706,000 in new revenue each year of the 2019-2021 biennium which would be balanced to reserves to partially address the Authority's solvency. In addition, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to eliminate 15 vacant positions resulting in expenditure reductions of approximately \$2.5 million over the biennium with corresponding increases to reserves. The Subcommittees also recommended the issuance of an LOI directing the Authority to develop a credible, long-term plan for financial solvency and to present semi-annual reports regarding these efforts to the IFC.

The Subcommittees also recommended approval of Phase 3 of the Agency's system modernization project. Phase 3 of the project would provide a web portal for taxicab companies in Clark County and allow for real-time asset management including drivers, vehicle fleets and medallions. In addition, Phase 3 would automate and digitize other processes currently performed manually. Phase 3 would be funded through technology fee reserve reductions of \$126,024 in FY 2020. The Subcommittees also recommended technology fee reserve reductions of \$59,105 in FY 2020 and \$62,685 in FY 2021 to fund the Agency's portion of the costs to replace the Nevada Shared Radio System, as recommended in Budget Amendment No. A193854130 (Exhibit H).

For B/A 101-3835, Division of Financial Institutions, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the reclassification of 2 financial institutions examiner II positions to financial institutions examiner III positions and 1 administrative assistant II position to an administrative assistant III position resulting in reserve reductions totaling \$22,527 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

<u>B&I - Division of Financial Institutions</u> — Budget Page B & I-209 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3835

For B/A 101-3910, Division of Mortgage Lending, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for 2 new mortgage lending examiner positions and associated operating costs for the Mortgage Servicing Examination Program to conduct audits, examinations and investigations for out-of-State mortgage servicing companies. The recommendation results in decreased reserves of \$149,907 in FY 2020 and 188.471 in FY 2021.

<u>B&I - Division of Mortgage Lending</u> — Budget Page B & I-227 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3910

The Subcommittees also recommended approval of the Governor's amended recommendation to utilize reserve reductions totaling \$624,556 in FY 2020 and \$107,426 in FY 2021 for a technology investment notification to replace the Division of Mortgage Lending database which was developed internally in 2006 and no longer meets the needs of the Aency's employees and its licensees.

The Subcommittees recommend closing the following B&I budgets as recommended by the Governor:

<u>B&I - Office of Business and Planning</u> — Budget Page B & I-8 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-4677

<u>B&I - Private Activity Bonds</u> — Budget Page B & I-21 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-4683

<u>B&I - Insurance Regulation</u> — Budget Page B & I-32 (Volume II) Budget Account 504-3813

<u>B&I - Captive Insurers</u> — Budget Page B & I-39 (Volume II) Budget Account 504-3818

<u>B&I - Insurance Recovery</u> — Budget Page B & I-44 (Volume II) Budget Account 504-3821

<u>B&I - Self Insured - Workers Compensation</u> — Budget Page B & I-45 (Volume II) Budget Account 210-4684

- <u>B&I Safety Consultation and Training</u> Budget Page B & I-73 (Volume II) Budget Account 210-4685
- <u>B&I Housing Division</u> Budget Page B & I-88 (Volume II) Budget Account 503-3841
- <u>B&I Account For Low-Income Housing</u> Budget Page B & I-94 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3838
- <u>B&I Special Housing Assistance</u> Budget Page B & I-102 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3839
- B&I Employee Management Relations Board Budget Page B & I-122 (Volume II)
 Budget Account 101-1374
- <u>B&I Real Estate Administration</u> Budget Page B & I-132 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3823
- <u>B&I Real Estate Education and Research</u> Budget Page B & I-139 (Volume II) Budget Account 216-3826
- <u>B&I Real Estate Recovery Account</u> Budget Page B & I-145 (Volume II) Budget Account 216-3827
- <u>B&I Labor Commissioner</u> Budget Page B & I-189 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3900
- <u>B&I NV Attorney For Injured Workers</u> Budget Page B & I-196 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-1013
- <u>B&I Financial Institutions Investigations</u> Budget Page B & I-216 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3805
- <u>B&I Financial Institutions Audit</u> Budget Page B & I-219 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3882

The Subcommittees also recommended closing the following B&I budgets as recommended by the Governor with minor technical adjustments:

<u>B&I - Mine Safety & Training</u> — Budget Page B & I-78 (Volume II) Budget Account 210-4686

<u>B&I - Nevada Transportation Authority</u> — Budget Page B & I-174 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3922

<u>B&I - Transportation Authority Admin Fines</u> — Budget Page B & I-181 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3923

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-4677, 101-4681, 101-4683, 504-3813, 504-3818, 604-3821, 210-4684, 210-4680, 210-4682, 210-4685, 210-4686, 503-3841, 101-3838, 101-3839, 101-4865, 101-3845, 101-1374, 101-3823, 216-3826, 216-3827, 101-3820, 101-3952, 245-4130, 101-3922, 101-3923, 101-3900, 101-1013, 101-3835, 101-3805, 101-3882 AND 101-3910 THE SUBCOMMITTEES AS RECOMMENDED BY ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS IN B/A 101-4681, 210-4686, 101-3922 AND 101-3923.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR BROOKS WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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JOHN KUCERA (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees for Human Services have completed their review (Exhibit I) of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR). The closing recommendations of the Subcommittees resulted in General Fund appropriation savings of \$10,613 in FY 2020 and \$6,830 in FY 2021 when compared to the Governor's recommended budget.

For B/A 101-3269, Disability Adjudication, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to convert 11 disability adjudicator positions from permanent to intermittent status to address vacancies based on hiring restrictions imposed by the federal Social Security Administration (SSA). The conversion would increase SSA-funded personnel expenditures by \$11,227 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION

<u>DETR - Disability Adjudication</u> — Budget Page DETR-11 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3269

For B/A 101-3265, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to fund 1 new rehabilitation counselor position and 1 new rehabilitation technician position to support preemployment transition services.

<u>DETR - Vocational Rehabilitation</u> — Budget Page DETR-18 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3265

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to fund one new rehabilitation counselor position and one new rehabilitation technician position to provide supportive employment services. The Subcommittees also recommended an additional supportive employment rehabilitation counselor position above what was recommended by the Governor based on caseload-supported need. The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to fund one new workforce services representative position to provide individualized job development services. A new quality control specialist position was recommended to centralize the case file review process, as recommended by the Governor and adjusted. The 7 new positions recommended for approval would be supported by federal Section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 grant funding of \$796,292 and General Fund appropriations of \$215,514 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

For B/A 101-3253, Blind Business Enterprise Program, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to fund

one new business enterprise officer position to develop Business Enterprise of Nevada (BEN) sites and support blind operators. The new position would be supported with \$94,185 from Agency reserves funded through fees paid by operators as well as \$133,426 in projected new revenue.

<u>DETR - Blind Business Enterprise Program</u> — Budget Page DETR-34 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3253

The Subcommittees recommended conditional approval of Budget Amendment No. A193343253 (Exhibit J) to transfer \$208,000 from reserves to fund BEN tenant improvements to the Reno Department of Motor Vehicles project pending final approval of CIP Project C-01 by the K-12/Higher Education/CIP Subcommittees.

Project No. C01—Completion of South Reno DMV

For B/A 205-4770, Workforce Development, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, of \$313,276 in Career Enhancement Program revenue over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund 2 new workforce services representative positions supporting prisoner reentry job development services.

<u>DETR - Workforce Development</u> — Budget Page DETR-46 (Volume II) Budget Account 205-4770

The Subcommittees recommended approving \$169,180 over the 2019-2021 biennium in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds to support an Employment Security Division (ESD) program specialist position to administer second- and third-year Rapid Response Program funds as adjusted. Additionally, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, for 2 new supervisory workforce services representative positions funded with Wagner-Peyser funds totaling \$313,693 over the 2019-2021 biennium. The Subcommittees did not recommend approval of 19 intermittent to permanent conversions. Finally, the Subcommittees recommended issuing two LOIs relating to the delivery of prisoner reentry services and Rapid Response program outcomes.

For B/A 235-4771, Employment Security-Special Fund, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation of \$1.9 million in

penalty and interest revenue in FY 2020 to fund a Spanish-language translation of major unemployment insurance claim filing system components.

<u>DETR - Employment Security - Special Fund</u> — Budget Page DETR-64 (Volume II)

Budget Account 235-4771

In B/A 205-4772, Unemployment Insurance, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to eliminate 39 positions and reduce federal funding and penalty and interest transfers by \$5.8 million over the 2019-2021 biennium due to decreases in federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) Grant awards.

<u>DETR - Unemployment Insurance</u> — Budget Page DETR-72 (Volume II) Budget Account 205-4772

The Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to reduce UI Administrative Grant funding by \$299,879 and eliminate 3 additional positions in the Work Distribution Center due to a recent regulation change requiring employers to file quarterly tax and wage reports electronically.

For B/A 205-4773, ESD Administration, the Subcommittees recommended approving the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, to establish the ESD Administration budget in DETR. The Subcommittees recommended approving transfers totaling \$2.6 million and 12 positions from the Workforce Development and UI budgets to support the new ESD Administration budget.

<u>DETR - ESD Administration</u> — Budget Page DETR-85 (Volume II) Budget Account 205-4773

For B/A 101-2580, Equal Rights Commission, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation of 1 new supervisory management analyst position for the northern Nevada Equal Rights Commission office, as adjusted, totaling \$151,513, including \$105,408 in General Fund appropriations over the 2019-2021 biennium.

<u>DETR - Equal Rights Commission</u> — Budget Page DETR-92 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-2580

For B/A 101-3274, Information Development and Processing, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for \$1 million in penalty and interest revenue over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund ongoing defect and enhancement master service agreement programming expenditures for Ulnv, the State's unemployment insurance system.

<u>DETR - Information Development and Processing</u> — Budget Page DETR-110 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3274

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation, as adjusted, of \$311,000 in transferred funds each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to continue funding the Semi-Autonomous Research Assistant project. Additionally, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation for 2 new .75 FTE public service intern positions totaling \$83,942 in cost allocated funds in FY 2021.

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

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

<u>DETR - Rehabilitation Administration</u> — Budget Page DETR-7 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3268

<u>DETR - Services To Blind Or Visually Impaired</u> — Budget Page DETR-28 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3254

<u>DETR - Administration</u> — Budget Page DETR-102 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3272

<u>DETR - Research & Analysis</u> — Budget Page DETR-118 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3273

<u>DETR - Commission on Postsecondary Education</u> — Budget Page DETR-127 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-2666

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 101-3268, 101-3269, 101-3265, 101-3254, 101-3253, 205-4770, 235-4771, 205-4772, 205-4773, 101-2580, 101-3272, 101-3274, 101-3273, AND 101-2666 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES FOR DETR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR BROOKS WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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Ms. Ellsworth:

The Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation have completed their review (<u>Exhibit K</u>) of the Colorado River Commission (CRC) budget request for the 2019-2021 biennium.

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

<u>CRC - Colorado River Commission</u> — Budget Page COLORADO RIVER COMM-4 (Volume III)

Budget Account 296-4490

<u>CRC - Research and Development Account</u> — Budget Page COLORADO RIVER COMM-10 (Volume III)

Budget Account 296-4497

<u>CRC - Power Delivery Project</u> — Budget Page COLORADO RIVER COMM-12 (Volume III)

Budget Account 502-4501

<u>CRC - Power Marketing</u> — Budget Page COLORADO RIVER COMM-15 (Volume III)

Budget Account 505-4502

The Subcommittees also authorized Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments to the budgets as necessary.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET ACCOUNTS 296-4490, 296-4497, 502-4501 AND 502-4502 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORATION FOR THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR BROOKS WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

BUDGETS CLOSED.

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Ms. Ellsworth:

The Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation have completed their review (Exhibit L) of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) budget request for 2019-2021 biennium.

For B/A 101-4204, TRPA, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to support ongoing costs associated with the

Lake Tahoe Shoreline Plan and funded with General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium.

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

<u>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency</u> — Budget Page TRPA-3 (Volume III) Budget Account 101-4204

In total, the Subcommittees recommended approving State support including General Fund appropriations and transfers from the Department of Motor Vehicles Pollution Control budget of \$4.6 million over the 2019-2021 biennium for the TRPA, which equals 33.2 percent relative to California's apportionment.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of the remainder of the budget as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments to this budget as necessary.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-4204 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRPA WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR BROOKS WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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LEANNDRA COPELAND (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Subcommittees on General Government developed the following recommendations for the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange budget request (Exhibit M).

For B/A 101-1400, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, the Subcommittees recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to continue the transition from a State-Based Exchange on the federal platform to a State-based exchange initiated during the 2017-2019 biennium. The transition involves a number of operational changes.

SPECIAL PURPOSE AGENCIES

SILVER STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

<u>Silver State Health Insurance Exchange Admin</u> — Budget Page HEALTH INS EXCHANGE-3 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-1400

To support technology-related changes, the Subcommittees recommended approval of costs associated with continuing to transition to a private vendor-supported technology platform with project oversight provided by a contracted project management office. The transition to a private technology platform is accompanied by a reduction in fees paid to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS). The technology-related changes are funded by a net decrease in reserves totaling \$4 million over the 2019-2021 biennium.

To perform functions that are currently provided by the CMMS, the Subcommittees recommended approval of nine new classified positions. The positions include 1 insurance regulation liaison and 2 management analysts to establish a policy and compliance unit, 3 program officers to establish a consumer assistance unit, 2 business process analysts to establish a security and reconciliation unit and 1 new management analyst for the existing Fiscal Unit funded with reserve reductions totaling \$1.8 million over the 2019-2021 biennium.

The Subcommittees recommended approval of several other items related to the transition funded by a net decrease in reserves totaling \$558,405 over the biennium including increased postage and audit costs, support for a fair hearings process through the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and savings associated with the vendor-operated call center.

In total, the changes associated with the transition to a State-Based Exchange result in a net decrease in reserves of \$6.3 million over the biennium.

To monitor the transition to a State-Based Exchange, the Subcommittees recommended issuing an LOI directing the Agency to report to IFC on a semi-annual basis on the transition to, and operation of, the State-based exchange platform, appropriateness of staffing levels, enrollment trends and the status of the Agency's revenue and reserves.

The Subcommittees also recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation of reserve reductions totaling \$2.5 million in each fiscal year of the 2019-2021 biennium to fund the cost of navigators, in-person assisters, brokers, and marketing and outreach.

The Subcommittees approved the other closing items as recommended by the Governor and granted Staff authority to make technical adjustments to this budget as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-1400 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON **GENERAL** GOVERNMENT FOR THE SILVER STATE HEALTH **INSURANCE** EXCHANGE WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We have another bill introduction for BDR 43-1210.

<u>BILL DRAFT REQUEST 43-1210:</u> Revises provisions governing the technology fee collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles. (Later introduced as <u>Senate Bill 542.</u>)

Mr. Krmpotic:

This is a budget implementation bill that extends the imposition of a technology fee on certain transactions by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 43-1210.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SARAH COFFMAN (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The first budget we will discuss is B/A 101-1080, State Treasurer, found on page 3 of Closing List #5 (Exhibit N).

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Treasurer - State Treasurer</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-214 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-1080

There are three major closing issues. The first, a request for a new accountant technician position, is found on page 4.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-217

This position would be funded 100 percent with cost allocation reimbursements, and the operating expenditures would be funded with General Fund appropriations. This funding split is consistent with current funding practices for existing positions within the account.

Within the Debt Management Division, there is a deputy treasurer of debt and a management analyst. They are utilizing an accountant technician from the Cash Management Division to assist with day-to-day duties. While all duties are being performed in both the Debt Management Division and the Cash Management Division, the Agency indicates that staff is operating at maximum capacity due to a progressive increase in workload.

The Treasurer's Office attributes its increase in workload to a change in procedures that occurred in FY 2016. The State Board of Finance approved the Division's use of custodial accounts for the administration of bond proceeds. Custodial accounts track the receipt of all monies received from the issuance of any security. The accountant technician, under the supervision of the management analyst, would review and reconcile the custodial accounts. Currently, the Division manages 17 custodial accounts of which 3 have a zero balance.

The Treasurer's Office generally issues debt twice per year. Typically, there are two to five series per issuance with tranches underlying each series. The Treasurer's Office anticipates adding a minimum of five new accounts each year.

In addition to reviewing and reconciling the custodial account funding requests, this position would also be responsible for the billing and collection of lease-purchase rent and State revolving fund loan repayments, the reconciliation of budget status reports and external bank account statements, the maintenance of the county property tax revenue spreadsheets, the preparation and processing of accounting documents, the processing of safekeeping requests and reports, and the preparation and processing of fiscal year-end reconciliations, reports and entity audit requests.

Does the Committee wish to approve total funding of \$56,003 in FY 2020 and \$71,539 in FY 2021 for a new accountant technician within the Debt Management Division?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE TOTAL FUNDING OF \$56,003 IN FY 2020 AND \$71,539 IN FY 2021 FOR A NEW ACCOUNTANT TECHNICIAN WITHIN THE DEBT MANAGEMENT DIVISION IN B/A 101-1080.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Coffman:

The second major issue is on page 5 of Exhibit N, a position reclassification.

Decision unit E-805 originally recommended to reclassify a management analyst position to an investment analyst position. However, Budget Amendment No. A192651080 (Exhibit O) was submitted on March 7 to adjust this request.

E-805 Classified Position Changes — Page ELECTED-219

As background, the Treasurer's Office indicates that managing the State's portfolio has become increasingly complex with over \$3.5 billion in the investment portfolio. The deputy treasurer of investments assists the Treasurer in carrying out the investment duties for the various portfolios along with an investment analyst position.

The Treasurer's Office submitted a request to the DHRM to review the duties of the Division's existing investment analyst position to see if it was appropriate to create a class series with multiple levels for this position. Initially, the Treasurer's Office was proposing this position be split into 2 levels, an investment analyst 1 position and an investment analyst 2 position. However, upon reviewing the Treasurer's Office request, the DHRM determined that it may be more appropriate to provide 3 levels for this class series to include an investment analyst 3.

Consequently, on March 7, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A192651080 which requests that an existing management analyst 3 be reclassified to the investment analyst series. The table on page 5 of Exhibit N illustrates the reclassifications sought. The existing investment analyst would remain a Grade 43 and be called investment analyst 3. An existing management analyst position would be reclassified as an investment analyst 2, a Grade 41. Lastly, another existing management analyst position would be reclassified as an investment analyst 1. The table identifies that position as a Grade 38 which was provided in the budget amendment. However, according to the class series approved by the DRHM on April 12, that position was approved as a Grade 39. Fiscal staff would request to make a technical adjustment to correct the grade to align with the approved class series which would require additional total funding of \$3,839 in FY 2020 and \$4,080 in FY 2021.

On page 6, the duties of the reclassified positions are detailed. According to the Treasurer's Office, the management analyst positions have already begun assuming these responsibilities.

Does the Committee wish to approve decision unit E-805 which reclassifies 1 management analyst III position to an investment analyst II position, and Budget Amendment No. A192651080 which reclassifies an additional management analyst III position to an investment analyst I position? If the Committee approves Budget Amendment A192651080, Fiscal staff requests technical adjustment authority to properly align the position's grade to that of the grade identified in the class specification approved by the DHRM Management.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-805 IN B/A 101-1080 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A192651080 AND GRANT TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY TO FISCAL STAFF TO ALIGN THE POSITION'S GRADE.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Coffman:

The third major issue in this budget account is the Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) server hosting in decision unit E-720.

E-720 New Equipment — Page ELECTED-218

In the <u>Executive Budget</u>, the Governor recommends Treasurer's assessment revenues of \$176,922 in FY 2020 to purchase three SimpliVity Server Nodes. The Governor's Office submitted Budget Amendment A192671080, <u>Exhibit O</u>, on March 7 which eliminates this request and instead requests General Fund appropriations of \$26,592 in FY 2020 and \$26,648 in FY 2021 to outsource its server hosting to EITS. According to the Agency, it is seeking General Fund appropriations rather than Treasurer assessments since the budget's operating expenditures have historically been funded with General Fund appropriations.

Currently, the Agency maintains two IT professional positions. The Agency indicates that while EITS would be taking over the server hosting, the shift in server hosting would not significantly reduce the workload of the IT professionals. These positions would still be responsible for system and database administration as well as computer operations and maintenance.

Does the Committee wish to approve Budget Amendment No. A192671080, which provides General Fund appropriations of \$26,592 in FY 2020 and \$26,648 in FY 2021 for EITS server hosting?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A192671080 FOR B/A 101-1080 AND PROVIDE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$26,592 IN FY 2020 AND \$26,648 IN FY 2021 FOR EITS SERVER HOSTING.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Coffman:

There are three other closing items in B/A 101-1080, found on pages 7 and 8 of Exhibit N, which all appear reasonable.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-1080, STATE TREASURER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next budget, B/A 745-1086, begins on page 9 of Exhibit N.

<u>Treasurer - Municipal Bond Bank Revenue</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-224 (Volume I)
Budget Account 745-1086

Staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget. The Committee has not previously heard this budget.

The Municipal Bond Bank assists municipalities in undertaking local projects and passes the proceeds and the savings on to the local municipalities. The State Board of Finance must approve the issuance of State general obligation bonds and revenue securities under the Bond Bank Act.

This budget serves as the revenue collection account in that the principal and interest payments by the local governments are collected in this account. There are no State General Fund appropriations in this budget. The outstanding amount of securities issued pursuant to NRS 350A was \$91.5 million as of June 30, 2018.

There are no major closing issues. There is one other closing item, a request from the Treasurer's Office to have this account exempt from the State Budget Act. On April 3, the Treasurer's Office, with support from the GFO, submitted a letter to the chairs of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance seeking authority to remove the Municipal Bond Bank Revenue budget and the Municipal Bond Bank Debt Service budget from the Executive Budget which is governed by the State Budget.

<u>Treasurer - Municipal Bond Bank Debt Service</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-225 (Volume I)
Budget Account 395-1087

Specifically, the Treasurer's Office expressed concerns with the provisions of NRS 353.220 which requires the Agency to seek approval from IFC whenever a request for the revision of a work program meets specific thresholds. The concerns expressed are noted on page 10 of Exhibit N. Essentially, bonds can be issued before IFC provides authority to pay the debt. Therefore, there may be

a perception to bond holders and rating agencies that IFC has the authority to overturn the repayment of the bonds.

In addition, the Treasurer's Office cited the provisions within the CIP Bill that provide the same exemption to the Consolidated Bond Interest and Redemption Fund. The Municipal Bond Bank Debt Service budget is also within the Consolidated Bond Interest and Redemption Fund. Accordingly, it is unclear if the Municipal Bond Bank Debt Service budget has authority to be exempt from the provisions of NRS 353.220 that is provided in the CIP Bill as it is not specifically called out in the statutory law.

Because these budgets have already been submitted for inclusion in the Executive Budget for the 2019-2021 biennium, removing these budgets from the Executive Budget at this time does not appear to be a viable option. Accordingly, in order to address the noted concerns in the upcoming biennium, the Committee may wish to consider approving back language in the Authorizations Act to exclude the Municipal Bond Bank Revenue budget and the Municipal Bond Bank Debt Service budget from the provisions of NRS 353.220.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is the exemption in NRS 353.220 from the IFC requirements?

Ms. Coffman:

You are correct. Those are the provisions that require a work program to be submitted to IFC for approval.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Based on the IFC provision, is there any evidence of delays, problems with rating agencies or issuance of debt?

Ms. Coffman:

Historically, these work programs have not gone to IFC. However, there was a reinterpretation of the statute that led to the GFO submitting those programs to the last IFC.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Has Fiscal staff and Legal staff talked with the Executive Branch? Is there general concurrence that this is appropriate?

Ms. Coffman:

Yes, there have been extensive conversations about this.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 745-1086, MUNICIPAL BOND BANK REVENUE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND INCLUDE BACK LANGUAGE WITHIN THE 2019 AUTHORIZATIONS ACT TO EXEMPT THE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK REVENUE BUDGET FROM THE PROVISIONS OF NRS 353.220 WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next budget, B/A 395-1087, begins on page 11 of Exhibit N.

Staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget. The Committee has not previously heard this budget.

This budget serves as the redemption account. Funds are transferred into this budget from Municipal Bond Bank Revenue to pay the interest and principal payments on the State-issued general obligation bonds.

Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed with similar back language as approved in the prior budget. There are no major closing items or other closing items.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 395-1087, MUNICIPAL BOND BANK DEBT SERVICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND INCLUDE BACK LANGUAGE WITHIN THE 2019 AUTHORIZATIONS ACT TO EXEMPT THE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK DEBT SERVICE BUDGET FROM THE PROVISIONS OF NRS 353.220 WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next budget, the Nevada College Savings Trust, begins on page 13 of Exhibit N.

<u>Treasurer - Nevada College Savings Trust</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-228 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1092

There is one major issue in this budget, which is the College Savings Navigator Initiative. The Governor recommends transfers from the Endowment Account B/A 101-1094 of \$64,111 in FY 2020 and \$79,878 in FY 2021 to B/A 101-1092 for a new program officer position to implement the new College Savings Navigator Initiative. This position will act as a liaison to partnering institutions, school districts, community groups, and stakeholders in the community and school districts to increase their awareness of 529 college plans savings, the Prepaid Tuition program, the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship program, financial literacy, other scholarship opportunities and financial aid options. This position as well as the existing senior deputy treasurer, marketing coordinator and an administrative assistant would assist with the initiative.

<u>Treasurer - Endowment Account</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-234 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-1094

Fiscal staff would note that the Agency is seeking six Chromebooks that would be used by the navigators at events to allow students and families to enroll in the College Kick Start program and to allow participants to view their 529 savings or Prepaid Tuition account at these events.

According to the Treasurer's Office, it intends to shift its marketing strategy for its College Savings Plans program to focus on informing smaller community groups and trusted community leaders about the college savings programs.

The Treasurer's Office indicated that it would be tracking performance measures to determine the success of the College Savings Navigator Initiative. These performance measures will include new enrollments, frequency of deposits among existing participants, use of auto deposits, amount of total contributions and number of college savings accounts per household.

Fiscal staff would note that NRS 353B.350 limits the amount of funding from the Endowment Account that can be used to support the costs associated with marketing and financial-literacy-related expenditures to 3 percent of the money in the Endowment Account that was received during the first fiscal year of the immediately preceding biennium. The Executive Budget provides for a maximum amount of marketing expenditure to a vendor responsible for the marketing campaign associated with the College Savings Plans program. Because documentation provided by the Agency indicates this position would be responsible for creating marketing materials for the College Savings Plans, Fiscal staff sought clarification from LCB Legal Division staff as to whether the expenditures for this position should be considered within the statutory spending cap. Legal staff indicated that the statute is inconclusive as to whether these expenditures meet the criteria.

Fiscal staff would note that the Treasurer's Office has proposed <u>S.B. 82</u> to increase the expenditure cap from 3 percent to 10 percent.

SENATE BILL 82 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 31-479)

If <u>S.B. 82</u> were passed and approved, the marketing expenditures for the College Savings Plans program inclusive of the costs associated with this position would be within the proposed 10 percent cap.

Does the Committee wish to approve transfers from the Endowment Account B/A 101-1094 of \$64,111 in FY 2020 and \$79,878 in FY 2021 to establish a new program officer position to implement the new College Savings Navigator Initiative contingent upon the passage of S.B. 82 or other enabling legislation?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM THE TREASURER ENDOWMENT B/A 101-1094 OF \$64,111 IN FY 2020 AND \$79,878 IN FY 2021 TO THE NEVADA COLLEGE SAVINGS TRUST B/A 101-1092 TO ESTABLISH A NEW PROGRAM OFFICER POSITION TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW COLLEGE SAVINGS NAVIGATOR INITIATIVE CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF <u>S.B. 82</u> OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Coffman:

There are 4 other closing items for B/A 101-1092 on page 15 of Exhibit N. Fiscal staff recommends approval of all other closing items as recommended by the Governor with authority to make technical adjustments.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-1092, NEVADA COLLEGE SAVINGS TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next B/A is 101-1094, Endowment Account, begins on page 17 of Exhibit N.

There are no major closing issues or other closing items.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-1094, ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next B/A is 603-1081, Higher Education Tuition Administration, which begins on page 19 of Exhibit N.

<u>Treasurer - Higher Education Tuition Admin</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-238 (Volume I)

Budget Account 603-1081

This budget has one major closing issue, an upgrade to the prepaid tuition system, decision unit E-226.

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-240

The Governor is recommending fund transfers from the Endowment Account of \$134,508 in FY 2020 and \$56,731 in FY 2021 to upgrade the prepaid tuition database.

As background, during the June 20, 2017, IFC meeting, the Treasurer's Office sought fund transfers from the Endowment Account of \$112,011 to upgrade its existing prepaid tuition system with a cloud-based system. Several of the Committee members indicated that this request should be deferred to the 2019 Legislature where it could be considered in the same manner as other technology investment requests. Consequently, the Treasurer's Office request to upgrade its prepaid tuition system was denied by the IFC.

At the IFC meeting on August 24, 2017, the Treasurer's Office sought authority and received approval to transfer \$56,130 from the Endowment Account, B/A 101-1094, to the prepaid tuition program, B/A 603-1081 to support increased maintenance costs associated with the prepaid tuition database. Since the upgrade to the system was not approved and the contract with the vender responsible for the prepaid tuition database expired, the vendor increased ongoing maintenance expenditures for the system from \$29,220 per year to \$85,350 per year.

The expenditures associated with the implementation of the new system are detailed in the table on page 20. The primary cost, \$99,811, is the design and configuration of a new database and user interface. Fiscal staff would note that both a technology investment request and an updated technology investment notification were submitted by the Treasurer's Office for this project to EITS, and both documents were reviewed and approved by EITS.

The new system would streamline processes, provide self-service automation for participants and automate some of the manual procedures currently performed by staff. In addition, the new system would have an enhanced school portal for use by out-of-State colleges and universities requesting tuition payments.

Fiscal staff would note that the maintenance costs will start at \$43,750 and increase 4 percent each year thereafter.

Does the Committee wish to approve Endowment Account funds of \$134,508 in FY 2020 and \$56,731 in FY 2021 to upgrade the prepaid tuition database?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT B/A 101-1094 FUNDS OF \$134,508 IN FY 2020 AND \$56,731 IN FY 2021 TO UPGRADE THE PREPAID TUITION DATABASE IN DECISION UNIT E-226 IN B/A 603-1081.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Coffman:

There are four other closing items found on pages 21 and 22 of Exhibit N that appear reasonable.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 603-1081, HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION ADMINISTRATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The next budget beginning on page 23 of Exhibit N is the Millennium Scholarship Administration, B/A 261-1088.

<u>Treasurer - Millennium Scholarship Administration</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-245 (Volume I)

Budget Account 261-1088

There are no major closing issues, and there are 2 other closing items found on page 24 of Exhibit N.

Fiscal staff has provided a table that was provided by the Treasurer's Office that can be found on page 25. This table identifies the estimated insolvency of the Millennium Scholarship beginning in FY 2020. For the upcoming biennium, the program would require an additional \$30 million in order to fund the projected scholarships. The Governor's Office has submitted BDR 32-1241 which would provide approximately \$33 million in revenue from the 10 percent excise tax from recreational marijuana to shore up the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Fund.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 32-1241: Revises provisions relating to the distribution of tax proceeds. (Later introduced as <u>Senate Bill 545</u>.)

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

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 261-1088, MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Coffman:

The final budget in the Treasurer's Office is Unclaimed Property, B/A 101-3815, which is found on page 27 of Exhibit N.

<u>Treasurer - Unclaimed Property</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-252 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-3815

There are no major closing issues. There are 4 other closing items found on page 28 which appear reasonable to Fiscal staff.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE B/A 101-3815, UNCLAIMED PROPOERTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will now open the hearing on S.B. 312. I will hand the gavel over to Vice Chair Parks.

SENATE BILL 312 (1st Reprint): Requires an employer in private employment to provide paid leave to employees under certain circumstances. (BDR 53-888)

SENATOR JOYCE WOODHOUSE (Senatorial District No. 5):

<u>Senate Bill 312</u> requires an employer to provide paid leave to its employees. Paid leave is critical to the economic security of working families. The public increasingly recognizes this. Americans across the political spectrum have shown strong support for paid leave. Even as states and cities across the country pass laws guaranteeing paid time off, too many families still do not have access to this basic workplace standard.

The lack of paid leave puts a strain on the healthcare system and drives up cost. Those without paid leave are twice as likely as those with paid leave to use hospital emergency rooms or send a sick child to daycare or school. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, workers without paid time off are more likely than their counterparts with paid time off to be injured on the job. This is especially true in healthcare support occupations, construction and production. In addition, businesses profit from healthier employees and lower turnover. With <u>S.B. 312</u>, employees in private employment working for an employer with 50 or more employees would earn a total of 40 hours per year of paid leave.

The bill includes a number of exemptions. The law would not apply to employers who provide at least 40 hours of paid leave under a collective bargaining agreement or arrangement. It would not apply to temporary or seasonal workers.

I offer a proposed conceptual amendment (<u>Exhibit P</u>). It clarifies that 0.019230 hours of paid time off accrues per hour worked. It adds on-call employees to whom the provisions of the bill do not apply. Lastly, it removes the word "written" from section 1, subsection 1, paragraph (h). These changes do not affect the intent of the bill in its current form.

With the bill in its current reprint, the fiscal note from the Capitol Police has been removed. Prior to this bill being heard in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, we worked extensively with the stakeholders and arrived at the bill with the conceptual amendment before you.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:

I supported this bill in the policy committee. Some of the employers in my community have expressed concerns with the language that specifies "January 1." They feel the bill would be more inclusive if the language were changed to a "benefit year." Many companies count the benefit year to begin the day an individual begins employment. Administratively, it would be inconvenient for employers to have to change policy in this way. It could result in an employee actually losing benefits.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE:

We did have conversations about that, but no one came forward with an amendment to that effect.

JAMES P. KEMP:

It is a valid point and should be looked at. Having the accrual begin from the time the employee is hired is logical. With the conceptual amendment, an employee accrues at a rate that totals 40 hours in a year of standard 40-hour workweek. They may take accrued leave after 90 days. Changing the provision to date of employment makes sense.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:

The term "benefit year" best captures it. Some employers may start benefits at date of hire, others may have a 3- or 6-month waiting period.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE:

That is something we could add to the conceptual amendment.

VICE CHAIR PARKS:

Is there any testimony in support of S.B. 312?

BRYAN WACHTER (Retail Association of Nevada):

We appreciate this bill and support S.B. 312.

ANN SILVER (Chief Executive Officer, Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce): I am here to support <u>S.B. 312</u> as amended. This bill represents a fair and reasonable compromise among stakeholders. Among Chamber members, 75 percent are small businesses with less than 50 employees.

Our Chamber members understand the need for employees to have paid time off, whether it is to care for an ill family member or to recharge. With paid time off replacing sick leave, this bill eliminates the possible invasion of privacy and the need for documentation to excuse time away from work. The bill also provides flexibility for both the employer and the employee to address requests for time away from work.

We also appreciate the two-year startup period, as this will enable businesses to test their sustainability and operational capabilities. This bill forges public policy that will continue to make Nevada a great place to do business.

MISTY GRIMMER (Nevada Resort Association):

We are in support of <u>S.B. 312</u>. The sponsor and stakeholders worked hard to arrive at a bill that works for businesses in different situations and still provide a great benefit for employees.

DAVID BOIRE (Children's Advocacy Alliance): We support S.B. 312.

JAMES WADHAMS (Nevada Hospital Association):

We support <u>S.B. 312</u> and appreciate the exclusion for on call workers in the conceptual amendment. Hospitals have to accommodate the needs of patients and often use per diem employees.

ELISA CAFFARATA (Time to Care Nevada Coalition):

The Time to Care Nevada Coalition is working to implement paid leave for Nevada employees. Almost one-half million Nevada employees do not have access to this benefit. This is a great first step. We would like to make sure that when a business goes to a paid time-off benefit, it can be used as sick leave and result in no retaliation for someone who calls in that morning. We would like to see enforcement mechanisms made clear and applied across the board.

NATALIE HERNANDEZ (Time to Care Nevada Coalition):

I would echo what Ms. Caffarata said. We want to ensure that this is the best bill possible for all Nevadans.

JEAN MELBY-MAUER (Paradise Las Vegas Indivisible):

Paradise Las Vegas Indivisible is a nonpartisan group with over 300 members in the Las Vegas Valley. We fully support <u>S.B. 312</u>. My written testimony is submitted (Exhibit Q).

We would like to see the earned paid time off increased to ten days per year, rather than the five provided for in the bill. We object to the exemption for businesses with less than 50 employees as this leaves 192,000 Nevadans without this benefit.

JERI BURTON (Nevada Chapter, National Organization of Women):

We are part of the Time to Care Nevada Coalition. We support <u>S.B. 312</u>. It will enable workers to take time off for their own or family member's illness without fear of losing their jobs. Having paid leave is particularly important to women, who are typically the caregivers to children or elderly relatives. It would provide economic security for low-income workers who cannot afford to take time off without pay.

VICE CHAIR PARKS:

Is there anyone wishing to speak in opposition to S.B. 312?

CONSTANCE McMullen (Personal Care Association of Nevada):

We have concerns with $\underline{S.B.\ 312}$ and submitted an amendment to the sponsor earlier this week. Our main concern is the cost of this bill is not in Medicaid's budget. Many of our providers are Medicaid-contract providers with the State, and this is not in the $\underline{\text{Executive Budget}}$. The Nevada Department of Public Safety had submitted a fiscal note earlier explaining that they use contract employees, and this bill would raise the cost of that contract.

We have not had a Medicaid rate increase in 15 years, although there was an adjustment in the current budget of 3.3 percent. That equates to \$0.14 for 15 minutes of unit work or \$17.56 an hour. We feel it is a lot for the State to pass the cost of paid leave to providers.

ALLAN WARD (Home Instead Senior Care):

I am also here on behalf of the Personal Care Association. From the private-pay sector, we support this bill. My company is not a Medicaid provider; we accept private pay only. Other agencies within our association are Medicaid providers, and there is no room in the reimbursement rate today to support livable wage, health insurance coverage and paid time off. We are looking for an exemption for the Medicaid providers.

DAN MUSGROVE (Mechanical Contractors Association of Las Vegas):

I represent a number of subcontractors who are signatories to union agreements. Each employer and the union they work with has a different collective bargaining agreement. Because of the nature of construction, most employees are temporary. We need the ability to add or decrease staff according to the job. I have not found a definition in statute of "temporary."

We pay our workers some of the highest wages in the area and pay their unemployment benefits when they are laid off. Work can be seasonal, job specific and temporary in nature. Today, I am still in opposition to <u>S.B. 312</u> but willing to continue working with the sponsor because she understands the uniqueness of our industry.

VICE CHAIR PARKS:

Is there anyone wishing to speak in neutral to S.B. 312?

PAUL MORADKHAN (Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce):

As we looked at <u>S.B. 312</u>, the Chamber sought to ensure that this bill provides the flexibility that employees need when it comes to paid time off, and that employers need to administer the programs. We want the bill to work for employees and employers, and the bill before you today with the conceptual amendment accomplishes that.

VICE CHAIR PARKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 312 and return the gavel to the Chair.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will proceed with our budget closings.

Mr. Krmpotic:

The Lieutenant Governor, B/A 101-1020, begins on page 29 of Exhibit N.

<u>Lieutenant Governor</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-121 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-1020

There are two major closing issues. The first is decision unit E-144 which proposes the creation of the Office of Small Business Advocate.

E-144 Sustainable and Growing Economy — Page ELECTED-123

The decision unit involves the creation of one position. The table on page 32 identifies the costs involved. Information was provided previously to the Committee regarding the function of the Office and raised concerns regarding overlap in function with B&I and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). With respect to NSHE, the overlap concerned the Nevada Small Business Development Center. With respect to B&I, the concern related to the Department's Office of Business, Finance and Planning.

Staff would note that <u>S.B. 495</u>, which has been referred to this Committee, would provide legislation to establish the duties of the Office of the Small Business Advocate within the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

SENATE BILL 495: Creates the Office of the Small Business Advocate. (BDR 18 136)

This bill called for two additional positions and associated operating costs. The fiscal note would be considered when the bill is heard. The recommendation to establish the Office of Small Business Advocate includes a new unclassified assistant to the Lieutenant Governor position starting on October 1, with an annual salary of \$77,409. According to information provided to Fiscal staff, the proposed new position would be similar to the two existing positions as assistant to the Lieutenant Governor which are focused on community outreach, communications and strategic partnerships. However, the Small Business Advocate would be focused on serving the small businesses in Nevada. The associated requests for operating costs, furnishings and IT equipment and service costs totaling \$6,579 over the 2019-2021 biennium appear reasonable if establishment of a new position is approved.

The Committee has the option to approve or not approve the establishment of the Office of the Small Business Advocate and General Fund appropriations of

\$187,883 over the 2019-2021 biennium contingent on approval of <u>S.B. 495</u> or other enabling legislation.

SENATOR CANCELA:

This is an important opportunity to further invest in our small business community.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE IN B/A 101-1020 AND GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$187,883 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM FOR A NEW UNCLASSIFIED POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND RELATED OPERATING, FURNISHINGS AND IT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF <u>S.B. 495</u> OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Some of this is duplicative. I would like to get a report back to see what performance indicators are developed and how we can evaluate the effectiveness of the Office.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

That is an excellent suggestion. As we put new programs in our Constitutional offices and State departments, we need to ensure we are getting performance reports and evaluating effectiveness.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Krmpotic:

Related to the Office of the Small Business Advocate is the second major closing issue, in-State travel, marketing and training. This includes General Fund appropriations of \$3,500 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for 2 overnight trips in each year of the biennium for the Small Business Advocate to travel to Las Vegas for meetings to coordinate with the federal Small Business Administration and for meetings with chambers of commerce. In

addition, funds of \$2,470 are requested for 2 overnight trips and 2 one-day trips for the Lieutenant Governor in each year to travel to Las Vegas for the same purpose.

In response to the follow-up question about whether the additional in-State travel included in this decision unit could be reduced, given the \$10,402 increase for in-State travel for the Lieutenant Governor's Office recommended in decision unit E-225, the Lieutenant Governor's Office stated that amounts should not be reduced.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-124

The response stated that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor does not intend to use the in-State travel funds strictly for the purposes previously indicated. It was indicated that the travel funds in decision unit E-144 would be used primarily for the Small Business Advocate to travel throughout the State for meetings and events. The response further said that at least one annual Statewide tour to include rural communities is planned. Lastly, it was indicated that the Lieutenant Governor may accompany the Small Business Advocate to certain meetings and events.

Does the Committee wish to approve General Fund appropriations of \$3,500 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for in-state travel requested in conjunction with the establishment of the Office of the Small Business Advocate?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I would remind Committee members as we close budgets we have cut back on travel.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO NOT APPROVE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$3,500 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM FOR IN-STATE TRAVEL IN THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE WITHIN B/A 101-1020.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. KRMPOTIC:

The next item involves marketing related to the new Office. While \$12,500 is recommended in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for marketing, no information was included in the Executive Budget regarding this request nor in response to Fiscal staff's inquiry prior to the budget hearing. In response to follow-up questions after the budget hearing regarding how the marketing funds would be used and how the recommended amount was determined, the Lieutenant Governor's Office indicated the recommended marketing budget would fund the creation of promotional marketing materials and support outreach efforts of the Office. The response indicated the Office would create handouts and information sheets in addition to attending events across the State. It was also indicated that a portion of these funds would be used for hosting events as part of the outreach efforts. It was further indicated that a portion of the marketing budget would be used to create an annual report to be provided to the Governor and the Legislature. Lastly, the response indicated that a website would be developed with the functionality of a portal to facilitate the ability for businesses to contact the Office of the Small Business Advocate.

Information was not provided to indicate how the amount of \$12,500 recommended for each year of the biennium was determined.

The Committee may wish to consider the following options:

- A) Approve \$12,500 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium as included in the Executive Budget for marketing activities for the Office of the Small Business Advocate.
- B) Approve \$6,250 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium which represents 50 percent of the amount included in the <u>Executive Budget</u> for marketing activities for the Office of the Small Business Advocate.
- C) Not approve \$12,500 in each year of the biennium.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION B, \$6,250 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM FOR MARKETING ACTIVITIES FOR

THE OFFICE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE WITHIN B/A 101-1020.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Krmpotic:

The next item involves training related to the new Office. The Executive Budget includes \$5,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for the Small Business Advocate to attend 3 out-of-State conferences each year, including the National 8(a) Small Business Conference, a Small Business Expo and a Small Business Congress.

Follow-up information from the Lieutenant Governor's Office stated that the purpose of the funding request for out-of-State training is to ensure that the new Small Business Advocate would be able to learn from other states that offer similar services regarding how to be more responsive to the needs of small businesses. In addition to attending the three conferences, the Lieutenant Governor's Office indicates it has discussed the opportunity to job shadow offices in other states for guidance and to learn best practices. The Lieutenant Governor's Office indicates approval of these funds would help Nevada small businesses by ensuring the Office of the Small Business Advocate operates efficiently and with the support of local and nationwide networks.

The Committee may wish to consider the following options.

- A) Approve the \$5,000 for each year of the 2019-2021 biennium as included in the <u>Executive Budget</u> for the Small Business Advocate to attend 3 out-of-State conferences each year.
- B) Approve \$3,332 in each year of the biennium for the Small Business Advocate to attend 2 out-of-State conferences each year.
- C) Approve \$1,666 in each year of the biennium for the Small Business Advocate to attend 1 out-of-State conference each year.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION C WITHIN B/A 101-1020, \$1,666 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE TO ATTEND 1 OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE EACH YEAR...

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Krmpotic:

Other closing items discussed on pages 34 and 35 of Exhibit N include the previously mentioned increase in in-State travel of \$10,402 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium for the Lieutenant Governor and staff to participate in meetings in decision unit E-225.

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The amount requested would increase funding from the amount spent in FY 2018 of \$9,612 to the average amount spent on in-State travel over the past 5 years of \$20,014. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

The second other closing item is equipment replacement, decision unit E-710.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page ELECTED-124

The <u>Executive Budget</u> includes General Fund appropriations of \$3,624 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to replace 2 computers each year. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 IN B/A 101-1020 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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JULIE WALLER (Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The closing report for the Governor's Office of Finance (GFO) begins on page 39 of Exhibit N. The first B/A is 101-1340, the Budget Division.

<u>Governor's Ofc of Finance - Budget Division</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-52 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1340

The Budget Division of the GFO is responsible for developing and presenting the Executive Budget as well as providing oversight to State agencies in implementing the legislatively approved budget.

There are three major closing issues. The first is a new executive budget officer position.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-54

The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$96,485 in FY 2020 and \$128,072 in FY 2021 for 1 new classified executive budget officer (EBO) position to maintain equitable staffing levels and workload distribution due to increased responsibilities. The new position, to be located in Carson City, would primarily support the GFO's Health and Human Services team, but would also support other teams and the GFO's economist, as needed. The EBO position is recommended to start October 1.

During the budget hearing on February 25, the GFO director testified that since 2015, 55 new budgets have been created, several new programs at the Department of Education have been created, and the expansion of programs Statewide, including Medicaid, have placed additional workload demands on the GFO. Additionally, the Director testified that 70 percent to 80 percent of all agency work programs submitted to the GFO need to be revised. Moreover, due to staff turnover at the GFO and throughout the State, there has been a loss of institutional knowledge. Accordingly, the GFO staff is required to provide more training and guidance internally and externally to agencies served by the GFO.

Lastly, the director testified that additional duties have been added to the GFO since the GFO was separated from the Department of Administration beginning in FY 2016.

Fiscal staff would note that decision unit E-225 does not include certain operating expenditures or equipment. In addition, the GFO advises the proposed new EBO position step was inadvertently entered as a step 10 and should be reduced to a step 7. If the EBO position is approved by the Committee, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to add the omitted operating and equipment expenses, requiring a General Fund increase of \$2,545 in FY 2020 and \$1,318 in FY 2021 and to reduce the step of the new EBO position from a step 10 to a step 7, requiring a General Fund decrease of \$11,276 in FY 2020 and \$11,459 in FY 2021. This technical adjustment would result in a net General Fund decrease of \$8,731 in FY 2020 and \$10,141 in FY 2021, and revised total General Fund appropriations of \$87,754 in FY 2020 and \$117,931 in FY 2021. Based upon the information provided, this recommendation appears reasonable.

Does the Committee wish to approve the new EBO position?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE 1 NEW EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICER POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN B/A 101-1340 WITH A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO ADD THE OMITTED OPERATING AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSES AND TO REDUCE THE STEP OF THE EBO POSITION FROM A STEP 10 TO A STEP 7 WHICH WOULD RESULT IN REVISED TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$87,754 IN FY 2020 AND \$117,931 IN FY 2021.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

The second major closing issue on page 41 of <u>Exhibit N</u> is budget officer position upgrades in decision units E-805 and E-815.

E-805 Classified Position Changes — Page ELECTED-55

E-815 Unclassified Position Changes — Page ELECTED-55

The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$61,148 in FY 2020 and \$57,463 in FY 2021 to provide a 1-grade salary increase, or approximately 4.7 percent, for all 14 EBO positions and 1 unclassified chief assistant budget administrator position. The recommended 1-grade salary increase excludes the 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment recommended by the Governor in FY 2020 for all State employees.

The first table on page 41 illustrates the 15 positions affected. As justification for the recommended upgrade, the GFO maintains that EBO salaries should be at least equivalent to peer staff within the GFO and agency staff for which EBOs approve work, guide and train.

Fiscal staff would note that 2 EBO positions within the E-805 decision unit have incorrect position steps and retirement codes and 1 of the 2 positions has an incorrect start date. Correction of these discrepancies would result in additional General Fund appropriations of \$25,110 in FY 2020 and \$32,338 in FY 2021 for a total cost of \$81,329 in FY 2020 and \$83,932 in FY 2021. Should the Committee approve E-805, a technical adjustment is recommended to correct the noted discrepancies.

In response to questions posed by the Committees during the February 25 budget hearing, the Director testified that the DHRM indicated the 1-grade salary increase recommendation would not impact other similar positions in the State as EBOs are a unique classification series within the Budget Division of the GFO. On April 5, the GFO received the letter of recommendation from the DHRM which states that the DHRM believes an increase of 1 grade for the EBO 1 and EBO 2 positions would improve recruitment efforts and would result in better retention and less turnover. The DHRM confirms the one-grade adjustment would not create an equity issue between those job classes and other classes in State service. Accordingly, the DHRM supports the recommended one-grade salary increase for the EBO positions.

As mentioned previously, the Governor also recommends a 1-grade salary increase for an unclassified chief assistant budget administrator position in decision unit E-815. The pay levels for unclassified positions are generally established in the Pay Bill; however, because the position is functionally equivalent to an EBO position in terms of duties and responsibilities, the

Committee may wish to consider the recommendation in decision unit E-815 for the unclassified chief assistant budget administrator position in conjunction with the recommendation for the classified EBO positions in decision unit E-805.

Does the Committee wish to approve a 1-grade salary increase for 15 EBO positions in the GFO as recommended by the Governor in decision units E-805 and E-815 inclusive of a technical adjustment in decision unit E-805 to correct position steps and retirement codes for 2 positions and to correct the start date for 1 position for a total revised General Fund cost of \$86,258 in FY 2020 and \$89,801 in FY 2021?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Although I understand the need for recruitment and retention, because of the ripple effect these positions changes would have, I would recommend against it.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO NOT APPROVE A 1-GRADE SALARY INCREASE FOR 15 EBO POSITIONS IN THE GFO AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR B/A 101-1340.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

The third major closing issue is a recommendation to upgrade the GFO's economist position. On April 11, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A193541340 (Exhibit R) to fund a 1-grade salary increase for the GFO's Executive Branch economist position to ensure compensation is competitive and commensurate with the duties assigned. Additional General Fund appropriations of \$5,085 in FY 2020 and \$5,407 in FY 2021 are recommended to fund the salary upgrade. According to the GFO, the Executive Branch economist position, Grade 41, works independently while the chief economist position, Grade 42, located in DETR, works under administrative direction. Moreover, the Executive Branch economist position requires a master's degree while the chief economist position requires a bachelor's degree.

Along with the budget amendment, the GFO submitted a letter of recommendation from the DHRM which indicates the duties of the Executive Branch economist position are at least at the level of the chief the required education economist position and experience Executive Branch economist position is higher. The DHRM notes a one-grade adjustment would not create an equity issue between these job classes or any others in the State and would actually move the Executive Branch economist position in line with the chief economist position. Accordingly, the DHRM supports the recommended one-grade salary increase for the Executive Branch economist position.

Does the Committee wish to approve Budget Amendment No. A193541340 to fund a 1-grade salary increase for the Executive Branch economist position to ensure compensation is competitive and commensurate with the duties assigned? This would require additional General Fund appropriations of \$5,085 in FY 2020 and \$5,407 in FY 2021.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Under the circumstances and in order to be consistent, I would recommend not approving this position.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO NOT APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A193541340 TO FUND A 1-GRADE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ECONOMIST POSITION IN B/A 101-1340.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

There are two other closing items in this budget. In the first, equipment replacement in decision unit E-710, the technical adjustment is to reduce the cost of computer equipment.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page ELECTED-55

The second adjustment is to reduce the cost of funds in the <u>Executive Budget</u> related to the college assistance program. The GFO, subsequent to the budget hearing, indicated it would no longer implement the college assistance training and stated education opportunities would be governed by *Nevada Administrative Code* 284.

With the noted technical adjustments, the other closing items appear reasonable.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS IN B/A 101-1340 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Waller:

The next budget is the Division of Internal Audits, B/A 101-1342 beginning on page 47 of Exhibit N.

Governor's Ofc of Finance- Div of Internal Audits — Budget Page ELECTED-57 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1342

The budget is funded entirely by General Fund appropriations. There is one major closing issue, a recommendation for a new Executive Branch auditor position.

E-225 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-59

The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$105,993 in FY 2020 and \$137,305 in FY 2021 for 1 new Executive Branch auditor (EBA)

position located in the Carson City office to meet increased workload requirements.

During the February 25 budget hearing, the Division testified that over the current biennium there has been an increase in the requests for internal audits, due in part to an increased turnover of department directors. Moreover, the Division testified that 50 percent of the audit requests are generated by the Office of the Governor as specific concerns or issues arise within various agencies. The Division further testified that there is an audit backlog of approximately 2.5 years, and the Division expects this backlog to grow as the Governor and new department directors identify specific areas for audit or review and new audits are added to the Division's workload as a result of the Division's biennial risk assessment at the end of the fiscal year. The Division indicates approval of the recommended EBA position would reduce the audit backlog to 2 years.

Does the Committee wish to approve 1 new Executive Branch auditor position as recommended by the Governor and funded by General Fund appropriations of \$105,993 in FY 2020 and \$137,305 in FY 2021?

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-1342 1 NEW EXECUTIVE BRANCH AUDITOR POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$105,993 IN FY 2020 AND \$137,305 IN FY 2021.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

There is 1 other closing item which appears reasonable to staff on page 49 of Exhibit N.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OTHER CLOSING ITEM IN B/A 101-1342 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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Ms. Waller:

The next B/A is Special Appropriations 101-1301, which begins on page 51 of Exhibit N.

Governor's Ofc of Finance - Special Appropriations — Budget Page ELECTED-69 (Volume I)

Budget Account 101-1301

The Special Appropriations budget in the GFO is utilized to pass through legislatively approved General Fund appropriations to other governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling \$16.4 million over the 2019-2021 biennium as detailed in the table on page 51 of Exhibit N. The base budget includes funding of Holocaust Education for \$100,000 in each year of the biennium, \$150,000 in each year of the biennium for Nevada Volunteers and \$5 million in each year of the biennium for Graduate Medical Education (GME) grants.

There are four major closing items to be discussed. The first is the Civil Air Patrol, decision unit E-225.

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The Governor recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in FY 2020 to provide operational support for the Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The 2017 Legislature approved a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 for the CAP in FY 2018 which is available for expenditure through June 30, 2021. This appropriation was transferred from the Special Appropriations budget to the Civil Air Patrol Account (Account), a nonexecutive budget created pursuant to NRS 365.565, section 1(b). Section 5 of this statute provides that funding in the Account may only be used by the Nevada Wing of

the Civil Air Patrol to carry out its missions and operations, maintain a headquarters, and purchase, maintain and repair equipment.

Subsection 6 of the statute prohibits the use of funding in the Account for the purchase of any aircraft, travel or training expenses. To date, the CAP has expended \$23,950 of the total \$25,000 one-time appropriation approved by the 2017 Legislature in the Account for hangar rentals.

The Account receives funding from the sale of aviation fuel pursuant to NRS 365.565. Since the Great Recession, the number of gallons of aviation fuel sold has decreased resulting in a reduction of associated revenues. The CAP has requested the \$25,000 appropriation to be an ongoing appropriation, versus one-time funding, since it has experienced a decrease in revenues generated by aviation fuel sales. Accordingly, the Governor recommends this appropriation be ongoing in the first year of each future biennia as long as funding is available.

In response to questions posed by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, also known as the money committees, during the budget hearing on February 25, the CAP indicated that in order to increase revenues, it is exploring grant opportunities as well as reviewing areas to reduce discretionary expenditures to address the structural imbalance in its budget.

The GFO confirmed the intended use of the \$25,000 appropriation is to fund hangar rentals, training, leadership activities and equipment maintenance or replacement. Expenditures for hangar rentals and equipment maintenance or replacement are permissible uses of funding in the Account. The GFO confirms that only appropriate expenditures would be paid from the nonexecutive CAP Account and any funds requested for travel or training would be paid directly to CAP to expend through its outside bank account.

Should the Committee approve the Governor's recommendation for an ongoing \$25,000 appropriation for the CAP, Fiscal staff would recommend that the CAP Account be included in both the Appropriations and Authorizations Acts and thus would be subject to the provisions of the State Budget Act.

Does the Committee wish to approve a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in FY 2020 as recommended by the Governor to provide operational support for the Nevada Wing of the CAP? If so, does the Committee wish to include this

account in the Appropriations and Authorizations Acts and to appropriate the \$25,000 directly to this account?

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO APPROVE A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 IN FY 2020 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEVADA WING OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL AND TO INCLUDE THIS ACCOUNT IN THE APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS ACTS AND APPROPRIATE THE \$25,000 DIRECTLY TO B/A 101-1301.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

The second major closing issue in Special Appropriations is decision unit E-226 beginning on page 53 of Exhibit N .

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The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$832,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to support the Vegas Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) television series Outdoor Nevada which explores places, people, wildlife, history and issues throughout Nevada. The GFO confirms the recommendation is for one-time funding for the upcoming biennium.

On March 7, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A192691301 (Exhibit S) to reduce the recommended General Fund appropriation from \$832,000 to \$354,575 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. The budget amendment reduces the proposed number of new television episodes each year from 26 to 13 episodes and reduces recommended funding for the creation of an accompanying kindergarten through Grade 12 classroom digital curriculum from \$67,050 to \$18,525 in each fiscal year. The budget amendment also eliminates the recommended funding of \$123,196 in each fiscal year for the integration of show content onto the Nevada Commission on Tourism's online/mobile platforms. Lastly, the budget amendment indicates that Vegas PBS has agreed to secure a 10 percent match to offset expenses for the

Outdoor Nevada program. The match would fund the use and maintenance of a sports utility vehicle for travel and field production.

The table on page 54 of Exhibit N compares the Governor-recommended funding level with the funding level resulting from the budget amendment. In response to follow-up questions posed by the money committees, Vegas PBS indicates it has pursued other funding sources and grant opportunities to help sustain the Outdoor Nevada program and to position the series for broadcast consideration by the Create Channel, a nationwide "lifestyle" channel broadcast. Fiscal staff would note that, pursuant to NRS 231.360, the Commission on Tourism may provide grants of money to counties, cities and local and regional organizations in the State for the development of projects relating to tourism. The Executive Budget includes \$100,000, which is available for tourism grants in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. In follow up, the GFO indicated it did not consider grant funding in developing the funding recommendation for the Outdoor Nevada television series due to the limited amount of grant funding available and the uncertainty of successfully obtaining the grant funding.

Does the Committee wish to approve Budget Amendment No. A192691301 to reduce the one-time General Fund appropriation recommended by the Governor for the support of the Outdoor Nevada television series from \$832,000 to \$354,575 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

This is difficult. I support PBS and especially support this program which goes to all 17 counties. Given our funding situation, my suggestion is we not move ahead with Outdoor Nevada this biennium.

SENATOR DENIS:

I serve on the Board of Vegas PBS and will abstain from the vote.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO NOT APPROVE FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR NEVADA ON VEGAS PBS THIS BIENNIUM IN B/A 101-1301.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR DENIS ABSTAINED FOR THE VOTE.)

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Ms. Waller:

The third major closing issue in Special Appropriations is decision unit E-228.

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The <u>Executive Budget</u> recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 in FY 2020 for the Nevada State Prison Preservation Society (NSPPS), a nonprofit Nevada corporation established to preserve Nevada's oldest prison as a museum.

Documentation indicates the recommended funding would support projects for the NSPPS that are necessary for the acquisition of a change of use permit to allow public access to the property. According to the NSPPS, the total estimated cost to upgrade the Nevada State Prison (NSP) site for public access is \$160,000, all of which would be required in order to obtain the change of use permit. The NSPPS indicates the cost of the change of use permit is \$90,000 which would be funded through non-State funds.

The table on page 55 of Exhibit N identifies the specific projects and the cost of each. Included within the \$250,000 appropriation is \$90,000 for a trust fund corpus. As background, section 6 of A.B. No. 377 of the 78th Legislative Session created the Endowment Fund (Fund) for the Historic Preservation of the prison. Pursuant to subsection 4 of section 6 of that legislation, the Fund must be administered by the agency to which the historic structures, buildings and other property of the NSP are assigned for administration, which is the Department of Corrections. In accordance with subsection 5, the money in the Fund must only be used for the purposes of the operation, maintenance and preservation of the historic structures, buildings and other property of the NSP as a historical, cultural, educational and scientific resource.

Only the funding that exceeds the required \$100,000 corpus of the Fund and interest income may be expended for these purposes. Section 6, subsection 2 of A.B. No. 377 of the 78th Legislative Session also provides that any gifts, grants or donations the State Treasurer receives from any person who wishes to contribute to the Fund must be deposited in the Fund. Moreover, at the end of each fiscal year, 50 percent of the money received by the Silver State Industries Endowment Fund, which was also created in A.B. No. 377 of the 78th Legislative Session, once a corpus of \$100,000 has been accumulated, is directed to be transferred to the Endowment Fund for the Historic Preservation

of the Nevada State Prison. Presently, the corpus of the Fund not in the Executive Budget has accumulated \$12,198.

In addition to support from the Fund, there are other potential sources of revenue to support the costs of the NSP until such time as the corpus of the Fund reaches \$100,000 and the money exceeding this amount would be available for expenditure. As a nonprofit, gifts, grants or donations to the NSPPS, inclusive of the State General Fund appropriation of \$160,000, if approved, may be expended at any time for the aforementioned purposes.

Testimony provided by the NSPPS during the budget hearing on February 25 indicated A.B. 214 relates to recommendations from the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Division of Museums and History as a preliminary step to the development of a fully operational museum.

ASSEMBLY BILL 214 (1st Reprint): Makes an appropriation for a feasibility study of the development of the historic structures, buildings and other property and any artifact resources of the Nevada State Prison. (BDR S-535)

In response to questions by Fiscal staff, the NSPPS advises that a preliminary feasibility study has been conducted by NSPPS as well as a code analysis conducted by the NSPPS's architect. However, the cost for the entire museum project cannot be determined until the feasibility study proposed in <u>A.B. 214</u> is completed.

The NSPPS is working separately to develop public access to the NSP and to generate income by providing public tours. The NSPPS indicates that the projects to develop public access to the NSP and the development of a fully operational museum will blend as development moves forward. Fiscal staff also questioned whether the need for updated sprinkler and fire safety systems would impact the ability to provide public access to the NSP. In response, the NSPPS indicated that this issue would not delay the public access project. The NSPPS anticipates the NSP would be available for tours by the spring of 2021.

The following options are provided for consideration by the Committee:

A) Approve a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 in FY 2020 as recommended by the Governor to support projects for the NSPPS that are

necessary for the acquisition of a change of use permit to allow public access, inclusive of a \$90,000 General Fund contribution to the corpus of the Endowment Fund for the Historic Preservation of the Nevada State Prison.

- B) Approve a General Fund appropriation of \$160,000 in FY 2020 to support projects for the NSPPS that are necessary for the acquisition of a change of use permit to allow public access which excludes the \$90,000 General Fund contribution to the corpus of the Endowment Fund for the Historic Preservation of the Nevada State Prison as originally recommended.
- C) Do not approve a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 as recommended by the Governor to support projects for the NSPPS that are necessary for the acquisition of a change of use permit to allow public access, inclusive of a \$90,000 General Fund contribution to the corpus of the Endowment Fund for the Historic Preservation of the Nevada State Prison.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED FOR OPTION C TO NOT APPROVE FUNDING WITHIN B/A 101-1301 TO SUPPORT PROJECTS FOR THE NEVADA STATE PRISON PRESERVATION SOCIETY THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CHANGE OF USE PERMIT TO ALLOW PUBLIC ACCESS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR KIECKHEEER:

I will be voting against the motion. We need to make progress with the conversion of the Nevada State Prison. I wonder why this was brought as an appropriation for FY 2020 when we have some one-shot capacity in the current fiscal year.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I feel we need to move forward on this project. I will be voting no on the motion.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I do not disagree, but as we face tough funding decisions this Session; it is not feasible at this time.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA, KIECKHEFER AND SETTELMEYER VOTED NO.)

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Ms. Waller:

The fourth and final major closing issue in Special Appropriations on page 57 of Exhibit N is an increase for Graduate Medical Education Programs. The Executive Budget recommends General Fund appropriations of \$5 million in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium in the base budget to continue grants to expand GME practice locations and programs. In addition, the Governor recommends a one-time enhancement of \$2 million in each year of the upcoming biennium in decision unit E-275 which would bring total funding for the 2019-2021 biennium to \$7 million in each fiscal year.

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The Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) manages a competitive grant program to award the GME funds to accredited institutions in Nevada. In FY 2018, the GME Task Force explored alternative ways to increase the retention rates of physicians. The OSIT indicates that after considering options and research from other states, the GME Task Force unanimously agreed that funding a loan forgiveness or repayment program in addition to continuing to support the existing GME grant program would be a benefit to the State.

In response to questions posed by the money committees at the budget hearing on February 25, the OSIT director testified that a loan forgiveness or loan repayment program would provide GME providers an opportunity to attract high-caliber students by offering incentives for remaining in Nevada after concluding their residency. A GME accredited provider would be eligible to apply for a grant to establish a loan forgiveness or loan repayment program and utilize funding to offer scholarships in their recruiting process. The proposed additional funding would establish a loan forgiveness or loan repayment program whereby funding would be granted to an institution to pay off a student's undergraduate medical education loan in exchange for completing a residency program and practicing in Nevada for a certain number of years.

The OSIT director further testified that the GME Task Force would assist OSIT in establishing parameters of the program. In response to whether preference would be given to Nevada students, the OSIT director testified that this level of detail has not yet been developed, as further research of how other states operate a successful loan repayment program needs to be conducted.

Concerning whether legislation would be needed to structure a loan forgiveness or repayment program for GME, the OSIT director advises that based on the experience with the existing GME program, he does not believe legislation would be required. The OSIT director notes, however, that there have been no discussions with legal counsel regarding the requirements to establish a loan repayment or loan forgiveness program. Fiscal staff consulted with the LCB's Legal Counsel who advises a loan repayment or loan forgiveness program for GME should be established in statute to provide specific authority for the program.

In follow up to the budget hearing, Fiscal staff questioned how the recommended one-time funding of \$2 million in each year of the biennium would be utilized. In response, the OSIT director indicated the \$2 million in each year of the biennium would be added to the existing \$5 million in each year of the biennium for GME programs. If a loan repayment program is approved, the loan repayment program becomes another tool for the State to use to attract and retain physicians in Nevada. The OSIT director stated that rather than preallocating a certain level of funding to specific programs, the GME Task Force and OSIT recommend allowing the experts on the GME Task Force and the Governor to allocate funds to the areas of greatest need based on the applications submitted.

The OSIT director indicates the loan repayment program should be considered separately from the budget request for a one-time appropriation of \$2 million each fiscal year. If the use of GME funds to establish a loan repayment program is not approved, the OSIT director indicates there is still significant unmet need for GME residency and fellowship programs in Nevada.

Does the Committee wish to approve a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2 million in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium as recommended by the Governor to expand the State's capacity to provide high-quality GME?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I know many of us would like to see this program expand, but under the circumstances I would suggest that is not feasible. The program still has \$5 million each year in the base budget.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO NOT APPROVE A ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$2 MILLION WITHIN B/A 101-1301 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM TO EXPAND THE STATE'S GME CAPACITY.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Waller:

Does the Committee wish to approve the use of the GME funding to fund a loan repayment program to increase the recruitment or retention of physicians in Nevada? If so, does the Committee wish to approve a specific amount of funding, such as \$2 million in each fiscal year, for this purpose, and ask for a bill draft request to establish the GME loan repayment program in statute?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I recommend that we not approve this measure for the fiscal concerns already stated.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO NOT APPROVE THE USE OF THE GME FUNDING WITHIN B/A 101-1301 TO FUND A LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION OF PHYSICIANS IN NEVADA.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I want to be clear that the funding appropriated through the Executive Budget for GME funding go to all medical schools in Nevada, not just one.

CATHY CROCKET (Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The next B/A 101-1325 is the Silver State Modernization Approach for Resources and Technology in the 21st Century (SMART 21), found on page 61 of Exhibit N.

<u>Governor's Office of Finance - Smart 21</u> — Budget Page ELECTED-61 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-1325

SMART 21 was created during the Interim to isolate costs associated with the replacement of the State's existing financial and human resources information systems with a modernized, comprehensive cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution. The budget is funded with 81 percent General Fund appropriations and 19 percent Highway Fund appropriations based on the percentage of FTE positions in State agencies that are supported by the respective funding sources. The General Fund portion of project costs will be included in the Statewide cost allocation plan which recovers an equitable share of central service costs from State agencies.

There are three major closing issues in this budget. The first is the continuation of the SMART 21 Project. To support ongoing efforts to replace the existing information systems, the Governor recommends continuing the SMART 21 budget in the 2019-2021 biennium at a cost of \$3 million in the base budget over the biennium. The recommendation would continue the Office of Project Management (OPM) which is responsible for overseeing the project and ensuring its success.

The recommended funding would support 13 existing positions, travel, operating and information service costs. The costs directly related to system implementation are included in a one-shot appropriation, $\underline{A.B.\ 500}$, which was amended and passed by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means on May 3.

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)

The first table on page 63 of <u>Exhibit N</u> summarizes the recommended base budget for the 2019-2021 biennium and the second table summarizes the positions funded by the budget.

The OPM submitted an informational item to the December 11, 2018, meeting of the IFC to provide notification that a part-time grants and project analyst position was reclassified to a full-time management analyst to provide training on the existing financial information system until the transition to the new ERP system is complete.

As noted, costs in this budget are split between the General Fund and Highway Fund Accounts. Considering that the management analyst position currently provides training on the existing financial system which is not utilized by the Nevada Department of Transportation with approximately 1,800 FTE positions, it appears to Fiscal staff that it would be more appropriate to fund the costs of the position entirely with General Fund appropriations to ensure that Highway Funds are used in accordance with constitutional restrictions. Fiscal staff recommends technical adjustments to fund the management analyst entirely with General Fund appropriations resulting in an increase of General Fund appropriations of \$35,949 over the biennium and a corresponding decrease in Highway Fund appropriations.

A vendor for the implementation of the ERP system has not yet been selected, and consequently, the project implementation timeline and total project cost remain uncertain at this time. According to the OPM, the nonpayroll-related human resource components, such as recruitment, would be deployed by December 2020, and the financial and payroll components would be deployed by July 2022. However, according to the OPM, the requests for proposals asked vendors to provide a preferred project schedule; therefore, the previously noted timeline is subject to change.

With regard to cost, from FY 2014 through March 12, 2019, costs totaling \$3.9 million have been incurred for efforts related to replacing the existing financial and human resource information systems including the benchmarking study, consultant costs and OPM operational costs. The April 15, 2016,

technology investment request projected an implementation cost of \$53.6 million, and testimony during the 2017 Legislative Session indicated ongoing annual costs were estimated to be between \$2 million and \$5 million per year.

Although precise details of the SMART 21 project implementation plan remain uncertain until a vendor is selected, the OPM indicates that its operational activities would proceed in the upcoming biennium regardless of the vendor selected, including project and organizational change management and business process redesign. The OPM would also be responsible for training State staff on the new ERP system and on updated business processes.

During the upcoming biennium, extensive ERP system configuration and testing is anticipated to occur. To ensure that the new ERP system meets the State's business requirements, the OPM plans to utilize State staff from other State agencies to test and configure the system. As the project timeline remains uncertain, a detailed plan for utilizing State staff has not been finalized.

To monitor the status of the SMART 21 project throughout the 2019-2021 biennium, the Committee may wish to consider issuing an LOI to the OPM to receive semi-annual updates on the project, including the various items found on page 65 of $\underline{\text{Exhibit N}}$.

Does the Committee wish to approve the continuation of the SMART 21 budget in the upcoming biennium, with the technical adjustment to fund the management analyst position that provides training on the existing financial system entirely with General Fund monies contingent upon the passage and approval of legislation to fund SMART 21 project implementation costs? If so, does the Committee wish to issue an LOI instructing the OPM to report semi-annually to the IFC on its operations and the status of the SMART 21 project?

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE SMART 21 BUDGET, B/A 101-1325, IN THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM, WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO FUND THE MANAGEMENT ANALYST POSITION ENTIRELY WITH GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION TO FUND SMART 21 IMPLEMENTATION COSTS AND ISSUE AN LOI INSTRUCTING THE OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

TO REPORT SEMI-ANNUALLY TO THE IFC ON ITS OPERATIONS AND THE STATUS OF THE SMART 21 PROJECT.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Crocket:

The second major issue on page 66 of Exhibit N relates to independent verification and validation (IV&V) services, decision unit E-227.

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To provide project oversight and quality management services for the SMART 21 project, the Governor recommends contracted IV&V services at a cost of \$1.8 million over the upcoming biennium. The IV&V services are expected to commence July 1 and continue until the implementation of the ERP system is complete.

Independent verification and validation services involve an independent third-party organization evaluating the status of the project on an ongoing basis to verify that the ERP system meets stated requirements and specifications and functions as intended, thereby mitigating the risk of failure. Risks associated with the SMART 21 project include complete project failure, delays in system implementation, cost overruns and required system functionality that is not delivered or does not work as anticipated.

These services may be beneficial to the OPM in providing an impartial assessment of project progress, identifying issues and risks as they occur, verifying that the new ERP system is functioning as intended, allowing for mitigation of issues and risks as they arise and tracking project completion requirements.

The OPM indicates that a number of states have established policies that require IV&V services for certain IT projects, such as those that are deemed high risk or exceed certain cost thresholds. Fiscal staff notes that some federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may require

IV&V services for certain federally-funded projects, and the federal Government Accountability Office has recognized IV&V as a best practice for complex, high-risk projects. Nevada currently has no requirement for IV&V services.

Does the Committee wish to approve \$1.8 million over the upcoming biennium, to support IV&V services for the SMART 21 project contingent upon the passage and approval of legislation to fund SMART 21 project implementation costs?

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE \$1.8 MILLION, INCLUDING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$1.5 MILLION AND HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$342,000 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM, TO SUPPORT IV&V SERVICES FOR THE SMART 21 PROJECT IN B/A 101-1325 CONTINGENT UPON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION TO FUND SMART 21 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COSTS.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Ms. Crocket:

The last major closing issue on page 66 of Exhibit N is new positions, decision unit E-226.

E-226 Efficient and Responsive State Government — Page ELECTED-64

The Governor recommends a total of 5 new positions to provide help desk support for the new ERP system at a cost of \$662,360 over the biennium. Three positions, an IT manager, an IT technician and a public service intern would start on October 1. An additional IT technician and public service intern would start on July 1, 2020. Prior to the implementation of the new ERP system, the OPM indicates the positions would be involved in project implementation efforts such as system configuration testing.

Currently, help desk support for the existing human resources (HR) information system is provided by the EITS, and help desk support for the existing financial

information system is provided by the Controller's Office. The Agency indicates the new positions recommended in this budget would be integrated with existing HR information system help desk staff within the Division of EITS. The OPM indicates help desk support is likely to be centralized in future biennia, so future budget requests would likely seek to transfer help desk-related positions to the Division of EITS.

As previously discussed, the timeline and detailed project plan for the SMART 21 project remains uncertain at this time. Therefore, it is unclear that adding the help-desk positions in accordance with the start dates recommended in the Executive Budget is reasonable and appropriate as it is uncertain whether there would be work available for the positions beginning in October. If the Committee wishes to approve help-desk support for the new ERP system, it may wish to consider appropriating the funding recommended for the help-desk positions to the IFC for allocation to the OPM following the determination of a detailed project plan and timeline.

Options for consideration by the Committee include:

- A) Approve the Governor's recommendation to add 5 new help-desk positions to the SMART 21 budget, including 3 new positions in FY 2020 and an additional 2 new positions in FY 2021 over the 2019-2021 biennium, contingent upon the passage and approval of legislation to fund SMART 21 project implementation costs.
- B) Approve language in the Appropriations Act appropriating \$662,360 to the IFC for allocation to the SMART 21 budget for help-desk positions upon presentation of a detailed project plan, timeline and description of the duties to be performed by the positions.
- C) Do not approve the Governor's recommendation for five new help desk positions.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE LANGUAGE IN THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT APPROPRIATING \$662,360, INCLUDING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$536,511 AND HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$125,849 TO THE IFC FOR ALLOCATION TO THE SMART 21 PROJECT IN B/A 101-1325 FOR HELP-DESK POSITIONS

UPON PRESENTATION OF A DETAILED PROJECT PLAN, TIMELINE AND DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Crocket:

There are 5 other closing items beginning on page 67 of <u>Exhibit N</u> which appear reasonable to staff, inclusive of technical adjustments and Budget Amendment No. A193071325 (Exhibit T).

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2 AND 5 IN B/A 101-1342, INCLUDING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A193071325, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEM 4 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR SALARIES INCLUDED IN THE PAY BILL, CONTINGENT UPON ENABLING LEGISLATION AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will open the hearing on S.B. 520.

SENATE BILL 520: 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)

Heidi Haartz (Deputy Superintendent of Business and Support Services, Nevada Department of Education):

<u>Senate Bill 520</u> requests a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account (DSA) due to increases in enrollment in the current biennium. Based on more current projections, we request an amendment to revise the amount to \$8,246,261.

Mr. Krmpotic:

The information Ms. Haartz is providing is a result of the LCB, the Department of Education and the GFO working together to re-project student enrollment as well as the various earmarked revenues that are used to calculate the DSA including the one-third property tax, the marijuana transfer, the DSA share of Slot Tax, the Local School Support Tax and the Initiative Petition No. 1 Room Tax revenue. These are final numbers with which the Committee can go forward.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will close the hearing on <u>S.B. 520</u> and will open a work session on <u>S.B. 520</u>.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 520.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

A big part of the transfer seems to be approximately \$19.4 million from marijuana tax revenue. Is that accurate?

Mr. Krmpotic:

That is correct. The transfer takes place after administrative costs are deducted. Staff has re-projected those costs in conjunction with Executive Branch agencies. The \$27.2 million you see as a negative is the General Fund transfer from FY 2019 to FY 2018 that occurred to address a shortfall. That is allowed for in the Education Funding Bill.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will now open a work session on S.B. 312.

Mr. Krmpotic:

<u>Senate Bill 312</u> was heard earlier this morning. This bill would require an employer in private employment to provide paid leave to each employee under certain circumstances and with certain exceptions.

The fiscal note submitted from the Capitol Police in the amount of \$9,604 was an estimate on contract employees the Capitol Police use and the possible impact on the contract payments. The Department of Public Safety has determined that if the contract agency were to raise its price, the Agency would go out to bid for a new contract. The fiscal note has been withdrawn.

An amendment was offered this morning which describes an accrual rate per hours worked that would apply and equal about 40 hours a year for a full-time employee and excludes seasonal and on-call employees.

There was discussion about changing the January 1 date to a benefit year date.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Senator Settelmeyer's suggested amendment regarding the date change is accepted by the sponsor of the bill.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:

Thank you. I believe that will result in better benefits for many employees and easier recordkeeping for employers.

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 312 WITH THE CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT OFFERED BY THE SPONSOR AND THE AMENDMENT SUGGESTED BY SENATOR SETTELMEYER.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE: Seeing no public comment, this meeting is adjou	urned at 11:48 a.m.
	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Barbara Williams, Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair	_
DATE:	_

Senate Committee on Finance

EXHIBIT SUMMARY						
Bill	Exhibit / # of pages		Witness / Entity	Description		
	Α	2		Agenda		
	В	10		Attendance Roster		
	С	29	Kristina Shea / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Department of Administration, State Public Works Division		
	D	16	Jaimarie Ortega / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, State Public Charter School Authority		
	Е	6	Kimbra Ellsworth / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Division of Minerals		
	F	98	Colby Nichols / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Department of Business and Industry		
	G	3	Colby Nichols / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A192414681		
	Н	3	Colby Nichols / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A193854130		
	I	75	John Kucera / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation		
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	K	14	Kimbra Ellsworth / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Colorado River Commission		
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	М	19	Leannadra Copeland / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing Report, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange		
	N	69	Sarah Coffman / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Closing List #5		
	0	3	Sarah Coffman / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A192651080		
S.B. 312	Р	1	Senator Joyce Woodhouse	Proposed Conceptual Amendment		

S.B. 312	Q		Jean Melby-Mauer / Paradise Las Vegas Indivisible	Letter of Support
	R	≺	Julie Waller / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A193541340
	S	-₹	Julie Waller / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A192691301
	Т	/I	Cathy Crocket / Fiscal Analysis Division / LCB	Budget Amendment No. A193071325