

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AND  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SUBCOMMITTEES ON K-12/HIGHER EDUCATION/CIP**

**Eightieth Session  
April 9, 2019**

The joint meeting of the Subcommittees on K-12/Higher Education/CIP of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 8:12 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair  
Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Chris Brooks  
Senator James A. Settlemeyer  
Senator Ben Kieckhefer

**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson  
Assemblyman Jason Frierson  
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank  
Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson  
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblyman John Hambrick (Excused)

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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Adam Drost, Senior Program Analyst  
Jaimarie Ortega, Program Analyst  
Vicki Kemp, Committee Secretary  
Michael Keever, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Christy McGill, Director, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment,  
Nevada Department of Education  
Jason E. Dietrich, Interim Deputy Superintendent for Educator Effectiveness and  
Family Engagement, Nevada Department of Education  
Andrea Osborne, Director, Fiscal Support, Nevada Department of Education

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

This morning we will be hearing on the Nevada Department of Education (NDE).

ADAM DROST (Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative  
Counsel Bureau):

Our first budget is budget account (B/A) 101-2697 beginning on page 2 of  
([Exhibit C](#)). The first major closing issue can be found on page 4.

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Budget Account 101-2697

This issue deals with reporting enhancements for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Governor recommends total General Fund (GF) appropriations of \$138,000 over the 2019-2021 biennium to report per-pupil expenditures utilizing federal, State and local funds for each school district and

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public school in the State. The NDE indicates this is a federal ESSA requirement and plans to post this information on the Nevada Report Card website. During the budget hearing, the Subcommittees expressed concern with the Executive Budget expenditures that appeared to only provide average per-pupil expenditures rather than actual school-level financial data.

In response, on April 2, 2019, the Governor's Finance Office submitted a budget amendment for total GF appropriations of \$251,990 to utilize 3 vendors that would allow the NDE to report actual school financial data. These vendors include EdGate Correlation Services, LLC which would extract, disaggregate and compile data and Edunomics Lab which would provide consulting services for the collection, analysis and visual reporting of the data. Edunomics Lab would also design and lead two trainings to support school leaders in the interpretation and use of per-pupil spending data. The final vendor is eMetric, which would support the publishing of this data and would post the information to the Nevada Report Card website.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve Budget Amendment No. A193442697 to increase GF appropriations to \$176,270 in fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 and \$75,720 in FY 2020-2021 to fund the reporting of per-pupil expenditures for each local educational agency and public school in the State and provide Fiscal staff with authority to make technical adjustments? Budget Amendment No. A193442697 can be found in ([Exhibit D](#)).

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

EdGate is the company that produces the in site reports we already receive. I have large portable document formats or PDFs with school-by-school breakdowns of per-pupil expenditures, deviations from averages and other information. Are we backing out of our existing contract in another budget account?

MR. DROST:

The State uses EdGate for that reporting. This would entail additional reporting, chart of accounts and crosswalk activity with charter schools and school districts. It is a more detailed data analysis.

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-2697 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A193442697 TO INCREASE GF APPROPRIATIONS TO \$176,270 IN FY 2019-2020 AND \$75,720 IN FY 2020-2021 TO FUND THE REPORTING OF PER-PUPIL EXPENDITURES FOR EACH LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY AND PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR DENIS:

Does this issue give them the ability to report at the school level which we have not done previously?

MR. DROST:

Yes.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

The second major closing issue for B/A 101-2697 discussed on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#) is the transfer of the career and technical education (CTE) program assessment expenditures. The Governor recommends the CTE program assessments be transferred from B/A 101-2676 to B/A 101-2697 and to modify the funding source for these assessments from federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 grant funds to GF appropriations of \$144,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium.

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The NDE indicates this transfer is appropriate since all other assessment costs are reflected in B/A 101-2697, and there is no federal requirement for these assessments. Budget account 101-2676 contains CTE funding from the federal Carl D. Perkins grant and GF appropriations that are utilized for the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement. The MOE funds various items in B/A 101-2676 including \$200,000 in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for various State CTE activities.

In FY 2017-2018, the NDE only expended \$38,155 of the \$200,000 that was available. The NDE did not utilize the remaining authority because it was not clear that they could utilize that funding for CTE assessments. Since the Executive Budget restores annual State funding of \$200,000 in B/A 101-2676 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium, in closing B/A 101-2697 and B/A 101-2676 the Subcommittees could stipulate that the NDE should utilize annual State funding of \$144,000 in B/A 101-2676 to fund these CTE assessments. Doing so would also satisfy the MOE requirement. If the Subcommittees choose this direction, decision units E-504 and E-904 in B/A 101-2697 and corresponding decision unit E-904 in B/A 101-2676 should not be approved.

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This would generate GF savings of \$288,000 over the 2019-2021 biennium in B/A 101-2697. There are two options for consideration by the Subcommittees found on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#). Option A is to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer CTE program assessments from B/A 101-2676 to B/A 101-2697 and to modify the funding source for these assessments from federal Carl D. Perkins grant funds to GF appropriations of \$144,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium.

Option B is to not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer CTE program assessments from B/A 101-2676 to B/A 101-2697 and to modify the funding source for these assessments from federal Carl D. Perkins grant

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funds to GF appropriations of \$144,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Option B would also approve the use of GF appropriations of \$144,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium in B/A 101-2676 for purposes of funding CTE assessments. Fiscal staff requests authority to enter any necessary technical adjustments including establishing these CTE assessment expenditures in a separate expenditure category in B/A 101-2697 where these expenditures are approved.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Under option A, is the MOE addressed, or do we need to do this in option B?

MR. DROST:

The MOE will be satisfied in B/A 101-2676, and there is a talking point in this budget that will be discussed later in this meeting. If the NDE utilized option B, the \$144,000 could be applied towards the MOE requirement.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does option B shift funding sources from the GF to the federal Carl D. Perkins grant?

MR. DROST:

Option B would allow the NDE to utilize GF appropriations in B/A 101-2676 for CTE assessments. In doing so, funds would also be applied to the MOE requirement in B/A 101-2676.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Under option B, we would not approve decision units E-504 and E-904 in B/A 101-2697. Is this correct?

MR. DROST:

Yes.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Would this save us \$288,000?

MR. DROST:

Yes.

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES OPTION B WHICH DOES NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER CTE PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS FROM B/A 101-2676 TO B/A 101-2697 AND MODIFY THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THESE ASSESSMENTS FROM FEDERAL CARL D. PERKINS GRANT FUNDS TO GF APPROPRIATIONS OF \$144,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM, BUT DOES APPROVE THE USE OF GF APPROPRIATIONS OF \$144,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM IN B/A 101-2676 FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING CTE ASSESSMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING ESTABLISHING THESE CTE ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES IN A SEPARATE EXPENDITURE CATEGORY IN B/A 101-2697 WHERE THESE EXPENDITURES ARE APPROVED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

The third major closing issue for B/A 101-2697 can be found on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#). This is for the continuation of the College and Career Ready (CCR) Diploma incentive grants. The Governor recommends the continuation of the CCR Diploma incentive grants, funded with GF appropriations of \$1.3 million in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Assembly Bill (A.B.) No. 7 from the 79th Session enabled students graduating from high school to receive standard and advanced diplomas as well as a college-ready endorsements, career-ready endorsements, or college and career-ready diplomas. This funding was also provided in the 2017-2019 biennium and had a slow start in FY 2017-2018 due to delays as regulations were approved.

The NDE indicated it would utilize this funding to provide incentive grants of \$200 for each student who earns a CCR diploma. If funding remains, costs for assessments and credentials associated with CCR diplomas will be reimbursed up to 100 percent. During their budget hearing, the NDE was asked why these programs should continue. They indicated they have increased efforts to promote CCR diplomas, and this funding would assist those efforts in the upcoming biennium. The NDE distinguishes funding that is utilized for the operation of the NDE and funding that is passed to school districts and charter schools through the use of NDE budgets and kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) budgets.

This allows the State to distinguish education funding that is provided directly to schools and funding that is utilized for the administration of education programs. Budget account 101-2697 is considered an NDE budget; however, the CCR Diploma incentive grant funding is K-12 funding which is provided directly to schools. The Subcommittees may wish to continue to provide funding for the program and may also wish to transfer this funding to the NDE's Other State Education Programs B/A 101-2699 which is considered a K-12 budget.

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Budget Account 101-2699

Do the Subcommittees wish to continue the CCR Diploma incentive grants funded with GF appropriations of \$1.3 million in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium as recommended in the Executive Budget?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO CONTINUE THE CCR DIPLOMA INCENTIVE GRANTS FUNDED WITH GF APPROPRIATIONS OF \$1.3 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM AS RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

Since the Subcommittees have approved this funding, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the transfer of the revenue and expenditures associated with this program to B/A 101-2699 which is consistent with how other funds are passed through to school districts are budgeted? Fiscal staff requests authority to make any necessary technical adjustments based on the action of the Subcommittees.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES THE TRANSFER OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROGRAM TO B/A 101-2699, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH HOW OTHER FUNDS ARE PASSED THROUGH TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE BUDGETED AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO ENTER ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON THE ACTION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

Under other closing items on page 7 of [Exhibit C](#), the Governor recommends that B/A 101-2697 have the ability to transfer GF appropriations between fiscal years. There is also a technical adjustment entered under other closing item 2 for an updated vendor agreement. Under other closing item 5, there are rent allocation adjustments, and those will be discussed under closing items for B/A 101-2673. Fiscal Staff requests authority to make any adjustment based on that action.

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Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 1, 3 and 4 be closed as recommended by the Governor. Other closing item 2 would be closed with the noted technical adjustment and requests authority to make technical adjustments for other closing item 5 based on the Subcommittees' decision regarding rent allocations in the B/A 101-2673 closing. Fiscal staff also requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-2673 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 3 AND 4 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 BE CLOSED WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISION REGARDING RENT ALLOCATIONS IN B/A 101-2673 CLOSING AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:  
The next budget is B/A 101-2716 beginning on page 9 of [Exhibit C](#). Closing items begin on page 10.

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Budget Account 101-2716

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for B/A 101-2716 and the Subcommittees have not previously reviewed it. Budget account 101-2716 funds the positions, contract costs, hardware and software associated with student and school-data systems. Under other closing items, there are increased GF appropriations in the base budget and a technical adjustment. Under other closing items 1, the Governor recommends the continuation of master services agreement (MSA) contractors in B/A 101-2716 funded with GF appropriations of \$263,017 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. This amount is approximately equivalent to MSA contractor expenditures in FY 2017-2018.

The NDE submitted a request to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) in April 2018, to reclassify an existing position by transferring authority of \$45,031 for the MSA contractor expenditure category to the personnel category. The IFC approved this request to reduce the MSA contractor expenditures to \$217,272. During the adjusted base process, Fiscal staff maintained that MSA contractor expenditures should be reduced to \$217,272 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium with any "backfill" funding recommended in an enhancement decision unit. The Executive Budget does not include such an enhancement decision unit, and the MSA contractor expenditures are restored to approximately the amount expended in FY 2017-2018 in the base budget.

To provide the Subcommittees with an opportunity to review the continuation of this level of MSA expenditures, Fiscal staff requested justification from the NDE. They indicated that the reduction in MSA contractor expenditures was intended to be onetime in nature, and these MSA positions provide specific information technology skills and abilities that are not generally available through State employees. The NDE indicated these MSA contractors provide support for the Bighorn portal which provides secure transmission of school district and charter school data. These contractors also provide support for custom-developed applications.

Based on the NDE's justification, the addition of funding to continue FY 2017-2018 level expenditures, as reflected in the Executive Budget, does not appear unreasonable. Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation to add back GF appropriations totaling

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approximately \$45,031 in FY 2019-2020 and FY 2020-2021 to fund total MSA contractor expenditures of \$263,017 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium?

SENATOR DENIS:

Was the MSA contractor intended to be long term?

MR. DROST:

The NDE indicated that as long as they have these existing systems they need MSA contractors.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is the approved position enhancement by IFC also in the budget? Are we paying for both of them now?

MR. DROST:

Yes. During the IFC meeting, there was a discussion on creating a cost allocation with the Charter School Authority to fund a portion of that position. This is reflected in other closing item 3 of B/A 101-2697.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-2716 TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD BACK GF APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$45,031 IN FY 2019-2020 AND FY 2020-2021 TO FUND TOTAL MSA CONTRACTOR EXPENDITURES OF \$263,017 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

Beginning on page 11 of [Exhibit C](#), other closing items include a technical adjustment under other closing items 1 for the Infinite Campus system update

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expenditure projections. Other closing item 2 includes travel for the Infinite Campus Governing Board with updated NDE expenditure projections. This technical adjustment appears reasonable. Replacement technology equipment under other closing item 4 has a technical adjustment entered based on an updated quote. There are rent allocation adjustments under other closing item 5.

Fiscal staff recommends other closing item 3 be closed as recommended by the Governor, other closing items 1, 2, and 4 be closed with the noted technical adjustments and requests authority to make technical adjustments to other closing item 5 based on the Subcommittees' decision regarding rent allocations in B/A 101-2673 closing. Fiscal staff also requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS:

Do we have a State license for Infinite Campus? If so, does it cover all school districts, or do they have their own licenses?

MR. DROST:

Infinite Campus in B/A 101-2716 is the Statewide version and school districts pay a share for their version of the software.

SENATOR DENIS:

This is from the administrative side, and each school district has their own version that they pay for. Is this correct?

MR. DROST:

Yes.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2716 OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2 AND 4 BE CLOSED WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISION REGARDING RENT ALLOCATIONS IN B/A 101-2673 CLOSING AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

The next budget is B/A 101-2721. The first major closing issue can be found on the bottom of page 13 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Budget Account 101-2721

The Governor recommends four new education programs professional positions, associated travel expenditures and operating supplies funded with GF appropriations of \$881,050 over the 2019-2021 biennium. The new positions would replace contract positions that were previously funded with federal grants and which are expiring. These new positions are related to recommendations included in the final report of the 2018 Taskforce on School Safety. Bulleted items on these recommendations can be found on page 14 of [Exhibit C](#).

The first recommended position is a SafeVoice coordinator that would ensure implementation of the SafeVoice program which allows individuals to anonymously report any type of threat to the safety or wellbeing of students. The addition of this position would align with recommendation 2.3 from the 2018 Taskforce on School Safety report. The report recommended the addition on one full-time employee (FTE). The NDE has a contract SafeVoice coordinator position in the 2017-2019 biennium funded by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation grant. This funding would continue to be available in the 2019-2021 biennium.

The NDE indicates it would reassign the SafeVoice coordinator position to the Clark County School District since it has the largest number of SafeVoice tips.

This contract position would assist with the investigation of adult-to-child bullying complaints. It would also enhance the ability to investigate adult-to-child bullying, appeals related to allegations of child-to-child bullying investigations that are required by the NDE and child-to-child bullying that was reported and received no response.

The second position, the school climate, equity and system coordinator, can be found on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). This position would promote positive school climate by administering school climate surveys, providing results to schools, monitoring and disaggregating school discipline data and connecting data with evidence-based strategies. The NDE indicates it would utilize the Nevada School Climate/Social Emotional Learning survey to perform these tasks. The addition of this position aligns with recommendation 5.6 from the 2018 Taskforce on School Safety report. The report recommended the addition of one FTE to create a school climate and equity framework at the State level that contributes to school improvement planning. The survey that is recommended to be utilized by the NDE is included in the [Executive Budget](#) in the NDE's School Safety B/A 101-2698. This budget will not be closed today.

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The [Executive Budget](#) includes \$151,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to continue that survey. If the Subcommittees approve the school climate, equity and system coordinator position, they may wish to make approval contingent upon approval of funding for the annual school climate survey in B/A 101-2698.

The third position is a social, emotional and academic development coordinator. This position would work to implement social, emotional and academic development (SEAD) learning in the State. This aligns with recommendation 5 from the 2018 Taskforce on School Safety report. The report recommended the integration of social and emotional learning into the fabric of all Nevada schools. This recommendation also requires Statewide social and emotional behavioral programming as part of a multi-tiered system of support framework. The Governor also recommends 10 percent retail excise tax on recreational marijuana in the amount of \$4.7 million over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund a

Statewide SEAD strategic 5-year plan for public schools. If the Subcommittees approve this position, the Subcommittees may wish to make approval contingent upon approval of funding for the SEAD program in B/A 101-2698.

The fourth position can be found on page 17 of [Exhibit C](#) as the Medicaid and specialized instructional support personnel (SISP) position. This position would create and promote partnerships to increase the number of mental health professional positions in schools by assisting school districts with billing Medicaid for services provided by those positions. Addition of the SISP would align with recommendation 2 from the 2018 Task Force on School Safety report. The report recommended the State to make a significant investment in school-based mental health professionals and services. Nevada Medicaid has determined that the State plan would need to be amended to expand school-based child health services or Provider Type 60. This expansion would allow mental health services to be provided to students with an individualized education program and any students eligible for Medicaid.

Since the Medicaid State plan amendment would be needed to implement the Medicaid billing system, the NDE plans to hold public workshops and hearings in the coming weeks before submitting the final plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval. They plan to do this by the end of FY 2018-2019. The CMS would then have 90 days to review, and this time period may be extended if CMS has additional questions or comments. Given the uncertainties regarding CMS' approval of the State plan amendment (SPA), the Subcommittees may wish to approve funding for this position and place this funding in the B/A 101-2721 reserve category. The NDE could then approach the IFC once the SPA is approved, provide an update and overview of the NDE's planned Medicaid billing program and request the establishment of the position.

The Governor recommends this new Medicaid position be funded with GF appropriations. However, the Governor's Taskforce on School Safety recommended this position be funded by the Social Workers in Schools Program which the Governor has recommended increasing from \$11.2 million in each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to \$17.7 million in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. The Subcommittees could implement the recommendation of the Governor's Task Force on School Safety by transferring

GF appropriations necessary to fund this position from the Social Workers in Schools Program to B/A 101-2721. This would result in GF savings in B/A 101-2721 of \$220,263 over the 2019-2021 biennium. It would also require reduction in the Social Workers in Schools Program by the same amount. If the Subcommittees choose this approach, Fiscal staff still recommends the funds be placed in reserve.

Regarding operating and in-State travel expenditures, the Governor recommends total expenditures of \$41,553 over the 2019-2021 biennium for various equipment for these positions. However, the NDE provided updated operating expenditures of \$9,180 for these 4 positions. If the Subcommittees wish to approve these positions, Fiscal staff requests authority to reduce operating expenditures by \$6,259 over the 2019-2021 biennium. The Governor also recommends in-State travel expenditures of \$13,500 for these 4 new positions in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. However, the NDE indicates these amounts are incorrect, and expenditures of \$12,000 for the 4 positions are recommended.

This reflects approximately \$3,000 for each position and would allow each staff member to travel from Carson City to Elko or rural Nevada and Reno once each fiscal year and travel from Carson City to Las Vegas twice each fiscal year. The trips to Elko would cover three days while the trips to Las Vegas would cover four days. As an alternative, the Subcommittees may wish to provide each position with in-State travel expenditure authority to travel to each location once each fiscal year and reduce the length of the stay in Las Vegas to three days and the length of the stay in Elko to two days. If the Subcommittees approve this alternative, the in-State travel expenditures for each position would total \$1,490 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium.

There are 4 options for the Subcommittees to consider found on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#). Option A is to approve the Governor's recommendation for four new education programs professional positions. Option B is to approve three of the new education programs professional positions as recommended by the Governor and place GF appropriations associated with funding the new Medicaid and SISP position in the B/A 101-2721 reserve category. The NDE could then approach the IFC once the Medicaid SPA is approved, provide an update and

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overview of the NDE's planned Medicaid billing program and request the establishment of the position utilizing reserved funding.

Option C is to approve three of the new education programs professional positions as recommended by the Governor and fund the Medicaid and SISP position utilizing a fund transfer from the Social Workers in Schools Program. In addition to this, approve the placement of funding associated with the Medicaid and SISP position in the B/A 101-2721 reserve category. The NDE could then approach the IFC once the Medicaid SPA is approved, provide an update and overview of the NDE's planned Medicaid billing program and request the establishment of the position utilizing reserved funding. Option D is to not approve the Governor's recommendation for four new education programs professional positions.

If the Subcommittees wish to approve the new positions, there are 4 additional options for the Subcommittees to consider found on pages 18 and 19 of [Exhibit C](#). Option 1 is to approve the school climate, equity and system coordinator position and the social, emotional and academic development coordinator position contingent upon approved funding for the annual school climate survey and the SEAD program respectively in B/A 101-2698. Option 2 is to provide Fiscal staff with authority to reduce operating expenditures based on updated projections provided by the NDE. Option 3 is to reduce in-State travel expenditures to \$1,490 for each new position. Option 4 is to provide Fiscal staff with authority to enter other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

As we know, school climate is going through the roof. It is heightened and bad. The positions are important to the fabric of the work and the supports we give our student, parents, administrators and others. What is the vision for the school climate, equity and system coordinator position and the social, emotional and academic development coordinator position? I do not foresee these positions to be in the office all of the time. These positions need to build relationships with schools and communities.

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CHRISTY MCGILL (Director, Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment, Nevada Department of Education):

Our vision for the two coordinator positions is for them to be foundational positions. We want to look at how to bring people together, address some of these important issues and make training plans around them. They may not have all of the answers, but we want to bring people together to create plans. We also want to create the foundation for building climate, social and emotional learning fabric that the districts and schools have been asking for. In looking at some of the bright spots in the State and the experiences at the school levels, we want to ensure those bright spots and areas have good outcomes spread and deepen. By doing this, climate will be improving regardless if a student attends a school in Ely or Las Vegas.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

Can you define foundational? We are beyond foundational. We are in a heightened state in our school right now. These positions depend on who gets the jobs, if they are able to make connections with schools and if they are not afraid to go anywhere in the State. Very unique people have to be in these positions.

Ms. MCGILL:

For the equity and discipline parts of the school climate, equity and system coordinator position, results from the climate survey need to get into the hands of schools. Ensuring that youth have a voice is a key part. We are not going to affect teacher and student climate without making sure we have ways to engage the students themselves. Based on some of the pilots we have conducted, climate is helping schools and districts bring students to the table to begin embedding climate into school improvement plans. We hope to accomplish our goals in climate by looking at shared indicators, talking to teachers, school counselors and students, and using evidence-based strategies.

There are evidence-based strategies out there that already point to indicators. We intend to use those and local indicators of success to embed climate into school improvement processes. We also intend to look at training gaps and help to fill gaps for writing more grants and bringing in experts. On the social and emotional learning piece, we are looking at two strategies. The first strategy is the actual curriculum of social and emotional learning and how to bring evidence

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based curriculums to the schools. This has already started, and we can expand off of their strengths. The second strategy is integration of social and emotional learning into mathematics, literacy and other subjects. This strategy will apply to Title II, Reading by Grade 3 and other programs.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Senate Bill (S.B.) 89 is being processed and covers many of the areas we are discussing right now.

**SENATE BILL 89**: Makes various changes relating to education. (BDR 34-331)

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I see the need for the SafeVoice coordinator position and the Medicaid position to help people with billing. Washoe County has been doing a good job on the social, emotional and school climate initiatives. They have been investing their dollars in positions in these areas for years. I resist the idea of the State taking over. If the State is going to start taking over these programs that are implemented and offered at the school level, I think we are getting into a dangerous place.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER:

I have seen a little bit of this first hand. I respectfully disagree with Senator Kieckhefer. I think people have to have a place to go if the district is not handling the situation correctly. I would like to see more data, but I think there is a place for this.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER:

My father was chair of the school board for 14 years. For me, that is where you go. If you do not like them, you do not elect them and run for the office if you want to get that job done. I am confused by this, and I would like more data on it. Right now I support Senator Kieckhefer in that decision.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I am leaning towards option C. I understand the conversation and appreciate the chair of education's input on this. Since S.B. 89 is a senate bill, the Assembly has not had the opportunity to go through it, and this is where some concerns are coming from. We want to make sure there are positions on the ground

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dealing with the issues in our schools. We hear about them on a daily basis. These positions are upper level and set us up to get the work done through the Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment with funds that are allocated. Sometimes, Medicaid amendments take longer to process. Due to funding this position without having a job for this position to do and depending on where the amendment goes, I think it is appropriate to set this position aside and allow people to come back and get it when it is needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES OPTION C APPROVING IN B/A 101-2721 THREE OF THE NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, FUNDING THE MEDICAID AND SISP POSITION UTILIZING A FUND TRANSFER FROM THE SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM, AND APPROVING PLACEMENT OF FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEDICAID AND SISP POSITION IN THE B/A 101-2721 RESERVE CATEGORY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR DENIS:

I agree. I think there needs to be some help provided to school districts from the State level. The hearing on S.B. 89 was a joint hearing by the Senate and Assembly. I think option C is a good place to go to for providing help and oversight moving forward.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I will support the motion primarily because I think the SafeVoice coordinator position is critical.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

I will support the motion. We need to see some true coordination with the SafeVoice coordinator position. I just had a meeting this past Sunday with mothers at Arbor View High School, and they discussed disconnects, SafeVoice coordination and who is receiving key tips and acting or not acting on them. I am glad we are making it a true coordinator position and not a contract position. Regarding school climate, I hope that we have a connection with the school districts. These positions will be important when talking about school climate,

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and I hope we do not get too much in the weeds on academia. I understand we have to do this, but we need to talk about the lives and wellbeing of students.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

We will move on to budget item option 1 of B/A 101-2721 on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL CLIMATE, EQUITY AND SYSTEM COORDINATOR POSITION AND THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION IN B/A 101-2721 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY AND THE SEAD PROGRAM, RESPECTIVELY, IN B/A 101-2698.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

The next budget item is option 2 on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO REDUCE OPERATING EXPENDITURES BASED ON THE UPDATED PROJECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE NDE, FOR B/A 101-2721.

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SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

The next budget item regarding B/A 101-2721 is option 3 on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO REDUCE IN-STATE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES IN B/A 101-2721 TO \$1,490 FOR EACH NEW POSITION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

I have reservations on this. These positions are going to be located in Carson City, and there are problems throughout our State. If connections have to be made throughout the State, I do not know why we are reducing travel.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

It is noted that the original numbers were incorrect. This is a true-up of the original numbers that were provided by the NDE. This is not a budget cut.

MR. DROST:

The Executive Budget does reflect annual travel expenditures of \$13,500 for the 4 positions over the 2019-2021 biennium. The NDE indicated their intent was to budget \$12,000 for the 4 positions in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. This would amount to funding of \$3,000 for each position and would enable each staff member to travel from Carson City to Elko or rural Nevada and Reno once every fiscal year and from Carson City to Las Vegas twice each fiscal year. This option for \$1,490 would eliminate 1 of the trips to Las Vegas and would also reduce the stay in Las Vegas and in rural Nevada by 1 day.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON  
VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

The next budget item is option 4 on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO ENTER  
OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR  
B/A 101-2721.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

The second major closing item in B/A 101-2721 found on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#) is for additional travel and operating expenditures for existing positions in this budget. The Governor recommends total GF appropriations of \$31,744 for these operating expenditures. The expenditures were approved and provided for in the 2017-2019 biennium by expiring federal grants. This would replace that funding with GF appropriations. The NDE indicates this in-State travel would provide \$3,000 for each staff member to provide training, program monitoring and technical assistance. Similar to what was indicated for the new positions, this would provide travel between northern and southern Nevada as well as Elko, rural Nevada and Reno.

As an alternative and similar to what the Subcommittees just voted on, the Subcommittees may wish to provide each position with reduced in-State travel

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expenditure authority by providing one trip between northern and southern Nevada, one trip to rural Nevada and one trip to Reno each fiscal year and reducing overnight stays by one day. This would provide total expenditure authority of \$1,490 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. The NDE also provided updated annual operating expenditures of \$4,590.

If the Subcommittees wish to approve this decision unit, Fiscal Staff requests authority to reduce operating expenditures by \$2,282 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Do the Subcommittees wish to approve additional funding for operating costs for the 4 existing positions in B/A 101-2721 with the noted technical adjustments to reduce annual expenditures to \$4,590, and approve the alternative annual in-State travel funding of \$1,490 for 3 existing positions? Fiscal staff requests authority to enter any necessary technical adjustments.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

As we look at the travel and operating expenditures in this with some of the previous conversations we have had, this needs to reflect other discussion points. Were they going to do two trips a year?

MR. DROST:

Yes. The \$3,000 would provide 2 trips between northern and southern Nevada, 1 trip to rural Nevada and 1 trip to Reno. The reduction would only provide one trip between northern and southern Nevada and would reduce overnight stays by one day.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I am not comfortable with the reduction as it was pointed out earlier. People need to go and be where the issues are. We do not know if these positions will be located in Carson City. We do need to get these services out to the rural communities. I know there have been concerns by the Subcommittees on out-of-State travel, and I think there is going to be another conversation about this. Regarding in-State travel, we need to be where the problems are and have real discussions with people. I would be more comfortable if we kept the two trips a year; I have no preference on two or three days.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2721 TO APPROVE IN-STATE TRAVEL

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EXPENDITURES OF \$3,000 FOR EACH POSITION IN THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM, REDUCE ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY \$2,282 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. DROST:

Other closing items found on page 20 of [Exhibit C](#) for B/A 101-2721 include a technical adjustment for a module in Infinite Campus. This is related to the social worker program and appears reasonable. There is also a rent allocation adjustment item that was discussed earlier. Fiscal staff recommends other closing item 2 be closed as recommended by the Governor, other closing item 1 be closed with the noted technical adjustment and requests authority to make technical adjustments for other closing item 3 based on the Subcommittees' decision regarding rent allocations in the B/A 101-2673 closing. Fiscal staff also requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2721 OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 BE CLOSED WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISION REGARDING RENT ALLOCATIONS IN THE NDE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BUDGET CLOSING AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Next we will move to B/A 101-2612.

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Budget Account 101-2612

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

Beginning on page 22 of [Exhibit C](#) is B/A 101-2612. There are no major closing issues for B/A 101-2612 and 4 other closing items found on page 23. Under closing item 1, the Governor recommends in-State travel expenditures for 2 staff to attend the WestED Regional Conference, Nevada Teach Mega Conference and the school leader development for the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) implementation. Total in-State expenditures with this enhancement would increase to \$12,000 over the 2019-2021 biennium, which represents a 100 percent increase when compared to the legislatively approved budget.

As mentioned during the budget hearing of the Office of the Superintendent, the Subcommittees expressed concerns regarding NDE travel enhancements. In response to these concerns, the NDE indicated it could reduce travel expenditures by allowing one staff to attend the WestED Regional Conference, the school leader development for the NEPF implementation, the Nevada Teach Mega Conference and eliminating the NDE leadership team summit. As a result, Fiscal staff recommends technical adjustments included on page 22 of [Exhibit C](#) to reduce travel expenditures resulting in GF reductions of \$2,812 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve reducing travel expenditures by allowing one staff to attend the WestED Regional Conference and the school leader development for NEPF implementation in FY 2019-2020, allowing one staff to

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attend the Nevada Teach Mega Conference and eliminating the NDE leadership team summit in FY 2020-2021, which would result in a GF reduction of \$2,812 over the 2019-2021 biennium?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

We have had some conversations in allowing two people to go and cover more of the conferences. How do the Subcommittees feel about allowing two people to attend and limiting it to one out-of-State conference? I am fine with eliminating the NDE leadership team summit. Which is of more value; the WestED Regional Conference or the Nevada Teach Mega Conference?

JASON E. DIETRICH (Interim Deputy Superintendent for Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement, Nevada Department of Education):

Are you asking which out-of-State conference would be more beneficial for staff to attend?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Yes.

MR. DIETRICH:

The WestED conference would be more beneficial for two staff members to attend.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE FOR B/A 101-2612 TRAVEL EXPENDITURES ALLOWING TWO MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE WESTED REGIONAL CONFERENCE ANNUALLY AND ELIMINATING ATTENDANCE TO THE NDE LEADERSHIP TEAM SUMMIT.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. ORTEGA:

Other closing items described on page 23 of [Exhibit C](#) appear reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 2 through 4 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 2 THROUGH 4 OF B/A 101-2612 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Next we will move to B/A 101-2678.

NDE - Gear Up — Budget Page K-12 EDUCATION-95 (Volume I)  
Budget Account 101-2678

MS. ORTEGA:

On page 25 of [Exhibit C](#) is B/A 101-2678. There are no major closing issues for this budget. There are three other closing items which include elimination of the Gear Up program. This appears reasonable to Fiscal staff as this program expires on July 22, 2019. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-2678 be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal Staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE B/A 101-2678 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE

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GOVERNOR AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE  
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS  
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Next we will move to B/A 101-2706.

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Budget Account 101-2706

MS. ORTEGA:  
Budget account 101-2706 begins on page 28 of [Exhibit C](#) and has 1 major closing issue. The Governor recommends GF appropriations of \$21,722 over the 2019-2021 biennium for various out-of-State and in-State travel expenditures for the Education Programs Professional (EPP) position and members of the Advisory Council of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement.

Beginning with the out-of-State travel item found on page 29 of [Exhibit C](#), the Governor recommends out-of-State travel expenditures for the EPP position to attend the National Family Engagement Conference and the National Title I Conference. This decision unit includes travel expenditures for the EPP position to attend these conferences twice in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget for the NDE's Student and School Support B/A 101-2712 includes 5 EPP positions attending the National Title I Conference in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium which are funded by the federal Title I funds.

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The second item on page 29 of [Exhibit C](#) is for Council members in-State and out-of-State travel. The Governor recommends four Council members attend the Statewide summit in FY 2020-2021. The NDE indicates that attendance to the Statewide summit will allow the Council members to perform their duty of planning and implementing a Statewide summit. *Nevada Revised Statutes* 385 does not require the NDE to fund the Council members' travel expenditures to participate in these Statewide summits. The NDE indicated travel for the Council members to attend the Statewide summit could be eliminated from this budget.

The Governor also recommends two Council members to attend the out-of-State National Family Engagement Conference. The NDE indicated that attendance to this conference will provide Council members the opportunity to network with state leaders, school leaders, administrators, educators and community-based organizations to focus on solutions that would enhance and expand student success through family-school-community partnerships. The NDE indicated that although the Council members could benefit from attending this conference, the EPP position could attend the conference instead and provide updates to the Council during its meetings. The NDE indicated travel for the Council members to attend this conference could be eliminated from decision unit E-275 of B/A 101-2706.

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Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the Governor's recommendation for additional travel expenditures with the noted technical adjustments? There are three noted technical adjustments. The first technical adjustment is to reduce the proposed frequency of attending the National Family Engagement Conference from twice per year to once per year and eliminate travel expenditures to attend the National Title I Conference which would result in a reduction to GF appropriations of \$5,174 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

The second technical adjustment is to eliminate proposed travel expenditures for the Council members to attend the Statewide summit which would result in

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reductions to GF appropriations of \$3,170 in FY 2020-2021. The third technical adjustment eliminates travel expenditures related to 2 Council members recommended to attend the National Family Engagement Conference which would result in reductions to GF appropriations of \$6,128 over the 2019-2021 biennium.

SENATOR DENIS:

We talk a lot about parental involvement and the importance of getting parents involved in education. We have a Council that talks about this stuff. When they have the opportunity to go to a Statewide meeting and meet with other education people, I think that is an important thing. I would not support cutting these expenditures. Council members need to attend this conference. They are not paid to be on this Council, and I do not think most of them would pay out of their own pocket. It is important for them to network with education people across the State to come up with policies that will help parents.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

I agree with Senator Denis. Having served on this Council throughout the years, it is a good Council and there is always a lot of room to have these conversations. The other members on the Council are educators who leave the classroom and take days off to attend these meetings. Usually, they are all interested in the conferences, and I want to make sure they have the budgets to attend. Some of us have attended the State Family Engagement conference throughout the years. Under legislation we passed last year, we are supposed to have an ongoing school safety conference every year. We talked about the ability to pair this with the family engagement conference. We can not have a committee that talks about school safety on a limited basis. These conversations need to be ongoing.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I agree with Senator Denis and the majority leader regarding Council members attending these conferences. Having someone attending and reporting is not the same as having conversations with people to bring personal knowledge back. I believe once a year would be good to make sure our Council members are included.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Are Senator Denis and the majority leader on the same page?

SENATOR DENIS:

Yes, I am okay with that. Having the opportunity to meet with others is important. In this motion, we are talking about two different things: the Council members and the actual position that is traveling. Is this correct?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

No. It was my understanding that the position was going to attend the conference in place of the Council members. If we have the Council members going, the position would not attend. Is this correct?

MS. ORTEGA:

The EPP position is also recommended to attend the National Family Engagement conference on top of travel expenditures for Council members.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I am good with that. Staff needs to be aware of everything that is going on today.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

It is my understanding that rather than twice a year it would be once a year.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO REDUCE IN DECISION UNIT E-275 OF B/A 101-2706 THE PROPOSED FREQUENCY OF ATTENDING THE NATIONAL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE FROM TWICE A YEAR TO ONCE A YEAR, ELIMINATE THE EXPENDITURES TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TITLE I CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF GF APPROPRIATIONS OF \$5,174 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM AND GOVERNOR RECOMMENDATION ON THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE EPP STAFF BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE ONCE A YEAR CONFERENCE.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

The National Title I Conference is where the NDE has a lot of conversations around reviewing and evaluating family engagement programs. Will they be able to attend the National Title I Conference, or will the funds to attend this conference be moved somewhere else?

MS. ORTEGA:

They would still be able to attend. However, instead of traveling twice per year to the National Title I Conference, they would be able to attend it once a year. This is the same for the National Family Engagement conference.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I do not think that is what my motion intended.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

It does say "and eliminate the Title I Conference."

MS. ORTEGA:

That is correct. It is eliminating the travel to attend the National Title I Conference with that motion.

SENATOR DENIS:

My understanding was that this would eliminate GFs to do so. Would they be able to use Title I funds to attend that conference? My understanding was we would not eliminate them from attending and they would use Title I funds and not GFs to do so.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Can we have someone from the NDE come up and help us determine if Title I funds can be used to attend the conference?

ANDREA OSBORNE (Director, Fiscal Support, Nevada Department of Education):

Yes, that would be an allowable use of Title I funds.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

The NDE will plan on sending some people to have ongoing parental involvement in family engagement programs and the evaluation of these programs. Is this correct?

Ms. OSBORNE:

If we want this position to attend the Title I Conference, we would need to include that in B/A 101-2712 with Title I funds.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR DENIS:

With the previous motion, we were doing the first bullet point. Is this correct?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Yes.

Ms. ORTEGA:

Budget account 101-2706 has one other closing item on page 30 of [Exhibit C](#) for equipment replacement which appears reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends the other closing item as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE OTHER CLOSING ITEM FOR B/A 101-2706 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Next we will move to B/A 101-2712.

MS. ORTEGA:

Budget account 101-2712 begins on page 31 of [Exhibit C](#). There are 3 major closing issues for this budget. The Governor recommends GF appropriations totaling \$210,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium to continue contracting for external evaluation services for various State education programs. Staff provided a table on page 32 of [Exhibit C](#) which shows the various education State programs included. This includes Governor recommended funding for each of these programs and the NDE budget where funding for the external evaluation is proposed. Information on page 33 discusses issues with the Governor recommended budget for external evaluation contracts.

The 2015 Legislature approved funding for external evaluations of each program. This is for accountability and to provide a basis for the Governor's Finance Office and the Legislature to determine if funding should continue or be modified. Of the annual evaluations, Fiscal staff relies more on external evaluations prepared in the second year of each biennium. This information is analyzed and summarized for the Legislature as it reviews funding requested for State education programs. The Subcommittees may wish to consider providing funding in only the second year of the 2019-2021 biennium for these external evaluations.

As shown on the table on page 32 of [Exhibit C](#), each program is funded at \$30,000 regardless of its complexity or the amount of funding provided. It would appear that providing a fixed amount for each program does not recognize these factors and appears to provide limited incentive for an evaluator to recommend the elimination of a program since the evaluator may want the

program and associated evaluation funding to continue. The Subcommittees may wish to consider placing all evaluation funding in a single budget and no longer identify a set amount for each program evaluation in order to eliminate any incentivize report outcomes.

There are other education programs that are not included in the Governor's recommendation for an external evaluation. These include the New Nevada Education Funding Plan from S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session, which recommends funding of \$139.9 million over the 2019-2021 biennium. Programs such as the Underperforming Schools Turnaround program, the Great Teaching and Leading Fund and Nevada Ready 21 Technology program have significantly lower funding than other State education programs. These may not lend themselves to easily measure the direct link between funding provided and student achievement. The Subcommittees may wish to consider changing which education programs are evaluated.

Based on these factors, Fiscal Staff recommends three decision points found on page 34 of [Exhibit C](#). Option A for the first decision point is to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund external evaluation contract expenditures totaling \$210,000 of the 2019-2021 biennium in 4 different NDE budgets. Option B of the first decision point is to approve external evaluation contract expenditures totaling \$210,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium and place all funding in B/A 101-2712.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES ON B/A 101-2712 TO APPROVE EXTERNAL EVALUATION CONTRACT EXPENDITURES TOTALING \$210,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM AND PLACE ALL FUNDING IN B/A 101-2712.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. ORTEGA:

Option A of the second decision point is to approve the Governor's recommendation to fund external evaluation expenditures totaling \$210,000 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Option B of the second decision point is to approve external evaluation funding and expenditures totaling \$210,000 in FY 2020-2021 only to provide evaluation reports for use by the 2021 Legislature which would reduce GF appropriations by \$210,000 throughout the NDE in FY 2019-2020.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Do we want to discuss the third decision point since it impacts decision point two?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Yes.

MS. ORTEGA:

Option A of the third decision point is to approve the Governor's recommendation to continue funding the external evaluation for the following seven programs: Zoom School, Victory School, Social Worker Grants to Schools, Read by Grade Three, Nevada Ready 21 Technology, Underperforming Schools Turnaround and the Great Teaching and Leading Fund. Option B of the third decision point is to modify the seven State education programs that would be evaluated by eliminating smaller programs of Nevada Ready 21 Technology, Underperforming School Turnaround and the Great Teaching and Leading Fund, and adding the New Nevada Education Funding Plan or S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session while providing the NDE with the discretion to evaluate 2 additional programs.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

We had the \$210,000 in the second year. I am leaning towards modifying the existing programs that are going to be evaluated in the second year, adding an eighth program which would be an evaluation of S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session to see how that is working and taking \$30,000 from the first year of the 2019-2021 biennium and placing it into the second year of the 2019-2021 biennium. This would mean total expenditures of \$240,000 in the second year

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and would add an eighth program to S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session under option A of the third decision point.

SENATOR DENIS:

The question is whether we want to evaluate every year or only in the second year. Evaluating these programs every year is beneficial since have been tracking these over the last few years. We are trying to figure out what works and what does not work. If we skip years, this may mess up the data we are trying to gather. We need to have a discussion on this. Senate Bill No. 178 of the 79th Session was basically a 1 biennium bill. Depending on what we do during the 80th Session, we may need to track this. I want to make sure we are able to continue gathering data on these programs to help indicate what is working and what is not working.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I have the same questions about S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session. The Governor has recommended an increase in those funds for this year. However, I do not know what we are going to do for education funding this year. Is our proposal to sweep all of these into the Distributive School Account (DSA)? There is still a lot of ongoing discussion on how we are going to revamp our education funding distribution model. Whether these programs continue to exist for two years is up in the air. I do not know what we will be evaluating two years from now.

ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

I am leaning more towards option B of the third decision point. We need to focus on programs such as Zoom School, Victory School, Social Worker Grants to Schools and Read by Grade 3. We have enough data as we move forward with Nevada Ready 21 Technology, Underperforming Schools Turnaround, and the Great Teaching and Leading Fund. I agree we need to carve out some pieces to look at the New Nevada Education Funding Plan. After the next biennium, we would be looking at five areas.

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

After all of the hearings we have had, I would recommend option B of the second decision point and option A of the third decision point. I think all seven programs need to be addressed and evaluated. There are some that might go

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away in time. It is always important that we evaluate, and I strongly urge us to include S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session. It was a large appropriation, and I want to make sure we are going down the right path with this.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Since we fund each evaluation at the same \$30,000 level, we would look to have \$30,000 added to the second year of the 2019-2021 biennium to fund an eighth program. Is this correct?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Yes. The amount would then be \$240,000.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE FOR B/A 101-2712 EXTERNAL EVALUATION FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TOTALING \$210,000 IN FY 2020-2021 ONLY TO PROVIDE EVALUATION REPORTS FOR USE BY THE 2021 LEGISLATURE WHICH WOULD REDUCE GF APPROPRIATIONS BY \$210,000 THROUGHOUT THE NDE IN FY 2019-2020, MODIFY EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT ARE EVALUATED BY ADDING S.B. NO. 178 OF THE 79TH SESSION THAT WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000 TO MAKE TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$240,000 AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS IN B/A 101-2712 AND CORRESPONDING BUDGETS BASED ON THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEES.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR DENIS:

Are we only providing evaluation reports once during the 2019-2021 biennium?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Yes. In discussion with Fiscal staff, we only use data from the second year.

SENATOR DENIS:

Do we currently conduct evaluations every year or once every two years?

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MS. ORTEGA:

The NDE evaluates every year for all seven programs.

SENATOR DENIS:

My concern is that we would be missing a year if we only evaluate in the second year.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Under S.B. No. 178 of the 79th Session, Zoom School and Victory School submit reports annually. We would still be receiving the information; however, we will not evaluate the information every year.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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MS. ORTEGA:

The next major closing issue for B/A 101-2712 can be found on page 34 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends in-State travel expenditures for 1 EPP position responsible for the NDE Native American program. The NDE indicated this travel is needed to interact with tribal communities throughout the State. The NDE further indicated that although the federal grant provides travel expenditures totaling \$4,522 over the 2019-2021 biennium to conduct monitoring and to provide technical support for tribal communities Statewide, it could only be used for travel associated with providing technical assistance and activities related to existing subgrantees.

In response to the Subcommittees' concerns regarding NDE travel enhancements, the NDE indicates it could reduce travel to Las Vegas to 1 trip as opposed to two trips in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. The NDE concurs with this adjustment. Do the Subcommittees wish to reduce travel expenditures to support one trip per year as opposed to 2 trips per year, which would result in GF reductions of \$2,436 over the 2019-2021 biennium?

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SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO REDUCE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES IN B/A 101-2712 TO SUPPORT 1 TRIP PER YEAR AS OPPOSED TO 2 TRIPS PER YEAR, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GF REDUCTIONS OF \$2,436 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON AND WHEELER WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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MS. ORTEGA:

The third major closing issue for B/A 101-2712 can be found on page 35 of [Exhibit C](#). This is a Governor recommendation for in-State expenditures for the EPP position responsible for the Turnaround Schools Program. The NDE indicates this travel is needed to perform on-site monitoring of schools in Las Vegas, Elko and Reno. According to the NDE, monitoring is based on level of risk assessment and include monitoring of subrecipients one to four times in a four-year period. This may include desk or on-site monitoring dependent upon the subrecipient's level of risk.

In response to the Subcommittees' concerns regarding travel enhancements, the NDE indicated it could reduce travel to Las Vegas to 1 trip as opposed to 2 trips in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Do the Subcommittees wish to reduce travel expenditures to support 1 trip per year as opposed to 2 trips per year, which would result in GF reductions of \$2,436 over the 2019-2021 biennium?

SENATOR SETTELMAYER:

I agree with doing this. As discussed previously, it would be wise to encourage them to have one meeting a year in Las Vegas, one meeting in Reno and one meeting in Elko to get them out into the different areas.

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SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2712 TO REDUCE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT 1 TRIP PER YEAR AS OPPOSED TO 2 TRIPS PER YEAR, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GF REDUCTIONS OF \$2,436 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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MS. ORTEGA:

There are 3 other closing items for B/A 101-2712 on page 35 of [Exhibit C](#). These include technical adjustments to eliminate a decision unit E-497. The NDE has indicated that this is no longer necessary. This will result in an increase in federal funds totaling \$6.2 million over the 2019-2021 biennium and the reestablishment of 1 full-time position. In the Governor's recommended budget, this decision unit would eliminate the federal School Improvement Grant (SIG).

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In further review by the NDE, they have indicated that they are able to utilize the remaining federal SIG funds through September 2021. There are two other closing items which appear reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends not approving other closing item 1, approving other closing item 2 as recommended by the Governor and other closing item 3 based on the Subcommittees' decisions made in B/A 101-2673 related to the rent. Fiscal staff seeks authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2712 TO NOT APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS MADE IN B/A 101-2673 RELATED TO THE RENT AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:  
Next we will move to B/A 101-2676.

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Budget Account 101-2676

Ms. ORTEGA:  
Budget account 101-2676 begins on page 37 of [Exhibit C](#), and there is one major closing issue for this budget. The Governor recommends GF appropriations of \$742,042 in FY 2019-2020 and \$751,091 in FY 2020-2021 for the MOE required for the federal Carl D. Perkins grant. The recommendation represents an increase of 7.8 percent in FY 2019-2020 and 9.1 percent in FY 2020-2021, when compared to the legislatively approved MOE of \$688,233 in FY 2018-2019. Staff would note that the MOE for

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B/A 101-2676 has been at \$688,233 per year between FY 2013-2014 through FY 2018-2019.

The NDE indicated the MOE has not kept up with cost-of-living increases, salary adjustments and federal grant increases that have been approved since FY 2013-2014. The Governor's recommended budget for the MOE is based on, among other things, 36 percent of position salaries. Using a percentage of salaries to determine the MOE in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium would potentially result in a continuous increase in the MOE each time the salaries are increased. In discussing this issue with the NDE, it was indicated that the MOE can be "smoothed" across each fiscal year by providing equal GF appropriations of \$746,567 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. This would provide a consistent MOE and would not commit the MOE to increasing salary costs.

Do the Subcommittees wish to increase GF appropriations in B/A 101-2676 thereby increasing the MOE from \$688,233 to \$742,042 in FY 2019-2020 and to \$751,091 in FY 2020-2021 as recommended by the Governor? If so, do the Subcommittees wish to approve the NDE's recommendation to smooth the increased GF appropriations across both fiscal years which would result in MOE funding of \$746,567 in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium?

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I do not like the idea of increasing our annual MOE requirement on a go forward basis and locking us in to future spending levels.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

The NDE indicated that this had not been kept up with since 2014. For five years we have not made an adjustment. The longer we wait, the bigger the shock is going to be if we ever have to adjust it. Is this fair to say?

MS. ORTEGA:

If we maintain it at \$688,233, this would utilize their federal grants to compensate for the increases in salaries for staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO INCREASE GF APPROPRIATIONS IN B/A 101-2676 THEREBY INCREASING THE MOE FROM \$688,233 TO \$742,042 IN

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FY 2019-2020 AND TO \$751,091 IN FY 2020-2021 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND TO APPROVE THE NDE'S RECOMMENDATION TO SMOOTH THE INCREASED GF APPROPRIATIONS ACROSS BOTH FISCAL YEARS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MOE FUNDING OF \$746,567 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER AND SENATOR SETTELMAYER VOTED NO.)

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Ms. ORTEGA:

There are four other closing items for B/A 101-2676 beginning on page 39 of [Exhibit C](#). Other closing item 1 includes a technical adjustment as noted on page 39. The technical adjustment will continue 2 full-time positions funded with the New Skills for Youth grant funds through December 31, 2019, and will continue operating expenditures totaling \$650,000 in FY 2019-2020 for the career pathways programs. Budget account 101-2676 has three other closing items which appear reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-2676 be closed as recommended by the Governor with the technical adjustments noted for other closing item 1. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments for other closing item 4 and other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE B/A 101-2676 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED FOR OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR OTHER CLOSING ITEM 4 AND OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Are we referring to the chart of page 39 related to overall adjustments? Where is the \$650,000 coming from?

Ms. ORTEGA:

The Governor's recommended budget includes eliminating this entire grant by July 1, 2019. In further discussion with the NDE, since this grant would not expire until December 31, 2019, it was determined to continue these 2 positions through December 31, 2019 as opposed to eliminating them effective July 1, 2019.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Will the New Skills for Youth grant carry forward into the first year?

Ms. ORTEGA:  
Yes.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Next we will move to B/A 101-2680.

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Budget Account 101-2680

Ms. ORTEGA:

Budget account 101-2680 begins on page 41 of [Exhibit C](#). There are three major closing issues that are all related to travel expenditures. The first major closing issue is the Governor's recommendation for in-State travel expenditures. This will allow the education programs supervisor (EPS) position and the business process analyst position (BPA) to attend the Mountain Plains Education Association (MPAEA) conference, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partner meetings and conduct on-site program monitoring of

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subrecipients. As budgeted, total in-State travel expenditures would increase to \$18,372 over the 2019-2021 biennium representing a 133.6 percent increase when compared to the legislatively approved budget.

The NDE indicated this recommendation is necessary to meet the requirements of the WIOA and Uniform guidance of conducting program monitoring to ensure subrecipient accountability and compliance with the program requirements and performance goals. The NDE indicates attendance to the MPAEA conference would provide staff with opportunities to learn about the latest developments and best practices in adult education programs.

In response to the Subcommittees' concerns regarding travel enhancements, the NDE indicates it could reduce travel expenditures by funding 1 staff as opposed to 2 staff to attend the MPAEA conference and the WIOA meetings in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Do the Subcommittees wish to reduce travel expenditures by \$2,238 over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund 1 staff member to attend the MPAEA conference and the WIOA meetings instead of funding travel and attendance for 2 staff members?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2680 TO REDUCE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES BY \$2,238 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM TO FUND 1 STAFF MEMBER TO ATTEND THE MPAEA CONFERENCE AND THE WIOA MEETINGS INSTEAD OF FUNDING TRAVEL AND ATTENDANCE FOR 2 STAFF MEMBERS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR KIECKHEFER WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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Ms. ORTEGA:

The second major closing issue for B/A 101-2680 is the Governor's recommendation for training expenditures for the EPS and BPA positions to

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attend the National Training Institute for Adult Education and the State Directors Training, and the National Reporting System Regional Training. The NDE indicated this recommendation would provide staff updates on program requirements and latest developments in the federal Adult Education programs. As budgeted, total training expenditures would increase to \$11,542 over the 2019-2021 biennium representing a 236.7 percent increase when compared to the legislatively approved budget.

In response to the Subcommittees' concerns regarding the NDE travel enhancements, the NDE indicated it could reduce travel expenditures by funding staff to attend 1 training as opposed to 2 trainings provided by the United States Education Department Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Do the Subcommittees wish to reduce training expenditures by \$4,400 over the 2019-2021 biennium to fund 1 staff member to attend the State Directors Training instead of funding travel and attendance for 2 staff members?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2680 TO REDUCE TRAINING EXPENDITURES BY \$4,400 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM TO FUND 1 STAFF MEMBER TO ATTEND THE STATE DIRECTORS TRAINING INSTEAD OF FUNDING TRAVEL AND ATTENDANCE FOR 2 STAFF MEMBERS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. ORTEGA:

The final major closing issue for B/A 101-2680 is the Governor's recommendation for the adult education programs professional (AEPP) position and the administrative assistant position to conduct onsite program monitoring and provide technical assistance to Alternative, Distance, Adult High School and

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Correction education programs. The recommendation also includes travel expenditures for the AEPP position to attend the MPAEA conference, Adult Education Graduation Ceremonies and the Jobs for America Graduate (JAG) of Nevada board annual meetings. As budgeted, total in-State travel expenditures would increase to \$19,688 over the 2019-2021 biennium representing a 144.4 percent increase when compared to the legislatively approved budget.

Decision unit E-279 of B/A 101-2680 includes travel expenditures for the AEPP position, who serves as a board member for the JAG, to attend the JAG board meetings in Reno and JAG annual meeting in Las Vegas. There is currently no statutory provisions that requires the NDE to fund travel expenditures for staff to attend the JAG board meetings and annual meetings. The JAG operates with a volunteer board of directors that does not receive compensation. Most JAG meetings are accessible through video or telephone conference.

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In response to the Subcommittees' concerns regarding the NDE travel enhancements, the NDE indicated it could reduce travel expenditures by reducing attendance to graduation ceremonies and eliminate funding for the AEPP to attend the JAG board meetings and annual meetings in each year of the 2019-2021 biennium. Do the Subcommittees wish to reduce travel expenditures by \$1,434 over the 2019-2021 biennium reducing attendance to graduation ceremonies and eliminate funding for the Adult Education Programs Professional to attend JAG board meetings and annual meetings?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2680 IN DECISION UNIT E-279 TO REDUCE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES BY \$1,434 OVER THE 2019-2021 BIENNIUM REDUCING ATTENDANCE TO GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS PROFESSIONAL TO ATTEND JAG BOARD MEETINGS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. ORTEGA:

There are 3 other closing items in B/A 101-2680 which include a technical adjustment that can be found on page 44 of [Exhibit C](#). The NDE confirmed this decision unit is no longer necessary. There are 2 other closing items in B/A 101-2680 which appear reasonable. Under the other closing item 2 there is a technical adjustment to include another computer replacement. Fiscal staff recommends not approving other closing item 1, approving other closing item 2 with the noted technical adjustment and other closing item 3 based on the Subcommittees' decisions in B/A 101-2673. Fiscal staff seeks authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR B/A 101-2680 TO NOT APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BASED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES' DECISIONS IN B/A 101-2673 AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Next we will move to B/A 101-2672.

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MS. ORTEGA:

Budget account 101-2672 begins on page 45 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing issues. There are two other closing items including the elimination of the federal Charter School Program grant which expired on September 30, 2018, with no cost extension to expend the funds through September 30, 2019. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-2672 be closed as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustments noted in other closing item 1 and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO CLOSE B/A 101-2672 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 AND TO PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

There being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Michael Keever,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

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

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

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

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