

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Eighty-first Session
May 13, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Chris Brooks at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021, Online and in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Chris Brooks, Chair
Senator Moises Denis, Vice Chair
Senator Julia Ratti
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop
Senator Ben Kieckhefer
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Scott Hammond
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Barbara Williams, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Todd Myler, Manager of Budgets, Supreme Court of Nevada
Rick Stefani, Chief Information Officer, Supreme Court of Nevada
Cheryl Tyler, Administrative Services Officer, Office of the Military
JoAnn Malay, Deputy Administrator, Clinical Services and Mental Health,
Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and
Human Services
Susan Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor

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David Frommer, Associate Vice President, Planning, Construction and Real Estate, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Paul Moradkhan, Vegas Chamber
Kelly Crompton, City of Las Vegas
Gregory Schreck
Fadi Azar
Nicole Touzard
Marc Kahn, Dean, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Maureen Schafer, President, Nevada Health and Bioscience Corporation
Paul Nicks, Director, Office of Project Management, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor
Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, Department of Education
Hawah Ahmad, Clark County Education Association
DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services
Chris Daly, Nevada State Education Association

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will begin with the introduction of Bill Draft Request (BDR) 35-1155.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 35-1155: Revises provisions governing outdoor recreation. (Later introduced as Senate Bill (S.B.) 449.)

I would accept a motion to introduce this BDR on the Senate Floor.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 35-1155 ON THE SENATE FLOOR.

SENATOR HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR RATTI WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

I will open the hearing on S.B. 431.

SENATE BILL 431: Makes appropriations to and authorizes expenditures of money by the Nevada Supreme Court for the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1136)

TODD MYLER (Manager of Budgets, Supreme Court of Nevada):
Senate Bill 431 contains a one-shot appropriation for computer hardware and software.

RICK STEFANI (Chief Information Officer, Supreme Court of Nevada):
The purpose of this one-shot request is to fund the purchase of computers and storage equipment to replace existing equipment that will reach end-of-life in the 2021-2023 biennium. While the replaced equipment will reach end-of-life for a production environment, it will be entirely capable of being used for business continuity and in the event of a disaster.

SENATOR DENIS:
Is this a backup system? Does it run parallel to the existing system so it can take over in the event of disaster?

MR. STEFANI:
The existing equipment is a series of blade servers that feed our virtual server infrastructure. Those are all aging and need to be replaced, but we would move the existing set to our disaster recovery site as a backup for a future emergency.

CHAIR BROOKS:
I will close the hearing on S.B. 431 and open the hearing on S.B. 436.

SENATE BILL 436: Repeals the prospective expiration of a provision revising the distribution of certain money collected from certain administrative assessments. (BDR S-1138)

MR. MYLER:
This budget implementation bill removes an expiration date to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 176.059. The statute allocates a portion of certain administrative assessments to the Office of Court Administrator in support of the Judicial Branch budgets.

In the 2019-2021 biennium, in order to establish healthy reserves in some struggling budget accounts, we adjusted some of the percentages. The statute has an expiration date of June 30, 2021. We built our 2021-2023 biennial budget based on the percentage splits in place in the 2019-2021 biennium. By repealing the prospective expiration, our budgets will function as needed.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 436 and open the hearing on S.B. 432.

SENATE BILL 432: Makes appropriations to and authorizes expenditures by the Office of the Military for maintenance projects at certain facilities and the replacement of computer hardware and software, certain equipment and shop tools. (BDR S-1124)

CHERYL TYLER (Administrative Services Officer, Office of the Military):

Senate Bill 432 requests appropriations and authority for expenditures for the Office of the Military. Section 1 requests \$530,024 in General Fund appropriations and \$741,824 in federal authority for maintenance projects at Nevada National Guard facilities throughout the State.

Projects include reconditioning water tank storage, sidewalk addition, covered patio replacement, design and installation of a loading dock, flooring replacement, remodeling restrooms and replacing break area shade structures.

Section 2 of S.B. 432 requests \$39,750 in General Fund appropriations for replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 3 requests \$43,180 in General Fund appropriations and \$84,872 in federal authority for the replacement of equipment and shop tools.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 432 and open the hearing on S.B. 433.

SENATE BILL 433: Makes appropriations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for maintenance and repairs and the replacement of certain equipment at certain facilities operated by the Division that provide mental health services. (BDR S-1121)

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JoANN MALAY (Deputy Administrator, Clinical Services and Mental Health, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services):

Senate Bill 433 makes appropriations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for maintenance, repairs and equipment for the civil and forensic hospitals and outpatient clinics within the Division.

These appropriations will enable our hospitals to meet State and federal certification requirements and accreditations. With the exception of the elevator at Stein Forensic Hospital, all other requests are from the State Public Works Department's Facility Conditional Analysis.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 433 and open the hearing on S.B. 434.

SENATE BILL 434: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the construction of a medical school at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-1064)

SUSAN BROWN (Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor):

Senate Bill 434 makes a \$25 million appropriation to the Governor's Office of Finance (GFO) Special Appropriations Account to provide funds to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Medicine for the construction of a medical school building.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

We just received guidance from the federal government on spending funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. Much of it is related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Expanding our healthcare pipeline is critical to responding to healthcare emergencies. Are ARP funds at all available for a project like this?

DAVID FROMMER (Associate Vice President, Planning, Construction and Real Estate, University of Nevada, Las Vegas):

It is my understanding the funds from any of the pandemic related bills are not available to support capital construction costs.

PAUL MORADKHAN (Vegas Chamber):

The Vegas Chamber supports S.B. 434. The Chamber commends Governor Steve Sisolak for emphasizing the importance of the economic impact the UNLV Medical School building will have in southern Nevada. It is good fiscal policy.

KELLY CROMPTON (City of Las Vegas):

The City of Las Vegas supports S.B. 434. The Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV is a pillar of the medical district in downtown Las Vegas. This appropriation is vital in bringing economic development to that area.

GREGORY SCHRECK:

I am a student at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV. I support S.B. 434.

I have seen firsthand how the high-quality care we offer to patients makes a difference in their lives. Patients have medical care available at the academic level, which is the cutting edge of medicine, the newest techniques, the newest therapies and the newest medications. To have that access of care can truly make a difference in outcomes. I have seen it in our partnership with University Medical Center and Sunrise Hospital, but we can expand that to the entire valley.

Like many large cities, with your help we can have a robust academic health system that offers the highest level of care to all.

FADI AZAR:

I am a student at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV. I support S.B. 434, which allocates funding for the completion of the Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building.

I was born and raised in Las Vegas. I graduated from the Clark County School District, attended UNLV for my undergraduate education, and I now have the privilege of working towards my dream of becoming a physician at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV, my hometown medical school. I never thought I would say those words growing up, but I am so grateful that I now can.

I have watched Las Vegas and Nevada grow and evolve throughout my life, and this is one of the most important developments in our State's pursuit of becoming a national leader in health care. The Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building will serve as a cornerstone for medical innovation in southern Nevada. Not only will it act as a hub for research and education that will push health care in this city to new heights, it will also aid in the State's ability to attract innovators and retain homegrown talent to serve southern Nevada. Our community has some of the best and brightest students and physicians, and a world class facility is what it takes to ensure that those individuals contribute to the advancement of health care in Las Vegas and throughout Nevada.

I am still unsure of what specialty my medical career will be focused on, but I know I want to spend my career giving back to southern Nevada, the home that has molded me into who I am, and I would love for that to be at the new home of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV.

Thank you for your time, and I urge your support of S.B. 434.

NICOLE TOUZARD:

I am a third year student at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV. I am in support of S.B. 434.

On our first day of medical school, we were told we would learn as much from our peers as we would from our teachers and mentors. I have found this to be especially true in this program. The caliber of the students and the range of backgrounds and experiences really reflects what this State and what Las Vegas has to offer. The administration has done an amazing job in representing our community, and it makes it so much easier to connect with patients when this is the case. Something as simple as being able to say to a patient, "Oh yeah, I ran track at your high school a few times," or "I remember when Summerlin did not exist too," or being able to warn someone new in town that getting into a car here in the summer is a whole different ball game, can make all of the difference in gaining trust and building rapport. All of these factors are crucial in helping our communities because we know them. This is the difference investing in UNLV can make.

This city has only grown over the years; however, our healthcare systems have not always been able to meet the demand and needs of Las Vegas. Years ago, when I was looking for opportunities to shadow physicians over summer breaks,

it was next to impossible. Having a medical building and school enmeshed in the city will help future students gain experience at all the stages of pursuing a medical career. I have friends tell me about having to go out-of-state to receive certain treatments or see specific specialists. By having a building that offers a robust and competitive curriculum, we will draw in and even cultivate the many researchers and providers Las Vegas needs.

There are so many issues making our Country's healthcare system convoluted and inefficient. We should not wait for solutions to trickle in from other states. Let us create the pioneers who will find the solutions to these problems. A medical building that will double our current class size is a crucial step towards developing how we impact the future.

Thank you all for your time this evening, and I urge your support of S.B. 434.

MARC KAHN (Dean, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, University of Nevada, Las Vegas):

I support S.B. 434. I cannot say it any better than the students you have heard from tonight. They have encapsulated why this is important.

We are here to care for our community, both by providing health care as well as providing economic diversity. This building will be the face of our school and the creation of future doctors for our community.

Thank you and I urge your support for S.B. 434.

MAUREEN SCHAFER (President, Nevada Health and Bioscience Corporation):

The Nevada Health and Bioscience Corporation has been charged with the responsibility of delivering this project to the School of Medicine and to the broader community. I support S.B. 434.

It has been a long journey getting to this place. To echo Dean Kahn's comments, the students could not have stated their commitment to the UNLV School of Medicine any better.

I know this Medical Education Building is based in southern Nevada, but it is building on the academic medicine mission for the entire State of Nevada.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 434 and open the hearing on S.B. 435.

SENATE BILL 435: Makes appropriations to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the costs associated with the replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System with the Enterprise Resource Planning System and furnishings for the operations center for the System. (BDR S-1052)

PAUL NICKS (Director, Office of Project Management, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor):

Senate Bill 435 provides for the continued funding of the replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System and furnishings for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Center of Excellence Operating Center.

Sections 1 and 2 cover the General Fund and Highway Fund split for the replacement of the system and the data cleansing and integration funding. During the budget closing, these items were identified to be removed from our base budget and added to the one-shot appropriations. Sections 3 and 4 covers the funding for the furnishings for the Center of Excellence using the same General Fund/Highway Fund split.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 435 and open the hearing on S.B. 444.

SENATE BILL 444: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for an unanticipated decrease in revenues for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. (BDR S-1054)

HEIDI HAARTZ (Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, Department of Education):

Senate Bill 444 requests a supplemental appropriation to the Distributive School Account (DSA) totaling \$268,433,822 due to decreases in revenues in the 2019-2021 biennium.

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These funds are necessary for the Department of Education to fulfill its monthly payments to Nevada's school districts and charter schools for the duration of FY 2020-2021.

HAWAH AHMAD (Clark County Education Association):

The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) represents over 18,000 licensed educators and is the largest independent teacher association in the Country. We engage in bipartisan advocacy to advance public education in Nevada. The CCEA is in support of S.B. 444.

For years, the Nevada Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12) education system has been underfunded. In Clark County, educators have always tried to do their best with the resources available to provide their students the best quality education possible. Year after year however, our educators have seen how the lack of funding has negatively impacted their students' education. The Covid-19 pandemic brought these issues to the forefront by spotlighting students' learning conditions including the lack of resources, textbooks and the largest class sizes in the Nation. Then came the Special Sessions' deductions and revenue decreases. Fast forward to this Legislative Session where we are in the midst of implementing Nevada's first pupil-centered funding plan.

The first step in our goal to reaching the national average for per-pupil spending came in the Commission on School Funding's recommendations recommending restoration of 2020-2021 budget cuts. For that reason, CCEA is in support of the prescribed budget restoration amount to the DSA in S.B. 444. However, restoration alone will not get us to our goals.

The Commission on School Funding's April 23, 2021, report suggests four plans to gradually increase revenue to put our students first and fund education in Nevada. However, we are without new revenue to fund the plan at this time. The Association understands that to pass new revenue to fund the pupil-centered funding plan, we need a bipartisan effort led by the Governor, and we are cautiously optimistic that can still happen. However, the first step cannot be the last. We need to use the funds we are receiving from the ARP to strategically invest in our hardest hit communities, families and students. We

also need new, ongoing revenue to fund our K-12 education system. This can happen this Session. We stand ready to work with the Legislature, Governor, and the gaming and mining industries to find a solution.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 444 and open the work session, starting with S.B. 444.

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst):

Senate Bill 444 makes a supplemental appropriation to the DSA for an unanticipated decrease in revenue for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year. The bill was heard today and presented by Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent at the Department of Education. Deputy Haartz testified the funds are necessary for the Department to fulfill the monthly payments to school districts and charter schools for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Hawah Ahmad from CCEA provided testimony in support. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 444.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 154 makes changes related to Medicaid coverage of certain treatments administered at institutions for mental diseases.

SENATE BILL 154 (1st Reprint): Makes changes related to Medicaid coverage of certain treatments administered at institutions for mental diseases.
(BDR 38-451)

The bill is sponsored by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on behalf of the Legislative Committee on Health Care. The bill was heard on April 23.

Senate Bill 154 requires DHHS to apply for a waiver from the federal government to receive federal funding for coverage of the treatment for substance use disorder of a person in an institution for mental disease (IMD). The bill authorizes the Department to apply for a similar waiver to treat adults with serious mental illness or children with severe emotional disturbance in an IMD.

Senator Ratti presented S.B. 154. She testified the bill would allow the State to request a waiver from the IMD exclusion rule, so individuals with serious mental illness or substance abuse disorders do not end up receiving treatment in hospitals and emergency rooms.

DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator with the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, testified the bill will save money; however, there is an administrative cost to apply for the waiver. Deputy Young testified there are about 40 other states that have or are in the process of requesting an IMD waiver.

Jeanette Belz, representing the Nevada Psychiatric Association, testified in support, as did Robin Reedy with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Nevada and Sarah Adler from Vitality Unlimited and New Frontier Treatment Center.

There was no testimony in opposition or neutral. There are no amendments. There is a fiscal note, which will be updated. The updated fiscal note will require back language in the Appropriations Act to allow a transfer between budgets. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

DUANE YOUNG (Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services):
The original fiscal note had three components, all in budget account (B/A) 101-3158.

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The contractual costs have been removed in our updated fiscal note, as they will be covered by another nonfederal source of funding through the DHHS.

The actuarial costs of \$30,000 are removed from the updated fiscal note. Because the effective date is July 1, 2021, we thought we would have to do a midyear recertification for rates. But that is the time frame we must apply for the waiver, not the actual implementation of the waiver, so we can include that at our top-of-year analysis of the rates and can remove it from the fiscal note.

The only remaining cost on the updated fiscal note is \$49,000 for system costs. Mr. Thorley pointed out that we have requested back language in the Appropriations Act that would allow the Division to upfront the \$49,000 cost through its enhanced hours built into our base budget and then use the savings from the implementation of this bill to transfer from B/A 101-3243 back into B/A 101-3158.

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MR. THORLEY:

Similar language has appeared in prior Appropriation Acts. Assembly Bill No. 543 of the 80th Legislature was the Appropriations Act. Section 79 of that bill included similar language.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 154 WITH THE INCLUSION OF BACK LANGUAGE IN THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT AS DESCRIBED BY FISCAL STAFF.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 158 revises requirements to receive assistance from the Kinship Guardianship Assistance program (KinGAP).

SENATE BILL 158 (1st Reprint): Revises requirements to receive assistance from the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. (BDR 38-504)

The bill was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on behalf of the legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice and was heard on May 3.

Senate Bill 158 revises the conditions that must be met for a child's relatives to receive assistance through the KinGAP to include a determination by a child welfare agency that returning home or adoption are not appropriate permanency options for the child. The bill was presented by Senator Ohrenschall, who testified the intent of the bill is to help children in foster care be placed with relatives and to bring State law in line with federal law so Title IV-E of the Social Security Act stipends can be used for KinGAP.

Bailey Bortolin, representing the Nevada Coalition of Legal Service Providers, testified that with the bill, Nevada law will mirror federal law. This will ensure that every Nevada family eligible to receive federal funding under the program receives it. Kathryn Roose, Deputy Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, DHHS, confirmed the bill, as amended, no longer has a fiscal impact on the Agency.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 158.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

Our next bill is S.B. 390. I will accept a motion to rerefer it to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

SENATE BILL 390 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to behavioral health. (BDR 39-635)

SENATOR RATTI MOVED TO REREFER S.B. 390 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ALEX HAARTZ (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst):
Senate Bill 410 was heard on April 22. This bill makes an appropriation of \$18,643,998 of General Funds to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, which is located within the Records, Communications and Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The intent of the appropriation is to continue the modernization program for the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System.

SENATE BILL 410: Makes an appropriation to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History within the Records, Communications and Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety for the modernization program for the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System. (BDR S-1132)

The bill was presented by Mindy McKay, Administrator, Records, Communications and Compliance Division. Fiscal staff has reviewed S.B. 410 and has not identified any concerns. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 410.

SENATOR HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 411 was heard on April 22. This bill makes an appropriation to the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) and the Investigation Division of the DPS for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

SENATE BILL 411: Makes appropriations to the Division of Parole and Probation and the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1130)

Section 1, presented by Chief Tom Lawson of the DPP, makes a General Fund appropriation of \$313,157 to the DPP. Section 2, presented by Chief Patrick Conmay of the Investigation Division, makes a General Fund appropriation of \$66,384 to the Investigation Division.

Fiscal staff has reviewed the bill and has no concerns.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 411.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 412 was heard on April 22. This bill makes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Agriculture for new laboratory equipment and maintenance contracts.

SENATE BILL 412: Makes an appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for new laboratory equipment and maintenance contracts related to veterinary medical services. (BDR S-1128)

The bill was presented by Doug Farris, Division Administrator of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture. The bill appropriates \$53,550 for the livestock testing lab. Fiscal staff has reviewed the information and has not identified any concerns. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 412.

SENATOR HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 413 was heard on April 22 and makes an appropriation to the Nevada Gaming Control Board for the continuing costs of replacement of its information system.

SENATE BILL 413: Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Gaming Control Board for the continuing costs of replacement of its information system.
(BDR S-1127)

Section 1 of S.B. 413 makes an appropriation of \$5,409,619 to continue the Gaming Control Board's Alpha migration system project. Michael Morton of the Gaming Control Board presented the bill.

Fiscal staff has reviewed the appropriation and finds it consistent with prior appropriations made by prior legislatures. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 413.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 414 was heard on April 21 and makes an appropriation of \$2,943,463 to the Department of Taxation for the continuing costs of the modernization of the Unified Tax System.

SENATE BILL 414: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the continuing costs of the modernization of the Unified Tax System as part of Project MYNT. (BDR S-1119)

Melanie Young, Executive Director, Department of Taxation, presented the bill, including the purpose and status of the modernization project, which is at the request for proposal phase. Fiscal staff has reviewed the bill and has not identified any concerns. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 414.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 415 was heard on April 21 and makes an appropriation of \$622,364 to the Department of Taxation to fund the relocation and consolidation of the two offices in the Las Vegas Valley. One office is in Henderson, and the other is at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building.

SENATE BILL 415: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the relocation and consolidation of the two offices in the Las Vegas Valley into one office in southern Nevada. (BDR S-1118)

The Department of Taxation testified that costs have increased and an amendment would be needed to increase the appropriation by \$10,490 for a total appropriation of \$632,854.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 415 WITH AN INCREASE OF \$10,490 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION OF \$632,854.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 416 was heard on April 21 and makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

SENATE BILL 416: Makes appropriations to the Department of Taxation for the replacement of computer hardware and software and printers.
(BDR S-1117)

Section 1 appropriates \$146,822 for the replacement of computer hardware and software Section 2 appropriates \$68,912 for the replacement of printers.

Proposed Amendment No. 3304 ([Exhibit B](#)) adds section 3, appropriating \$259,743 for the replacement of information technology hardware. When presenting the bill, the Department testified that this amount was correct. [Exhibit B](#) adds section 4, appropriating \$40,032 for the replacement of printers.

Fiscal staff has not identified any concerns with the bill, and it becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
S.B. 416 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3304.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 418 was heard on April 21 and makes an appropriation to the Budget Division of the GFO for the continuation of the Nevada Executive Budget System (NEBS) upgrade project.

SENATE BILL 418: Makes an appropriation to the Budget Division of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the continuation of the Nevada Executive Budget System upgrade project. (BDR S-1059)

The bill was presented by Tiffany Greenameyer, Deputy Director, GFO, and makes an appropriation of \$422,000 to fund the NEBS upgrade through the 2021-2023 biennium. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 418.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 425 was heard on May 5 and makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Internal Audits of the GFO for an unanticipated shortfall related to payroll. The shortfall was partly related to budget reduction measures taken during the Thirty-first Special Session.

SENATE BILL 425: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Internal Audits of the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for an unanticipated shortfall related to payroll. (BDR S-1053)

The supplemental appropriation is \$76,807 and S.B. 425 is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 425.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 426 was heard on May 5 and makes an appropriation to the GFO as a loan for the replacement of the content management and portal platform.

SENATE BILL 426: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor as a loan for the replacement of the content management and portal platform. (BDR S-1115)

The appropriation is for \$1,784,500. This is a loan that must be repaid to the General Fund. Loan repayments would begin in fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 and be completed by the end of FY 2026-2027. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 426.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 427 was heard on May 5 and makes various appropriations to the Division of Child and Family Services of DHHS for deferred maintenance projects at various facilities.

SENATE BILL 427: Makes appropriations to the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for deferred maintenance projects at certain facilities. (BDR S-1123)

The total appropriation is \$766,561. Section 1 of S.B. 427 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$145,790 for deferred maintenance projects at Summit View Youth Center. Section 2 appropriates \$56,969 for deferred maintenance projects at the Caliente Youth Center. Section 3 appropriates \$129,908 for deferred maintenance projects at the Nevada Youth Training Center, and section 4 appropriates \$433,894 for deferred maintenance projects at the Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services Campus. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 427.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 428 was heard on May 5 and makes appropriations to the Nevada Highway Patrol of the DPS for the replacement of vehicles and motorcycles and certain equipment.

SENATE BILL 428: Makes appropriations to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of vehicles and motorcycles and certain equipment. (BDR S-1129)

The total appropriation is \$12,904,978 from the Highway Fund. Section 1 of S.B. 428 appropriates \$10,433,390 for the replacement of fleet vehicles and associated special equipment. Section 2 appropriates \$278,772 for the replacement of fleet motorcycles and associated special equipment. Section 3 appropriates \$400,750 for oral fluid mobile analyzers and cartridges to be used for drug-related offenses. The bill language in Section 3, line 20 reads "alcohol-related" and the Highway Patrol has requested a conceptual amendment to change "alcohol-related" to "drug-related."

Section 4 of S.B. 428 appropriates \$1,211,984 for the replacement of mobile data computer tablets. Section 5 appropriates \$238,989 for equipment items for the Division's multidisciplinary investigation and reconstruction teams which is related to accident investigations. Section 6 appropriates \$143,043 for the replacement of printers and associated mobile adapters, and section 7 appropriates \$198,050 for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 428 WITH THE LANGUAGE CHANGE SPECIFIED BY FISCAL STAFF.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Senate Bill 429 was heard on May 5 and makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General for a projected shortfall related to extradition costs.

SENATE BILL 429: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General for a projected shortfall related to extradition costs. (BDR S-1146)

The amount of the supplemental appropriation is \$350,254 in General Fund appropriations. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 429.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 431 was heard today and makes appropriations to and authorizes expenditures of money by the Nevada Supreme Court for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

The bill was presented by Todd Myler, Manager of Budgets, and Rick Stefani, Chief Information Officer, Supreme Court of Nevada. Mr. Stefani testified the appropriation will replace equipment that is at end-of-life and enhance the Court's disaster recovery plan. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 431.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 432 was heard today and makes appropriations to and authorizes expenditures by the Office of the Military for maintenance projects at certain facilities and the replacement of computer hardware and software, certain equipment and shop tools.

The bill was presented by Cheryl Tyler, Administrative Service Officer, Office of the Military. She described the various projects and purchases that will be funded by the appropriation. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 432.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 433 was heard today and makes appropriations to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the DHHS for maintenance and repairs and the replacement of certain equipment at certain facilities operated by the Division that provide mental health services.

The bill was presented by JoAnn Malay, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, DHHS. She explained the bill includes appropriations for maintenance and repairs at hospitals and outpatient clinics and will help the Agency maintain its federal and State accreditations. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 433.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 434 was heard today and makes appropriations to the GFO for the construction of a medical school at UNLV.

Susan Brown, Director, GFO, presented the bill and explained the purpose of the appropriation. Testimony was also given that ARP funds would not be available for project costs.

There was various testimony offered in support of S.B. 434: Paul Moradkhan representing the Vegas Chamber, Kelly Crompton representing the City of Las Vegas, Dean Kahn of the School of Medicine, Maureen Schafer of Nevada Health and Bioscience Corporation and various students from the School of Medicine. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 434.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 435 was heard today and makes appropriations to the GFO for the costs associated with the replacement of the Advantage Financial and Human Resources System with the ERP System and furnishings for the operations center for the System.

Paul Nicks, Director of the Office of Project Management, presented the bill. He explained the bill contains both General Fund and Highway Fund appropriations

for the ERP System and that the funding for these items were removed from the SMART21 base budget and added to this one-shot appropriation bill.

General Fund appropriations are \$23,567,659 and Highway Fund appropriations are \$5,615,901. Section 3 of S.B. 435 includes General Fund appropriations of \$32,055 for the costs of furnishings for the Center of Excellence, and section 4 includes Highway Fund appropriations of \$7,519 for those furnishings. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 435.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 436 is not a one-shot or supplemental appropriation bill. It is a budget implementation bill and was heard today. The bill repeals the prospective expiration of a provision revising the distribution of certain money collected from certain administrative assessments.

The bill was presented by Todd Myler, Manager of Budgets for the Supreme Court of Nevada. He testified that S.B. 436 continued the reallocation of the percentages of administrative assessment fees adopted by the Eightieth Legislature. It will remove the sunset currently in law and make the reallocation of percentages permanent. The budgets for the Judicial Branch were closed in accordance with the percentage splits in this bill. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 436.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the work session and open the meeting to public comment.

CHRIS DALY (Nevada State Education Association):

The Nevada State Education Association (NSEA) has been the voice of Nevada educators for over 120 years.

In recent years, there has been a great deal of discussion about the shortcomings of the Nevada Plan. The NSEA agrees that no school funding plan is perfect especially when chronically underfunded. Backers of the new school funding formula like to point out the Nevada Plan is over 50 years old. While this is certainly a good talking point, S.B. 444 shows one thing the Nevada Plan has gotten right for over 50 years—basic support guarantee per pupil. In this case, due to impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, local revenues came in \$268 million lower than projected, and the Nevada Plan ensured this shortfall is backfilled by the State.

This does not mean the per-pupil amount set last Session or the figure currently being contemplated in this Session is enough—it most certainly is not. In fact, last month the Commission on School Funding issued preliminary recommendations to the Legislature that school funding needed to increase by over \$2 billion per year over the next 10 years just to reach adequate levels. Unfortunately, so far this Session, we have seen little movement to advance the new revenue necessary to meet the charge made by the Funding Commission.

Ultimately, the level of funding dedicated to public schools is more critical than the plan used to distribute those funds. Nevada's chronic underfunding of schools has been the biggest issue with the Nevada Plan, and it will continue to be the biggest issue under the new funding formula.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

Seeing no further public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Williams,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Chris Brooks, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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	A	1		Agenda
S.B. 416	B	1	Alex Haartz / LCB	Proposed Amendment No. 3304