# MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

# Eighty-first Session May 28, 2021

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Chris Brooks at 8:12 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021, Online and in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</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 Nicole J. Cannizzaro

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop

Senator Ben Kieckhefer

Senator Pete Goicoechea

Senator Scott Hammond

Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert

# **GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Dallas Harris, Senatorial District No. 11
Senator Melanie Scheible, Senatorial District No. 9
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Assembly District No. 27
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Assembly District No. 35
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong, Assembly District No. 6

# **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst Melodie Swanson, Committee Secretary

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Sean Sever, Administrator, Division of Management Services and Programs, Department of Motor Vehicles

Rusty McAllister, Advisory Council, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry; Executive Secretary Treasurer, Nevada State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

DuAne Young, Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services

Lisa Swearingen, Chief, Eligibility and Payments, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services

Connor Cain, Hospital Corporation of America

Jamie Rodriguez, Government Affairs Manager, Washoe County

Jennifer Richards

Joanna Jacob, Government Affairs Manager, Clark County

Cari Herington, Executive Director, Nevada Cancer Coalition

Helen Foley, American Heart Association

Susan Fisher, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Paul Moradkhan, Vegas Chamber

Kent Ervin, Nevada Faculty Alliance

Doug Unger, Nevada Faculty Alliance

Andy Donahue, Southern Nevada Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust

Randy Soltero, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Richard McCann, Executive Director, Nevada Association of Public Safety Officers

Alex Ortiz, Clark County

Tom Clark, Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

I will open the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 477.

ASSEMBLY BILL 477: Revises provisions relating to off-highway vehicles. (BDR S-1097)

SEAN SEVER (Administrator, Division of Management Services and Programs, Department of Motor Vehicles):

<u>Assembly Bill 477</u> is a budget clean-up bill allowing the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to transfer funds provided for the off-highway vehicle (OHV) program implementation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for continued OHV related purposes.

The DMV was given \$500,000 in startup funds for the OHV program during the Seventy-fifth Legislative Session, and budget account (B/A) 101-4749, the Revolving Account for the Assistance of the Department, was created to receive the funds and track expenditures. The DMV has since completed the implementation of the OHV program and has been carrying the remainder of the funds in that account forward at the end of each fiscal year.

The DMV is proposing to dissolve this budget account and move the funds to the DCNR Account for Off-Highway Vehicles budget account B/A 101-4285.

**INFRASTRUCTURE** 

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

<u>DCNR - Account for Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)</u> — Budget Page DCNR-34 (Volume III)

Budget Account 101-4285

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

What is the amount of the unexpended funds?

Mr. Sever:

The balance is a little over \$26,000.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 477 and open the hearing on A.B. 482.

ASSEMBLY BILL 482 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to state business licenses. (BDR 7-1144)

RUSTY MCALLISTER (Advisory Council, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry; Executive Secretary Treasurer, Nevada State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations):

The Industrial Relations Advisory Council in the Department of Business and Industry (B&I) is notified each quarter of businesses that have been fined for the failure to carry Unemployment or Workers' Compensation Insurance. Every quarter, the Council has to approve a list of debts to the State to be written off as uncollectable. Many of these businesses continue to operate even though the

State is writing off debt. In the first quarter of 2021, the list of debts to write off totaled more than \$20 million.

Assembly Bill 482 provides for the State Controller to suspend or refuse to renew a license for a business that owes penalties to the State.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

What is the State Controller's and the Secretary of State's (SOS) position on A.B. 482?

## MR. MCALLISTER:

The SOS suggested an amendment which was incorporated in the first reprint. The amendment provided for the business license to be suspended until the debt was resolved or a payment schedule agreed upon. The amendment was a product of collaboration between the State Controller, SOS and the B&I Division of Industrial Relations.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 482 and open the hearing on A.B. 189.

ASSEMBLY BILL 189 (2nd Reprint): Expands Medicaid coverage for certain pregnant women. (BDR 38-130)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MICHELLE GORELOW (Assembly District No. 35):

The goal of <u>A.B. 189</u> is simple—to improve the health of our women and babies. It will meet that goal by providing presumptive eligibility and expanding coverage for lawfully residing pregnant women.

Presumptive eligibility is for women who are uninsured and would normally meet the Medicaid requirement. These women would be allowed to receive care during the time their application is being processed, thus allowing them to receive early prenatal care.

When a woman finds out she is pregnant, usually between six to eight weeks in, she can apply for Medicaid. It takes at least 45 days for Medicaid to approve the application. Early prenatal care is essential, but under the existing structure, the woman has no coverage until she is approximately 13 to 14 weeks pregnant.

Nevada has a preterm birth rate of 10.7 percent, or about 3,800 preterm births each year. The average cost of a preterm birth is \$65,000 to \$75,000.

DUANE YOUNG (Deputy Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services):

The medical costs of the eligibility expansion in  $\underline{A.B.}$  189 for the biennium total \$1.8 million, with \$600,000 being General Fund appropriations. There are additional system and actuarial costs. The total computable over the biennium for both services in the bill is \$1.9 million, with \$713,856 being General Fund appropriations. This amount has been appropriated in the bill on the Assembly side.

LISA SWEARINGEN (Chief, Eligibility and Payments, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services):

Our fiscal note covers required system changes. We would need to build a new portal for the presumptive eligibility piece. The portion of the bill regarding the eligibility of lawfully residing women will also require a system change.

The cost for these medical services is estimated at \$1.5 million. These funds are eligible for a 90 percent match through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), so the General Fund portion of that would be \$150,900.

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

Does that cost apply to future biennia?

#### Ms. Swearingen:

That is a one-time cost to implement system changes.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

If we are disregarding certain eligibility requirements, will we have more eligible people? Will that drive up the medical costs?

## Mr. Young:

Yes. That is what is assumed in the fiscal note. Although this policy involves extra medical costs up front, we anticipate by receiving proper early prenatal care, costs on the back end will see savings.

Right now presumptive eligibility only exists in the hospital. If a woman does not know she is eligible, she may not receive any services until she delivers. Without early prenatal care, the chances are great of that delivery and neonatal care being complicated and therefore costly.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is CMS actively waiving the 5-year rule in section 1, subsection 2?

#### Mr. Young:

A waiver is not required from CMS. It is similar to the exception for children to be covered that was enacted in 2017. It only requires a State Plan Amendment.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

What is the estimated cost for future biennia?

## Mr. Young:

I do not have that readily available, but will provide it to the Committee.

## SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Is there someone in the Division who analyzes and reviews in order to anticipate State Plan updates? It seems we are always chasing the changes rather than anticipating them. These are federal dollars that can be used to help improve access to care.

# Mr. Young:

As the Deputy Administrator of programs, I have teams across medical, behavioral health, pharmacy, direct recipient operations, and long-term services and support. We have a process in which we work with other states, stakeholders and recipients. We develop strategic analysis on the types of services and the needs we would like to add.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this year many things did not make it into our budget. Budgets are prepared far in advance. We have been working with Assemblywoman Gorelow for nearly a year, analyzing potential savings, seeing how other states do things and finally creating the bill you see before you.

## SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I appreciate that. We all want to provide the best access we can and leverage our State dollars for as many federal dollars as possible.

CONNOR CAIN (Hospital Corporation of America):

About 4,500 babies are born each year at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas and 80 percent of those babies are covered by Medicaid. The most vulnerable babies end up at our 72-bed neonatal intensive care unit, which is the largest and most comprehensive in the region.

One of the most significant problems the hospital sees is the lack of prenatal care for many of the moms. We support A.B. 189 because it will lead to better outcomes for moms and babies.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 189 and open the hearing on A.B. 196.

ASSEMBLY BILL 196 (2nd Reprint): Requires courthouses to contain lactation rooms for use by members of the public under certain circumstances. (BDR 1-734)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON (Assembly District No. 27):

<u>Assembly Bill 196</u> requires courthouses to provide lactation rooms as defined by the bill in section 1, subsection 4, paragraph (b). This is about providing members of the public a space to express milk.

The bill also creates a matching grant pool of \$50,000 to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The intent is to help courthouses that may be unable to allocate space to a lactation room to purchase a pod. The pods cost about \$10,000 each.

With the intent to not create a completely unfunded mandate, the State could put in half the money to help these courthouses to purchase the pods. Our research indicates there are three to five courthouses in the State that may have to purchase pods.

# CHAIR BROOKS:

What is the procedure for a courthouse to determine where a pod would go and how does it access the State match?

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

Section 1.5 of <u>A.B. 196</u> lays out the procedure. The AOC does not report to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) like other State agencies. We will trust them to

set up the process for distributing funds. The local courts will have to provide satisfactory proof to the AOC describing the expenditure and the result.

JAMIE RODRIGUEZ (Government Affairs Manager, Washoe County):

We support A.B. 196. The vast majority of Washoe County courts are already in compliance with the bill. We will potentially have to access the matching funds to provide a lactation room for our Incline Justice Court.

#### JENNIFER RICHARDS:

I am a lawyer and a mom. Going back to work after childbirth was difficult for me, especially dealing with the logistics of nourishing my baby safely, comfortably and with dignity.

Assembly Bill 196 will allow jurors, witnesses and other court patrons to come to court knowing they have an appropriate, clean place to pump. There are numerous health benefits to breastfeeding for both mom and baby. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends infants be exclusively breastfed for at least the first six months of life. For moms, nursing can reduce the risk of ovarian cancer, breast cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis.

Despite all these health benefits, at three months postpartum, over 60 percent of women in Nevada are no longer breastfeeding. That is because they face barriers, and A.B. 196 will help reduce those barriers.

JOANNA JACOB (Government Affairs Manager, Clark County):

Clark County is neutral on A.B. 196. We appreciate the amendments giving us the flexibility we will need to implement this bill.

# SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Many of our rural courts are in old buildings. How will that work?

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

Section 1 gives flexibility. If they can find a space that meets the criteria, they can designate it a lactation room. If they cannot and meet the criteria in section 1, then they do not have to. The matching funds for lactation pods can help them. Lactation pods come in three sizes. If the court determines the small pod will fit in their space, they can leverage the matching funds to purchase one.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 196 and the Committee will entertain some bill draft request (BDR) introductions.

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst): The first is BDR S-1176.

<u>BILL DRAFT REQUEST S-1176</u>: Makes appropriations to certain State agencies. (Later introduced as Senate Bill 460.)

This BDR contains appropriations to various State agencies and other organizations. The majority are restoration of budget reductions approved during the budget closing process. The restoration amount generally reflects the amount that was cut from the agency's budget.

Section 1 appropriates \$389,399 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) for community based living arrangement services. This restores a budget reduction.

Section 2 restores \$486,321 from the General Fund in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to the DPBH for the Rural Clinic B/A 101-3648 for psychiatric services.

**HUMAN SERVICES** 

PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

<u>HHS-DPBH - Rural Clinics</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-164 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3648

Section 3 appropriates \$892,500 in fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022 and \$805,000 in FY 2022-2023 to the DHHS Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) for the fiscal incentive program for Washoe County Child Welfare B/A 101-3141. This is also a budget restoration.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

<u>HHS-DCFS - Washoe County Child Welfare</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-31 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3141

Section 4 appropriates \$2.7 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$2.4 million in FY 2022-2023 to DCFS for the Clark County Child Welfare B/A 101-3142.

<u>HHS-DCFS - Clark County Child Welfare</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-34 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3142

Section 5 appropriates \$176,000 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to DPBH for the Problem Gambling B/A 101-3200. This is also a budget restoration.

<u>HHS-DPBH - Problem Gambling</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-148 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3200

Section 6 restores a General Fund appropriation of \$621,707 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to the Account for Family Planning B/A 101-3155 created pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 442.725.

**DHHS DIRECTOR'S OFFICE** 

<u>HHS-DO - Family Planning</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DIRECTOR-19 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3155

Section 7 restores General Fund appropriations of \$64,963 in FY 2021-2022 and \$65,106 in FY 2022-2023 to DCFS for the Children, Youth and Family Administration B/A 101-3145 for the Nevada Partnership for Training contract.

<u>HHS-DCFS - Children Youth & Family Administration</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-7 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3145

Section 8 restores General Fund appropriations of \$76,871 in FY 2021-2022 and \$78,987 in FY 2022-2023 to DPBH for the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services B/A 101-3161 for office space and associated operating costs.

HHS-DPBH - So NV Adult Mental Health Services — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-182 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3161

Section 9 contains General Fund appropriations of \$2.5 million in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to DPBH for the Chronic Disease B/A 101-3220 for vaping prevention activities. This is a restoration of a budget reduction approved by the Thirty-first Special Session.

<u>HHS-DPBH - Chronic Disease</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-97 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-3220

Section 10 contains General Fund appropriations of \$61,205 in FY 2021-2022 and \$63,855 in FY 2022-2023 to DPBH for the Health Care Facilities Regulation B/A 101-3216 for the community-based living arrangement services as a budget restoration.

HHS-DPBH - Health Care Facilities Reg — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-65 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3216

Section 11 restores General Fund appropriations of \$1,089 in FY 2021-2022 and \$2,129 in FY 2022-2023 to DPBH for B/A 101-3216 for replacement equipment.

Section 12 restores General Fund appropriations of \$25,000 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs for the Nevada Humanities program B/A 101-2894.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

<u>Tourism - Nevada Humanities</u> — Budget Page TOURISM-31 (Volume II) Budget Account 101-2894

Section 13 restores General Fund appropriations \$750,000 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to the Department of Education for the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation program in B/A 101-2699.

# **EDUCATION**

## K-12 EDUCATION

Section 14 restores General Fund appropriations of \$213,771 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) for the Cooperative Extension Service B/A 101-2990 for travel and operating costs.

## **NSHE**

NSHE - Cooperative Extension Service — Budget Page NSHE-59 (Volume I) Budget Account 101-2990

Sections 15 and 16 contain General Fund appropriations that are not the result of budget reduction restorations. They are recommendations for new funding.

Section 15 contains General Fund appropriations of \$124,182 in FY 2021-2022 and \$129,272 in FY 2022-2023 to the Legislative Fund for the personnel costs of two new security scanner positions for the Nevada Legislature. Section 16 contains General Fund appropriations of \$302,596 in FY 2021-2022 and \$5,925 in FY 2022-2023 to the Legislative Fund for personnel, travel and operating costs for three new positions for the Nevada Senate.

Section 17 makes a change to NRS 218A.605 allowing for employees of the Senate and the Assembly to be paid an hourly rate and compensated for overtime in the same manner as provided for employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

Section 18 provides for the act to become effective on July 1, 2021. This BDR will be introduced as a Senate bill and referred back to the Committee.

## SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Is there a possibility of trading some of these appropriations for federal dollars? I am looking specifically at sections 2 and 13 because they seem to fit the kind of guidance we are getting for the latest round of federal stimulus funds.

#### MR. THORIFY:

Fiscal staff anticipates there will be a number of General Fund expenditures identified in the budget that will be eligible for reimbursement, once the federal funding is received from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) are received.

I cannot say if these two particular items will qualify for reimbursement, but I can say that there will be General Fund reversions as a result of reimbursements of federal funding.

## **SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:**

Would that process come before IFC?

## Mr. Thorley:

During the Interim, it would go through the IFC process.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I do not recall the budget cut affecting office space for the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services.

## **CHAIR BROOKS:**

I recall subsequent conversations with the DPBH. It stated that while it would not be a significant disruption of services, it would be a significant disruption to the operation of the Agency. Restoring the office space funding will help continuity of operations for the DPBH.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Mr. Thorley indicated the vaping prevention funding in section 9 was originally a budget reduction from the Thirty-first Special Session. Was it excluded from the Executive Budget?

## Mr. Thorley:

The budget reduction took place in the Thirty-first Special Session and there was not a recommendation in the Executive Budget to restore this funding.

# SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Where did the revenue from the tax on vaping created in the Eightieth Session go?

ALEX HAARTZ (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst):

That revenue goes to the General Fund.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

When was the cut made that is being restored in section 13 for the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation?

MR. THORLEY:

The budget reduction was made in the Thirty-first Special Session and was not recommended for restoration in the <u>Executive Budget</u>.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

What are the total General Fund appropriations in BDR S-1176?

## MR. THORLEY:

The total dollar amount in General Fund appropriations is \$9.4 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$8.3 million in FY 2022-2023, for a total of \$17.7 million over the 2021-2023 biennium.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR S-1176.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CANNIZZARO AND RATTI WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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## CHAIR BROOKS:

Fiscal staff will walk us through <u>BDR S-1177</u>.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST S-1177: Makes contingent appropriations and authorizing disbursements relating to certain federal money. (Later introduced as Senate Bill 461.)

# MR. THORLEY:

Section 1, subsection 1, instructs the Chief of the Budget Division of the Office of Finance (GFO) in the Office of the Governor in consultation with the Senate and Assembly fiscal analysts of the LCB Fiscal Analysis Division to calculate, as

soon as possible upon receipt of the \$2.7 billion in federal funds, the lost reduction in general revenue due to the Covid-19 pandemic pursuant to the formula set forth by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It further instructs that, after the calculation is done, the amount determined to be lost revenue be transferred to the State General Fund.

After the transfer to the General Fund, the BDR appropriates \$401 million to the Account to Stabilize the Operation of State Government, also known as the Rainy Day Fund. The \$401 million is the amount that was transferred out of the Rainy Day Fund shortly after the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The bill next calls for an \$11.4 million appropriation to the Legislative Fund for facilities improvements to the Legislative Building, unless a separate bill is otherwise approved by the Eighty-first Legislature.

In section 1, subsection 2, the bill goes through a waterfall list of allocation of ARPA funds. First is \$335 million to repay the loan the State received from the federal government for the Unemployment Compensation Fund under Title XII of the Social Security Act. The second is \$20.9 million for the public health emergency related to the Covid-19 pandemic, including without limitation mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment or other behavioral health services and construction and other capital improvements in public health facilities. The next is an allocation of \$7.6 million to address food insecurity resulting from the negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Last is disbursement for any other purposes authorized for the use of money received under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

Section 2 makes the bill effective upon passage and approval.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

The last sentence in section 1, authorizing "disbursement for any other purposes authorized," seems extremely broad. Would that cover any work program brought to the IFC?

#### Mr. Thorley:

That is Fiscal staff's understanding. The beginning of the BDR instructs the chief of the GFO to allocate Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds in accordance with the provisions of NRS Chapter 353, the State Budget Act. If the allocation exceeded the threshold for a work program through IFC, then it

would have to be approved by the IFC. The broad language is the end of the waterfall.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

Do all the other provisions have to be met before the later provisions can be considered?

## Mr. Thorley:

That is correct.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is the \$401 million going to the Rainy Day Fund the same amount that was transferred out in the Special Session?

## Mr. Thorley:

Yes, that is the amount that was transferred from the Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund in FY 2019-2020.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Is the \$335 million to repay federal loans the currently anticipated loan amount to fund unemployment claims?

## MR. THORLEY:

Yes. The dollar amount of the loan as of a few days ago was between \$332 million and \$333 million. The amount in the BDR was crafted to cover the entire loan amount from the federal government to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

We have had hundreds of millions of dollars plugged into our public health infrastructure through directed funding streams over the past year. How did we land on \$20.9 million for that appropriation?

## Mr. THORLEY:

The \$20.9 million is the total amount of eligible expenditures that Fiscal staff received from DHHS for various items related to the pandemic and not funded elsewhere.

#### SENATOR KIECKHEEER:

Please provide that list to the Committee. I have a similar question about the food insecurity appropriation. There was \$12.5 billion for food security in the ARPA; how did we land on the \$7.6 million?

## MR. THORLEY:

That amount was based on anticipated eligible expenditures that are not in the budget.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does this list only apply to the lost revenue calculation, or does the waterfall apply to all the ARPA money?

## Mr. Thorley:

Section 1, subsection 1, calculates the amount of lost revenue and then transfers that amount to the General Fund. The transfer to the Rainy Day Fund and the Legislative Fund would then come from the General Fund.

The remainder of the bill contains allocations that would not come from the amount identified as lost revenue, but would be made directly from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Do we have an estimate for the lost revenue calculation? I know the calculation is extremely complicated.

#### Mr. Thoriey:

We do not have an estimate at this point. We are still reviewing the formula. We are confident that the minimum amount of lost revenue that we can identify under the formula more than covers the two transfers in the BDR.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does any excess we identify end up in the General Fund?

#### Mr. Thorley:

That is correct. It would be unappropriated, unrestricted General Fund revenue.

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

Will the \$20.9 million for public health and the \$7.6 million for food insecurity come from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery? In all, the State is getting approximately \$7 billion in ARPA funding. The majority is going directly to municipalities, school districts and institutions of higher education, but also to our health and human service agencies, food banks and similar organizations.

Do we have any insight into what additional ARPA funds are going to some of these same entities for similar purposes?

## Mr. Thorley:

The \$2.7 billion that will come from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery is only a portion of the total dollar amount that the State will receive under ARPA. Fiscal staff does not have a complete list of the funding sources at this time. We will put that together and provide it to the Committee.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

You said that DHHS had provided a list of needs to arrive at the allocation for it. Has a similar list been put together for the \$7.6 million to address food insecurity?

MR. THORLEY:

Not that I am aware of.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR S-1177.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will open the hearing on A.B. 256.

ASSEMBLY BILL 256 (1st Reprint): Provides for Medicaid coverage of doula services. (BDR 38-849)

Assembly Woman Shondra Summers-Armstrong (Assembly District No. 6):

<u>Assembly Bill 256</u> will allow for the payment by Medicaid for doula services, which are nonmedical support services to expectant mothers. There is an urgent need for this legislation given the epidemic of maternal mortality, especially among black and brown women. It is important and will save costs in the long run.

Mr. Young:

We projected a savings in B/A 101-3243.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY

<u>HHS-HCF&P - Nevada Medicaid Title XIX</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DHCFP-36 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3243

There is a savings, demonstrated in other Medicaid programs in other states, that when a doula is involved, the mother is more likely to be informed, supported and have a vaginal delivery versus a caesarean section. If a modest 6 percent of women were to take advantage of the services of a doula, we would see savings. The only direct cost is for system changes in B/A 101-3158.

<u>HHS-HCF&P - HCF&P Administration</u> — Budget Page DHHS-DHCFP-14 (Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3158

The back language of <u>A.B. 256</u> allows us to request, at a later date, to transfer the savings in the Medicaid account to our Administration account to cover those system enhancement hours.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I see in the explanation attached to the fiscal note that you are estimating \$350 per doula-assisted birth. How is that calculated?

Mr. Young:

The figure was based on a bundled rate used by Oregon and approved by CMS. The \$350 accounts for six visits in all: some prepartum visits, coaching during delivery and some postpartum visits. The final approval of rates must come from CMS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG:

This was brought to me by a community advocacy group, Make It Work Nevada.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on  $\underline{A.B.\ 256}$  and open a work session, beginning with A.B. 451.

ASSEMBLY BILL 451: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1061)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 451 was heard on May 20. The bill makes an appropriation to the SOS for replacement computer hardware and software. The total appropriation is \$2.5 million. The bill was presented by SOS Barbara Cegavske. Testimony was provided that the funding would replace desktop computers, printers, servers and networking devices. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 451.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

Next up is A.B. 453.

ASSEMBLY BILL 453: Makes an appropriation to the Account for Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related to Asbestos and Other Disabilities. (BDR S-1112)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 453 was presented by GFO Director Susan Brown on May 20. The bill provides funding from the State General Fund for the Treasurer's Office

Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related to Asbestos and Other Disabilities Fund in the amount of \$34,000 for the 2021-2023 biennium projected expenditures. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 453.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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**CHAIR BROOKS:** 

The next bill is A.B. 454.

ASSEMBLY BILL 454: Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account to support the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. (BDR S-1113)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 454 was presented by GFO Director Susan Brown on May 20. The bill makes an appropriation from the State General Fund of \$7,328,366 to the Treasurer's Office Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. There were two callers in support and no testimony in opposition or neutral. This bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 454.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 455.

ASSEMBLY BILL 455: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Controller for the replacement of printers. (BDR S-1114)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 455 was presented by State Controller Catherine Byrne on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$18,848 to the Office of the State Controller for the replacement of check printers. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. This bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 455.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 456.

ASSEMBLY BILL 456: Makes an appropriation to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services for pavement maintenance at the Jones campus of the Desert Regional Center. (BDR S-1120)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 456 was presented by Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division of DHHS on May 20. The bill makes an appropriation from the State General Fund of \$85,750 for pavement maintenance at the Jones Campus of the Desert Regional Center in Las Vegas. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 456.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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**CHAIR BROOKS:** 

The next bill is A.B. 457.

ASSEMBLY BILL 457 (1st Reprint): Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for deferred maintenance projects. (BDR S-1133)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 457 was presented by the DCNR Division of Forestry on May 26. The bill makes an appropriation from the State General Fund of \$637,890 for deferred maintenance projects at various Division locations. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 457.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 458.

ASSEMBLY BILL 458: Makes appropriations to the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry for an upgrade of its licensing software system and the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1134)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 458 was heard on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$693,670 to the B&I Real Estate Division (RED) for an update

to its licensing software system. It also appropriates \$37,654 for the replacement of computer hardware and software. The bill was presented by RED Administrator Sharath Chandra. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 458.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 460.

ASSEMBLY BILL 460: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to restore the school bus program to reimburse transportation costs for public school students to visit state museums. (BDR S-1116)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 460 was presented by Mitch Varney from the Division of Museums and History, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs on May 20. The bill makes an appropriation from the State General Fund of \$100,000 to restore the school bus program to reimburse transportation costs for public school students to visit State museums. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There is a proposed conceptual amendment to increase the appropriation to \$200,000. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means staff has indicated that the intent is to restore the amount that has been approved in prior biennia for this program. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 460 WITH AN ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 461.

ASSEMBLY BILL 461: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General for the cost of replacing standard glass windows and doors with ballistic glass and frames at the Carson City office. (BDR S-1060)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 461 was heard on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$96,000 to the Office of the Attorney General (AG) for the cost of replacing standard glass windows and doors with ballistic glass and frames at the Carson City office. The bill was presented by Jessica Hoban, Chief Financial Officer with the AG's Office. She testified that the windows and doors involved are the ones facing Carson Street. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 461.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 462.

ASSEMBLY BILL 462: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for an upgrade to and reintegration of certain management systems and for replacement cameras, storage area networks and ovens. (BDR S-1126)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 462 was presented by the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) on May 20. The bill makes various General Fund appropriations to the NDOC. Section 1 appropriates \$2,189,808 for the upgrade the Department's Offender Management System. Section 2 appropriates \$1,436,720 for the reintegration of the Offender Sentence Management System into the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System. Section 3 appropriates \$247,012 for replacement cameras and storage area networks. Section 4 appropriates \$102,747 for replacement ovens at the High Desert State Prison. The total amount of the appropriations in the bill is \$3,976,287. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 462.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 464.

ASSEMBLY BILL 464: Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account, the Emergency Account, the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account and the Contingency Account. (BDR S-1051)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 464 was presented by GFO Director Susan Brown on May 20. The bill restores fund balances for various contingency accounts for the 2021-2023 biennium. Section 1 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$3.6 million to the Stale Claims Account. Section 2 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$239,791 to the Emergency Account. Section 3 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$12.1 million to the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account. Section 4 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$13.7 million to the Contingency Account.

In working with the GFO after the bill hearing, there is additional funding the Committee may wish to consider allocating to the Contingency Account related to two items. The Department of Taxation (DOT) will have to issue refunds as a result of a lawsuit. At this point, the DOT is estimating costs at \$267,500 for overtime and related costs for issuing the refunds.

The other item identified by Fiscal staff is an additional \$2.5 million set aside in the reserve portion of the Contingency Account for the Nevada Division of Forestry for access as needed if expenditures on wildfires over the Interim exceed the budgeted amounts.

If the Committee wishes to move forward, it may choose to amend section 4 by adding General Fund appropriations of \$267,500 to the Contingency Account in restricted funds for the DOT and \$2.5 million to the Contingency Account in restricted funds for the Division of Forestry.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 464 WITH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AS DESCRIBED BY FISCAL STAFF.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 465.

ASSEMBLY BILL 465: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the repair and maintenance of the South Fork Dam. (BDR S-1105)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 465 was presented by the State Engineer Adam Sullivan on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,119,308 to the Division of Water Resources B/A 101-4171 for the repair and maintenance of the South Fork Dam. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 465.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS BROOKS AND CANNIZZARO WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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VICE CHAIR DENIS:

The next bill is A.B. 466.

ASSEMBLY BILL 466: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for hepatitis C treatments for offenders and new and replacement medical and dental equipment. (BDR S-1125)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 466 was heard on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$15.8 million to the NDOC for hepatitis C treatments for offenders. In section 2, the bill makes an appropriation for \$196,523 for new and replacement medical and dental equipment at State correctional facilities. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR BROOKS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 466.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 467.

ASSEMBLY BILL 467: Makes appropriations to the Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Nevada Shared Radio System. (BDR S-1131)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 467 was presented by Felicia Denney from the Department of Transportation on May 20. Section 1 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,614,908 for the continuing cost of replacement of the Nevada Shared Radio System. Section 2 makes a Highway Fund appropriation of \$19,398,147 for the same purpose. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 467.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 468.

ASSEMBLY BILL 468: Makes appropriations to various divisions of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the replacement of computer hardware and software and certain other equipment. (BDR S-1135)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 468 was presented by Sean Sever from the DMV and heard on May 20. It makes appropriations to various divisions of the DMV for the

replacement of computer hardware and software and other equipment. All appropriations are from the State Highway Fund.

Section 1 appropriates \$23,677 to the DMV Division of Information Technology for the costs of the replacement of the DUO Digipass security application and one UPS battery backup unit. Section 2 appropriates \$645,078 to the Division of Information Technology for the replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 3 appropriates \$38,916 to the Motor Carrier Division for the costs of the replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 4 appropriates \$561,647 to the Division of Field Services for the replacement of credit card readers, scanners, shredders, facsimile machines and a stylus marking system.

Section 5 appropriates \$61,614 to the Division of Field Services Information Technology for the replacement of barcode scanners. Section 6 appropriates \$745,632 to the Division of Field Services for the replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 7 appropriates \$51,874 to the Division of Compliance Enforcement for the replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 8 appropriates \$42,408 to the Office of the Director for the replacement of computer hardware and software. Section 9 appropriates \$46,888 to the Administrative Services Division for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There is a proposed conceptual amendment from the DMV. Throughout the bill hearings, the DMV has often put fiscal notes on proposed legislation saying the fiscal impact cannot be known until the entirety of the Session legislation is more definite. Now that the DMV has a better idea of which bills will be passed this Session, it has estimated a need for additional master service agreement (MSA) programming hours at a cost of \$615,643. This would be a Highway Fund appropriation in addition to the nine in A.B. 468.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

How many bills is the DMV using for its MSA programming hour estimate?

# MR. THORLEY:

There are eight bills that will require the DMV to use programming hours.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Have we passed them all?

Mr. Thorley:

I do not have that information.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

It would be appropriate in future biennia to have the fiscal notes attached to each piece of legislation so it can be evaluated with accurate information.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I agree. There were zero fiscal notes on eight bills and now, on Day 117 of the Session; we are forced to approve \$615,643 for programming changes. Is the alternative passing <u>A.B. 468</u> without the amended appropriation and forcing the DMV to come to IFC and justify each cost?

#### Mr. Haartz:

There is generally not a large amount placed in the Highway Fund portion of the Contingency Account. In light of the Committee's concerns, Fiscal staff recommends you appropriate the additional amount to IFC for this restricted purpose. The DMV would then have to come before IFC to justify actual need.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED <u>A.B. 468</u> WITH \$615,643 OF ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT HIGHWAY FUND PORTION FOR MSA PROGRAMMING HOURS.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 469.

ASSEMBLY BILL 469: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for a projected shortfall related to credit card processing fees. (BDR S-1145)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 469 was presented by SOS Barbara Cegavske on May 20. The bill makes a supplemental appropriation from the State General Fund of \$549,998 to the SOS for a projected shortfall related to credit card processing fees. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 469.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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**CHAIR BROOKS:** 

The next bill is A.B. 470.

ASSEMBLY BILL 470: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Real Estate

Division of the Department of Business and Industry for a projected shortfall relating to time share filing fees. (BDR S-1147)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 470 was presented by RED Administrator Sharath Chandra on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$481,920 to the RED B/A 101-3823 for a projected shortfall related to time share filing fees. Mr. Chandra testified that time share filing fees were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 470.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 474.

ASSEMBLY BILL 474: Makes an appropriation to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the continuation of the technology modernization project for the child support enforcement program. (BDR S-1122)

## Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 474 was presented by Steve Fisher, Administrator, DHHS Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$17,472,208 to the DWSS for a continuation of the technology modernization project for the Child Support Enforcement Program. The bill also authorizes the expenditure of federal funds of \$34,316,638 over the 2021-2023 biennium for the same purpose. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 474.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CANNIZZARO AND RATTI WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 475.

ASSEMBLY BILL 475: Makes an appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR S-1062)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 475 was presented by GFO Director Susan Brown on May 20. The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$42 million to the Treasurer's Office Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. Director Brown testified that the amount would cover the costs of the Program for the 2021-2023 biennium. Kent Ervin of the Nevada Faculty Alliance testified in support of the bill along with Amanda Brazeau on behalf of NSHE, Sabra Newby on behalf of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and Tyler Heu on behalf of the College of Southern Nevada. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 475.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CANNIZZARO AND RATTI WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 484.

ASSEMBLY BILL 484: Requires the disbursement of certain federal money in certain circumstances to the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation for the upgrade of its unemployment compensation information system. (BDR S-1162)

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 484 was heard in a full Joint Committee meeting on May 24. The bill was presented by Assemblyman Frierson. The bill authorizes the disbursement of \$54 million to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) B/A 101-3268 for purposes of upgrading the unemployment compensation information system if federal money is available for this purpose.

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Director Elisa Cafferata of DETR testified to the need for these funds. Information was presented that the funding would be partially used for immediate short-term needs to stabilize the existing system. There was discussion of system replacement costs, timeframes and progress reports to the Legislature. Two individuals testified in support. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 484.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CANNIZZARO AND RATTI WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 189.

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 189 was presented by Assemblywoman Gorelow this morning. She testified the bill would establish presumptive eligibility for Medicaid for certain pregnant women. DuAne Young with the DHHS Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) provided testimony on the fiscal impact. Lisa Swearingen with the DWSS testified on the costs related to the Division. The Assembly amended the bill to include certain appropriations.

Sections 2.3 and 2.6 of <u>A.B. 189</u> contain General Fund appropriations totaling \$713,836 to the DHCFP for the projected medical service costs associated with the bill and for the information system and actuarial costs. Section 2.9 contains a \$150,900 appropriation to the DWSS for the costs of information system changes and associated training.

Connor Cain, representing the Hospital Corporation of America, testified in support. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2022.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 189.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CANNIZZARO AND RATTI WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 196.

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 196 was presented by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson this morning. This bill requires courthouses to have a lactation room and lays out the requirements defining such a space. Section 1.5 provides that courthouses can apply to the AOC for a grant. Section 1.5 appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund for the purpose of making those grants, which are provided contingent on matching funds from the requesting court.

There were two callers in support and one in neutral. There was no testimony in opposition. Section 1.5 becomes effective on July 1, 2021, and sections 1 and 2 become effective January 1, 2022, to allow time for the lactation rooms to be put into place.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 196.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 477.

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 477 was presented by Deputy Administrator Sean Sever with the DMV this morning. The bill abolishes the DMV Revolving Account for the Assistance of the Department which provided funding to carry out the law relating to OHV titling and registration. The bill requires the State Controller to transfer any unexpended balance in the account to the DCNR B/A 101-4285. Mr. Sever indicated that the balance in the Revolving Account for the Assistance of the Department was slightly more than \$26,000.

There was no testimony offered in support, opposition or neutral. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 477.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 482.

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 482 was presented by Rusty McAllister of the Division of Industrial Relations Advisory Council this morning. The bill requires the SOS to suspend a business license if the State Controller has informed the SOS pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 353C.1965 that the holder of the State business license owes a debt to an agency that has been assigned to the State Controller and the holder has not satisfied the debt or entered into an agreement for the payment of the debt. The bill proceeds to lay out the process by which the SOS shall reinstate the business license.

There was no testimony offered in support, opposition or neutral. There was testimony indicating that in January 2021, the amount of debt proposed to be

deemed uncollectable was \$20 million. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 482.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

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# CHAIR BROOKS:

I will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 460.

**SENATE BILL 460**: Makes appropriations to certain state agencies for certain purposes. (BDR S-1176)

### MR. THORLEY:

<u>Senate Bill (S.B.) 460</u> contains various appropriations from the General Fund to State agencies related to budget reductions. The total General Fund appropriation contained in the bill is \$9.4 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$8.3 million in FY 2022-2023. There were no changes to the BDR.

CARI HERINGTON (Executive Director, Nevada Cancer Coalition):

We support <u>S.B. 460</u>, which will continue our State's efforts to prevent youth vaping.

HELEN FOLEY (American Heart Association):

We support <u>S.B. 460</u>. Last Session, Senator Ratti secured some funding for the prevention of youth vaping, which has become epidemic. One in five Nevada teens currently uses some sort of electronic vapor product. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, prevention funding was omitted from the <u>Executive Budget</u>. We are thrilled the funding is being added back and would like to see it become a permanent part of the State budget.

SUSAN FISHER (American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network):

We strongly support <u>S.B. 460</u>, in particular section 9 of the bill which appropriates \$5 million over the 2021-2023 biennium for education and prevention programs to help Nevadans avoid starting any form of tobacco use.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 460 and open the hearing on A.B. 492.

ASSEMBLY BILL 492: Authorizes and provides funding for certain projects of capital improvement. (BDR S-1172)

## Mr. Thorley:

<u>Assembly Bill 492</u> provides for the implementation of the 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as approved by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, known as the money committees.

The bill includes \$413.1 million in funding for the CIP, \$75 million to launch the State Infrastructure Bank and \$44 million for resource conservation and preservation programs in the State.

The bill includes the following major funding sources to support the programs: \$409.5 million in general obligation bonds; \$45.7 million in agency funds to support NSHE, Department of Wildlife and Department of Administration projects; \$61.9 million in federal funds for the Office of the Military, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Veterans Services, DCNR and Department of Administration projects; and \$14.9 million in State Highway Funds for DMV and Department of Public Safety projects.

PAUL MORADKHAN (Vegas Chamber):

The Vegas Chamber supports A.B. 492, specifically the State Infrastructure Bank funding and the UNLV Engineering Building.

KENT ERVIN (Nevada Faculty Alliance):

We support <u>A.B. 492</u> and appreciate the funding for the UNLV Engineering Building as well as the smaller projects at Great Basin College and the College of Western Nevada.

Doug Unger (Nevada Faculty Alliance):

We strongly support A.B. 492 for the good reasons that have already been mentioned.

# CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 492 and open the hearing on A.B. 493.

ASSEMBLY BILL 493: Provides for compensation of state employees. (BDR-1173)

Mr. Thorley:

There have been some changes since BDR S-1173 was presented.

On page 15 of the bill, line 23, the position of supervisor within the Investigations Division of the Nevada Gaming Control Board was inadvertently omitted from the BDR, as was the position of senior research specialist found on page 16, line 10. The last change is on page 21, line 12. The language in the BDR was "in addition to a 1 percent increase in salary" and has been changed to "in addition to any increase in salary."

Assembly Bill 493 makes General Fund appropriations of \$17.1 and Highway Fund appropriations of \$13.1 million dollars for salary increases for nonclassified, classified and unclassified State employees. For employees not represented by an approved collective bargaining agreement, the salary increase is 1 percent in FY 2022-2023. There is a 3 percent salary increase in FY 2022-2023 for personnel represented by the bargaining units established in NRS 288.515, section 1, paragraphs (a), (e), (f), (i) and (k). The bill includes funding for a 2 percent salary increase in addition to the 1 percent for nonrepresented personnel in FY 2022-2023 for personnel represented by the bargaining units established in NRS 288.515, section 1, paragraph (h). These Category II peace officers will also receive one-time bonus payments in July 2022, with the amount dependent on years of service.

### SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Has there been any analysis of how much compression might happen in the State salary schedule with over 75 percent of employees receiving a 1 percent increase and 25 percent receiving a 3 percent.

Mr. Thorley:

I am not aware of such an analysis.

# SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

If an employee is not in a bargaining unit, will he or she receive a smaller raise than an employee who is represented by a bargaining unit?

Mr. Thorley:

Yes.

# MR. ERVIN:

Assembly Bill 493 awards different cost-of-living adjustments depending on bargaining unit status. Many states with collective bargaining match negotiated pay raises for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. This avoids disparities in the compensation structure and future salary compression.

Under NRS 288, 4,000 State employees and 6,500 NSHE faculty are excluded from negotiating. Under the law, we have no opportunity to bargain. My full comments on this bill are in my submitted pay bill testimony (Exhibit B).

# Mr. Unger:

The disparity in cost-of-living raises from 1 percent to 3 percent is going to create an imbalance. This will have a demoralizing effect on NSHE faculty who do not have collective bargaining rights in statute. The imbalance in compensation will not produce positive results.

Nevada faculty worked our hearts out through the pandemic. We worked through the loss of colleagues, friends and family. We worked through emergency pivots and transitions in how and what we teach, so we could keep providing quality education safely. We have endured salary furloughs. Now we have been handed punishing cuts in health insurance and other benefits.

Meanwhile, the Public Employees Benefits Program has an excess reserve of \$30 million, the State has \$586 million in revenue over projections and will soon receive \$2.7 billion in ARPA funds. Added to this, our salaries have been steadily eroded compared to the cost-of-living, so we now earn 15 percent less than 11 years ago. With a 1 percent raise this biennium, we will be earning 17 percent to 19 percent less by the close of the 2021-2023 biennium.

Little wonder that <u>A.B. 493</u> will produce quantum effects of widespread disillusionment that this government we trusted, and that put its trust in us, has broken that trust. We deserve recovery too. Vote no to A.B. 493.

# CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 493 and open the hearing on A.B. 494.

ASSEMBLY BILL 494: Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriation for the support of the civil government of the State. (BDR S-1170)

## Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 494 is commonly referred to as the Appropriations Act. The General Fund appropriations included in the bill total \$2.9 billion in FY 2021-2022 and \$3.1 billion in FY 2022-2023, for a total of just over \$6 billion for the 2021-2023 biennium. This represents an increase of approximately \$292.3 million over General Fund appropriations approved by the Eightieth Legislature for the 2019-2021 biennium. The funding for K-12 education is provided in a separate bill.

The bill also includes Highway Fund appropriations totaling \$146.7 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$158.7 million in FY 2022-2023, for a total of \$305.4 million over the 2021-2023 biennium. This is an increase of \$41.1 million over the Highway Fund appropriations approved by the Eightieth Legislature for the 2019-2021 biennium.

### SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Are there any policy related decisions in the back language of <u>A.B. 494</u> that were not decided as part of the budget making process?

# MR. THORLEY:

The back language is exactly as it appeared in the BDR that Fiscal staff walked the Committee through on May 26. Section 86 transfers \$97.5 million from the Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund. The transfer was not discussed in any of the money committees, but it was included in the Executive Budget.

MR. MORADKHAN:

The Vegas Chamber supports A.B. 494 and appreciates the allocation for the UNLV Medical School. It will help its mission to support health care in our community.

## CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 494 and open the hearing on A.B. 487.

ASSEMBLY BILL 487: Suspends certain required transfers from the State General Fund to the Account to Stabilize the Operation of State Government during the 2021-2023 biennium. (BDR S-1168)

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 487 is from the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Under NRS, at the close of each fiscal year the State Controller is required to transfer, 1 percent of the total anticipated revenue projected for the current fiscal year by the Economic Forum from the State General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. The bill suspends the transfer for the 2021-2023 biennium.

#### SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

What is the dollar amount of the suspended transfer?

MR. THORLEY:

Approximately \$43 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$46 million in FY 2022-2023 will be retained in the General Fund if <u>A.B. 487</u> passes.

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 487 and open the hearing on S.B. 286.

**SENATE BILL 286**: Revises provisions relating to public employees. (BDR 23-1012)

SENATOR DALLAS HARRIS (Senatorial District No. 11):

The conceptual amendment (<u>Exhibit C</u>) deletes section 2 of <u>S.B. 286</u>, which erases the fiscal note. The amendment adds new provisions pertaining to bailiffs and deputy marshals and their ability to collectively bargain with the local board of county commissioners.

The remaining section, section 1, pertains to supervisory employees and primarily applies to supervisors in the police departments throughout the State. The intent is that section 1 applies only to local governments.

#### SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Will bailiffs and deputy marshals be part of collective bargaining if <u>S.B. 286</u> passes?

#### SENATOR HARRIS:

They will be allowed to collectively bargain with the local government on subjects they are allowed to collectively bargain on. Those areas are the ones not under the courts' control. Any subjects related to their employment that the courts control would not be eligible for collective bargaining.

### SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Bailiffs are hired by judges. Are they still at-will employees?

# **SENATOR HARRIS:**

Yes. Senate Bill 286 does not change their employee status.

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

Are there any fiscal notes on the bill with the conceptual amendment?

#### SENATOR HARRIS:

No.

ANDY DONAHUE (Southern Nevada Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust):

The amended version of <u>S.B. 286</u> does not contain any new fiscal notes. According to the LCB Legal Division, the items that may be bargained for must be mutually agreed upon before any bargaining occurs.

RANDY SOLTERO (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees):

With the conceptual amendment making it clear it pertains only to local government, we support S.B. 286.

#### Mr. Ervin:

The Nevada Faculty Alliance supports <u>S.B. 286</u> because we support the right of public employees in Nevada to collectively bargain with their governing bodies, as we support the right to collectively bargain for NSHE faculty.

RICHARD McCann (Executive Director, Nevada Association of Public Safety Officers):

Section 1, subsection 1, paragraph (a), subparagraph (4), is designed to add a group to the exclusions under NRS 288.138. That group is the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Police Protective Association civilian employees. They employ dispatchers, crime scene investigators, crime analysts, legal assistants and others under a paramilitary command structure. Without the amendment to include these folks, there are certain union groups that are seeking to enlist these employees. Adding these civilian law enforcement support service workers to the bill, they would be exempt under their own paramilitary command structure and can stay in their own bargaining unit without fear of being pulled out as part of a union-busting campaign.

I reiterate previous comments and point out that <u>S.B. 286</u> does not deal with State employees, but only local government employees. For these reasons, we support the bill.

# ALEX ORTIZ (Clark County):

We oppose <u>S.B.</u> 286. We have not had an opportunity to fully review the conceptual amendment. The proposed amendment seeks to overturn some court decisions. The Nevada Supreme Court, in its decision in *City of Sparks v. Sparks Municipal Court*, made it clear that all employees within the court system were court employees and not county employees. If the Legislature has the power to designate bailiffs and marshals as county employees then it would have the power to designate all court employees as county employees. We suspect the courts will object to this.

In a 2014 case before the Government Employee-Management Relation Board, the Board ruled the ultimate effect of the case would be to make the county conclusively responsible for setting certain terms of employment for county employees. The Board has expressed significant concern that making county employees subject to bargaining requirements would tend to infringe on the inherent rights and powers of the courts. For these reasons, we oppose S.B. 286.

TOM CLARK (Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction):

We just received the proposed amendment and have been unable to review it. Historically, the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction have opposed this concept because it blurs the line between the responsibilities of the Executive Branch and the responsibilities of the Judicial Branch.

#### CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on <u>S.B. 286</u> and open a work session. The fiscal impact of S.B. 286 is zero, and I will accept a motion on the bill.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 286 WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DATED MAY 28.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

# SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Although there is no fiscal impact to the State, I am not sure I like the policy. I will vote for it in Committee, but reserve my right to change my vote on the Senate Floor.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS HAMMOND, KIECKHEFER AND SEEVERS GANSERT VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is S.B. 164.

**SENATE BILL 164**: Revises provisions relating to prostitution. (BDR 15-57)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 164 was presented by Senator Melanie Scheible on May 20. There is a Proposed Amendment 3459 (Exhibit D).

SENATOR MELANIE SCHEIBLE (Senatorial District No. 9):

The amendment removes any fiscal impact of <u>S.B. 164</u>. The bill in its original version included an interim study which required funding. The proposed amendment, <u>Exhibit D</u>, does not propose an interim study. Instead, it makes two changes to the statute regarding prostitution. The first change creates

two separate crimes: engaging in prostitution versus soliciting prostitution, creating different crimes for the buyers and sellers. The other change is to update NRS language to change the term "prostitute" to "person."

SENATOR RATTI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 164 WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3459 DATED MAY 28.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is S.B. 460.

Mr. Thorley:

<u>Senate Bill 460</u> was heard earlier today. The bill contains appropriations to various State agencies and other entities that were not included in the Appropriations Act. The bill contains \$17.7 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2021-2023 biennium.

### SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I reserve the right to change my vote on the Senate Floor.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 460.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 487.

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 487 was heard earlier today. The bill suspends the 1 percent transfer from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in the 2021-2023 biennium and is effective upon passage and approval.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 487.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

# SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I will support the bill out of Committee but reserve my right to change my vote.

# SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I will also reserve my right to change my vote on the Senate Floor.

# SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I reserve the right to change my vote on the Senate Floor. I am not sure whether we need to or should do this. I will support it today to get it out of Committee.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CHAIR BROOKS:** 

The next bill is A.B. 492.

Mr. Thorley:

Assembly Bill 492 is the CIP funding for the 2021-2023 biennium and was heard earlier today.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 492.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 493.

Mr. Haartz:

Assembly Bill 493 is the bill that provides for the compensation of State employees and was heard earlier today.

### SENATOR RATTI:

I am struggling with the disparity between the 3 percent raise for some employees and 1 percent for others. I particularly sympathize with the 17 percent of employees who do not have access to collectively bargaining under NRS.

# SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

For the same reason, I will be voting no and reserve my right to change my vote on the Senate Floor.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I echo Senator Kieckhefer's comments.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I will be voting no.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 493.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, KIECKHEFER AND SEEVERS GANSERT VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is A.B. 494.

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 494 is the Appropriations Act and was heard earlier today.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 494.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The next bill is S.B. 267.

**SENATE BILL 267**: Authorizes the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to conduct a study concerning diversity and equality in the workplace. (BDR S-461)

Mr. Thorley:

<u>Senate Bill 267</u> was heard on May 27 and presented by Senator Spearman, who proposed a conceptual amendment, which has since been drafted into Proposed Amendment 3443 (Exhibit E).

Senator Spearman testified that with the proposed amendment, the Department of Taxation would no longer have a fiscal note. Jan Jones Blackhurst testified the bill authorizes UNLV to conduct a study concerning diversity and equality in the workplace. Participation in the survey would be voluntary and the study would be conducted by Black Fire Innovation at no cost to the State.

Director Young of the Department of Taxation confirmed that with the proposed amendment, Exhibit E, there would be no fiscal impact on the Department.

There was no testimony in support or opposition. Jamie Rodriguez, representing Washoe County, testified in neutral, as did Brandi Hairston.

### CHAIR BROOKS:

The proposed amendment, <u>Exhibit E</u>, reflected the conceptual amendment presented by Senator Spearman. I am not sure the amendment fully addressed some of the concerns of the Committee.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 267 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3443 DATED MAY 28.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

## SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Section 3, subsection 2 indicates that the provisions of NRS 360.255 do not apply to any records and files of the Department of Taxation. Those are the confidentiality requirements. It would seem the language as presented says the confidentiality provisions of our tax records do not apply to this data, rather than that they do. For that reason, I cannot support it.

# SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I recognize the importance of collecting this data, but I am also troubled by the confidentiality provision.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, KIECKHEFER AND SEEVERS GANSERT VOTED NO.)

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## CHAIR BROOKS:

Seeing no public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Barbara Williams, Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Senator Chris Brooks, Chair	
DATE:	

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