

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Eighty-first Session
April 20, 2021**

The joint meeting of the Subcommittees on General Government of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Chris Brooks at 8:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Chris Brooks, Chair
Senator Moises Denis
Senator Pete Goicoechea

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Colby Nichols, Program Analyst
Madison Ryan, Program Analyst
Joko Cailles, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nuria Lizeth Elizondo

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CHAIR BROOKS:

The Subcommittees will recommend budget closings for the Department of Business and Industry (B&I).

COLBY NICHOLS (Program Analyst):

We begin with budget account (B/A) 101-4681 on page 3 of General Government Joint Subcommittee Closing List #4 ([Exhibit B](#)).

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

B&I - Business and Industry Administration — Budget Page B & I-15 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-4681

The one major closing issue is the continuation of the B&I Consumer Affairs Unit (CAU) in decision unit E-491.

E-491 Expiring Grant/Program — Page B & I-18

The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of approximately \$685,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022 and approximately \$701,000 in FY 2022-2023 to restore funding for the CAU, which consists of 6.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and their associated costs. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 232.511, the CAU is to sunset at the end of the 2019-2021 biennium. The restoration of the CAU would be contingent on passage of enabling legislation that extends or removes the sunset date.

The CAU saw increased consumer inquiries in FY 2019-2020. The Covid-19 pandemic increased inquiries related to business practices and price inflation. The number of inquiries depends on economic trends. Inquiries previously revolved around telemarketing. Inquiries involving communications companies and internet fraud have increased as technology advanced and web-based communications and shopping grew in popularity.

Several other business categories saw increased inquiries during the pandemic, including inquiries related to home repairs and contracting. The B&I believes this

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increase is due to people spending more time at home and expects these trends will continue into the 2021-2023 biennium. If the CAU is not maintained, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Bureau would pick up its operations. However, the focus of the Office of the Attorney General is generally on large-scale civil and criminal cases. The CAU handles investigations and enforcement for customers who may not have the ability to pursue larger cases in court.

The CAU offers education to vulnerable populations such as seniors in an effort to reduce the number and severity of fraud cases. The B&I is not aware of similar State-provided education programs. The B&I expressed concern its customer base would be negatively impacted by reduced access to information, investigations and complaint resolutions if the CAU is discontinued.

The B&I submitted Bill Draft Request (BDR) 18-1094, which has not yet been introduced as a bill. The intent of this measure is to permanently remove the sunset provision as opposed to extending it.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 18-1094: Eliminates the prospective expiration of the Consumer Affairs Unit of the Department of Business and Industry. (Later introduced as [Senate Bill 447](#).)

The decision for the Subcommittees is whether they wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of \$685,432 in FY 2021-2022 and \$701,038 in FY 2022-2023 for the support of 6.6 FTE positions and the associated costs to continue the CAU, contingent on the passage of BDR 18-1094 or any other enabling legislation that would remove the prospective sunset date for the CAU.

ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT:

Why has BDR 18-1094 not been introduced as of April 20, 2021? If enabling legislation is not passed, what would happen to the monies appropriated in decision unit E-491 in B/A 101-4681?

MR. NICHOLS:

The CAU is fully funded with General Fund monies. Bill Draft Request 18-1094 is a budget implementation bill. The majority of budget implementation bills have

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not yet been introduced. I do not know the timeline of their introductions. Budget implementation bills were introduced relatively late during the Eightieth Session. Any decision the Subcommittees recommend should include a contingency stating decision unit E-491 in B/A 101-4681 would not be implemented if enabling legislation for the CAU's extension is not passed.

ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT:

If enabling legislation does not pass, would decision unit E-491 in B/A 101-4681 not be included in final appropriations?

MR. NICHOLS:

If the Subcommittees add a contingency to its decision, no.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN DECISION UNIT E-491 IN B/A 101-4681 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$685,432 IN FY 2021-2022 AND \$701,038 IN FY 2022-2023 FOR THE SUPPORT OF 6.6 FTE POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS TO CONTINUE THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS UNIT, CONTINGENT ON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF BDR 18-1094 OR ANY OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION EXTENDING OR REMOVING THE STATUTORY SUNSET DATE FOR THE CAU.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. NICHOLS:

Budget account 101-4681 contains five other closing items listed on page 5 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing items 4 and 5 are companion decision units E-500 and E-900 pertaining to the transfer of an information technology (IT) professional position from B/A 245-4130 to B/A 101-4681. Budget account 245-4681 contains a reciprocal decision unit for this transfer.

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E-500 Adjustments – Transfers in E-900 — Page B & I-18
E-900 Transfer from Taxicab Authority to Administration — Page B & I-20

B&I - Taxicab Authority — Budget Page B & I-157 (Volume II)
Budget Account 245-4130

E-900 Transfer from Taxicab Authority to Administration — Page B & I-162

Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 1, 2 and 3 be approved as recommended by the Governor, and that other closing items 4 and 5 be approved contingent on the Subcommittees' future decision on decision unit E-900 in B/A 245-4130. Fiscal staff requests authority to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3 IN B/A 101-4681; TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 4 AND 5 IN B/A 101-4681 CONTINGENT ON THE APPROVAL OF DECISION UNIT E-900 IN B/A 245-2130; AND TO GRANT FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. NICHOLS:
Budget Account 101-4677 begins on page 7 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Office of Business and Planning — Budget Page B & I-9 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-4677

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The B&I Office of Business Finance and Planning administers programs to support the development of Nevada business and industry. This includes advocating for the creation and expansion of small businesses, providing small businesses access to services, conducting referrals within the B&I and assisting with the operations of the Center for Business Advocacy and Services. The Office of Business Finance and Planning is funded entirely through General Fund monies. There are no closing issues associated with B/A 101-4677. Page 8 of [Exhibit B](#) lists two other closing items pertaining to cost allocations.

Budget Account 101-4678 begins on page 9 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - New Markets Performance Guarantee — Budget Page B & I-13 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-4678

Budget Account 101-4678 was established to provide oversight on economic development related to the New Markets Job Act (NMJA) codified in NRS 231A. The purpose of the NMJA is to encourage investments in businesses or nonprofits in low-income areas to encourage economic and community growth. There are no major closing issues for B/A 101-4678. There is one other closing item pertaining to new equipment summarized on page 10 of [Exhibit B](#).

SENATOR GOICOCHEA:

There were significant amounts balanced forward in B/A 101-4678. Are we going to spend those monies?

MR. NICHOLS:

The vast majority of monies balanced forward in B/A 101-4678 are performance guarantees. Qualified development entities are required to hold a certain amount of investments in B/A 101-4678. The Office of Business Finance and Planning Director performs evaluations to ensure entity compliance over the investments' performance periods.

Most of the reserve funds in B/A 101-4678 should not be viewed as part of a standard operating reserve. The money is akin to a performance bond. About \$250,000 is held in B/A 101-4678 during a given bond's performance period. Entities that meet the requirements of the NMJA receive the monies. If the

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entities do not meet the requirements, the monies revert to the General Fund. About \$90,000 of the dollars in B/A 101-4678 are for standard operating reserves. This money is from nonrefundable application fees.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I understand the monies will eventually revert to the General Fund or be spent on new programs.

MR. NICHOLS:

Budget Account 101-4683 begins on page 11 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Private Activity Bonds — Budget Page B & I-23 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-4683

The B&I Director's Office administers the State share of bonding authority—also known as the volume cap—for the issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds. In addition, the B&I Director's Office administers the charter school bond program. Several examples of the bond programs are listed on page 12 of [Exhibit B](#). Budget Account 101-4683 is primarily funded through various application, transfer and processing fees associated with bonding programs. There are no major closing issues or other closing items.

MR. NICHOLS:

Fiscal staff recommends that B/A 101-4677, B/A 101-4678 and B/A 101-4683 be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-4677, B/A 101-4678 AND B/A 101-4683 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND GRANT FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MADISON RYAN (Program Analyst):
Budget account 504-3813 begins on page 15 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Insurance Regulation — Budget Page B & I-37 (Volume II)
Budget Account 504-3813

Budget account 504-3813 is the main budget for the B&I Division of Insurance. The Division of Insurance is responsible for regulating the insurance industry by licensing insurance companies, producers, brokers and other professionals. The Division of Insurance sets ethical and financial standards for insurance companies. Budget account 504-3813 is primarily funded through a combination of interagency transfers, assessments and fees.

There are no major closing issues in this budget account. There are three other closing items identified on page 16 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing item 1 pertains to equipment replacement. Other closing items 2 and 3 pertain to cost allocation adjustments. Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3 IN B/A 504-3813 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. RYAN:

Budget account 210-4680 begins on page 17 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Division of Industrial Relations — Budget Page B & I-65 (Volume II)
Budget Account 210-4680

The B&I Division of Industrial Relations (DIR) is primarily funded through an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund. The DIR is responsible for regulating workers' compensation insurance to ensure injured employees receive the benefits to which they are entitled. The DIR Administrator and support staff positions are funded through B/A 210-4680. The DIR Administrator is responsible for the administration of the duties and functions related to the Division's Occupational Safety and Health Administration Section, Safety Training and Consultation Section, Mechanical Compliance Section, and the Mine Safety and Training Section.

There is one major closing issue in B/A 210-4680, decision unit E-225. It is a proposed statutory and funding source change related to the Governor's recommendation to offset the elimination of fee revenue related to the oversight of employee leasing companies with an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund.

E-225 Efficiency & Innovation — Page B & I-67

The DIR is responsible for licensing and certain regulatory duties of employee leasing companies. These duties were proposed to be transferred to the Division of Insurance through Senate Bill (S.B.) 55. Senate Bill 55 has since been amended to transfer employee leasing oversight to the Office of Labor Commissioner instead.

[SENATE BILL 55 \(1st Reprint\)](#): Revises provisions governing the licensing and regulation of employee leasing companies. (BDR 53-317)

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The Governor recommends that B/A 210-4680 no longer receive monies from the \$500 application fee levied on employee leasing companies. An allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund would be used to offset the subsequent loss in revenue. The transfer would take place so fee revenues could be directed to the B&I Agency that takes up the oversight of employee leasing companies and the associated review of financial statements submitted during the application process.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the approval of an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund of \$114,115 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to offset the elimination of fee revenue related to the oversight of employee leasing companies, which is recommended to transfer to a different agency within the Department of Business and Industry? This recommendation is contingent upon the passage and approval of S.B. 55 or other enabling legislation.

ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT:

If S.B. 55 does not pass, would the monies continue to be received by the Division of Industrial Relations?

Ms. RYAN:

Yes. If S.B. 55 does not pass, the DIR would remain responsible for the regulatory duties of employee leasing companies. Legislation must be passed to change the agency that oversees employee leasing companies.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE AN ALLOCATION FROM THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND SAFETY FUND OF \$114,115 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM IN B/A 210-4680 TO OFFSET THE ELIMINATION OF FEE REVENUE RELATED TO THE OVERSIGHT OF EMPLOYING LEASING COMPANIES, WHICH IS RECOMMENDED TO TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT AGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, CONTINGENT ON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF S.B. 55 OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. RYAN:

There are four other closing items in B/A 210-4680 identified on page 19 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing items 1 and 2 pertain to equipment replacement. Other closing items 3 and 4 pertain to cost allocation adjustments. Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN B/A 210-4680 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO GRANT FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. RYAN:

Budget account 101-3910 begins on page 21 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Division of Mortgage Lending — Budget Page B & I-218 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3910

The Division of Mortgage Lending (MLD) licenses and regulates the mortgage lending industry and safeguards the public's interest in the mortgage lending and escrow industries. Budget account 101-3910 is funded through various fees relating to the mortgage lending industry.

There is one major closing issue that relates to increasing reserve levels in B/A 101-3910. The Executive Budget includes an anticipated ending reserve balance of \$13.9 million by the end of FY 2022-2023. An optimal reserve level would cover 120 days of operating expenditures, equating to approximately \$1.1 million in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium. This is based on expenditures of approximately \$3.2 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$3.3 million in FY 2022-2023.

During the Eightieth Session, legislators expressed concern over the MLD's increasing reserve levels. The MLD tried to address the issue through reducing fees—including the new and renewal Mortgage Loan Originator License fee—over the 2019-2021 interim. The fees considered for readjustment constitute the largest licensing revenues for the MLD. The MLD hoped these fee revisions would reduce reserve levels by the Eighty-first Session. The pandemic and the growth of the mortgage lending industry caused reserve projections to increase for the 2021-2023 biennium.

The Executive Budget projects B/A 101-3910 will contain a reserve sufficient to cover 1,495 days or 4.1 years of FY 2021-2022 expenditure levels and 1,531 days or 4.2 years of FY 2022-2023 expenditure levels. In response to this reserve level, the Subcommittees may wish to recommend issuing a letter of intent directing the MLD to review its fee structure and provide the Interim Finance Committee with a report prior to the commencement of the Eighty-second Session on how the Agency intends to reduce its reserve to a reasonable level.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

There has to be a way to reduce several of the fees being assessed. Four years of operating reserves is excessive. We should address this issue in 2021 instead of waiting until the Eighty-second Session.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I share Senator Goicoechea's concern. While some fees are outlined by statute, I believe most of them are set directly by the MLD. A boom in refinancing and real estate transactions in Nevada swelled the reserve in B/A 101-3910.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING B/A 101-3910 TO PROVIDE THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH A REPORT PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON HOW THE AGENCY INTENDS TO REDUCE ITS RESERVE TO A REASONABLE LEVEL.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. RYAN:

There are four other closing items in B/A 101-3910, identified on page 23 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing item 1 grants additional authority for out-of-state travel expenses. Other closing item 2 is for equipment replacement. Other closing items 3 and 4 pertain to cost allocation adjustments. Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN B/A 101-3910 AND TO GRANT FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. RYAN:

Closing recommendations for the next several budgets can be found on page 43 of [Exhibit B](#). We move to B/A 101-1013. Information on this budget account can be found on page 25 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - NV Attorney for Injured Workers — Budget Page B & I-190 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-1013

The Office of the Nevada Attorney for Injured Workers represents injured workers without said workers being charged. Budget account 101-1013 is funded entirely through allocations from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund.

There are no major closing issues. There are four other closing items identified on page 26 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing item 1 is for equipment replacement. Other closing items 2 and 3 are for cost allocation adjustments. Other closing item 4 is a base budget technical adjustment for the Office's IT contract with JFG Systems. Expenditures are set at \$17,500 over the biennium, but should be set at \$17,500 in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 biennium.

Budget account 504-3818 begins on page 27 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Captive Insurers — Budget Page B & I-43 (Volume II)
Budget Account 504-3818

Budget account 504-3818 is under the Division of Insurance, which regulates and supervises captive insurers in the State. Captive insurance is a regulated form of self-insurance in which insurers are owned wholly by insurance companies or brokerages. Budget account 504-3818 is self-funded through various fees and captive insurance premium assessments.

There are no major closing issues. There are three other closing items listed on page 28 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing items 1 and 2 are cost allocation adjustments. Other closing item 3 in decision unit E-710 of B/A 504-3818 pertains to equipment replacement; Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove two desktop replacements already purchased in FY 2020-2021 and no longer needed by the Agency.

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E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page B & I-45

Budget account 504-3821 begins on page 29 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Insurance Recovery — Budget Page B & I-47 (Volume II)
Budget Account 504-3821

Budget account 504-3821 in the Division of Insurance was created to provide a means of resolving claims against persons licensed under certain statutes. Payment to a claimant on behalf of a licensee is only made if the licensee has no other assets to pay the claim.

There are no major closing issues. Other closing item 1 is decision unit M-100, a technical adjustment to remove the Statewide cost allocation from B/A 504-3821. State funding is restricted.

M-100 Statewide Inflation — Page B & I-47

Budget account 210-4684 begins on page 31 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Self Insured - Workers Compensation — Budget Page B & I-49 (Volume II)
Budget Account 210-4684

Budget account 210-4684 under the Division of Insurance supports activities to regulate employers electing to self-insure workers' compensation risks. Budget account 210-4684 is funded through application fees, examination fees, fines and an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund.

There are no major closing issues. There are three other closing items listed on page 32 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing items 1 and 2 are cost allocation adjustments recommended by the Governor. Other closing item 3 in decision unit E-710 of B/A 210-4684 pertains to equipment replacement; Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove one desktop replacement already conducted in FY 2020-2021 and no longer needed by the Division of Insurance.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page B & I-51

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Budget account 101-3922 begins on page 33 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Nevada Transportation Authority — Budget Page B & I-169 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3922

The Nevada Transportation Authority (NTA) regulates the transportation industry. This includes tow cars, busing, taxicabs outside of Clark County, limousines and transportation network companies. Budget account 101-3922 is funded through Highway Fund monies, fees collected from licensees and regulatory assessments collected from transportation network companies.

There are no major closing issues. There are four other closing items listed on page 34 of [Exhibit B](#). Other closing item 1 funds a video and audio conferencing software subscription. Other closing items 2 and 3 are cost allocation adjustments. Other closing item 4 in decision unit E-710 of B/A 101-3922 pertains to equipment replacement; Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove equipment replacement already conducted in FY 2020-2021 and no longer needed by the NTA.

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page B & I-172

We move to B/A 101-3923. Information for this budget account begins on page 35 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Transportation Authority Admin Fines — Budget Page B & I-175
(Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3923

Budget account 101-3923 is under the NTA. The NTA requires collected fines be credited to a separate account and used only to enforce the provisions of NRS 706. There are no major closing issues or other closing items.

Budget Account 210-4682 begins on page 37 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement — Budget Page B & I-70
(Volume II)
Budget Account 210-4682

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The DIR Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement Section ensures safe and healthy working conditions through conducting inspections and investigations. The Mechanical Compliance Section within the Occupational Safety & Health Enforcement Section provides oversight and conducts inspections of elevators, escalators, boilers, pressure vessels and related objects. Budget account 210-4682 is funded through an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund, nominal fee revenues and federal grants.

There are no major closing issues. There are five other closing items. Other closing item 1 is for software subscriptions. Other closing items 2 and 3 are for replacement equipment. Other closing items 4 and 5 are cost allocation adjustments.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

The Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section conducted several inspections across the State during the pandemic. Was the 16.5 percent increase in revenues in B/A 210-4682 during the pandemic a result of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act monies? These monies may have been used by staff travelling for inspections. I understand there was an increase of about \$250,000 in federal funds. Is that money from the CARES Act or other federal pandemic relief legislation?

Ms. RYAN:

Money from the CARES Act was used in FY 2019-2020 for telework and employee payments during the pandemic. There are no CARES Act funds proposed in B/A 210-4682 over the 2021-2023 biennium. Budget account 210-4682 is funded through the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund, nominal fee revenues and federal grants.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

A 2.25 percent reduction is recommended for B/A 210-4682 compared to the 16.6 percent increase seen during the pandemic. Is that because no CARES Act monies will be used during the 2021-2023 biennium?

Ms. RYAN:

Yes.

Budget account 210-4685 begins on page 39 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Safety Consultation and Training — Budget Page B & I-76 (Volume II)
Budget Account 210-4685

The DIR Safety Consultation and Training Section assists employers in developing and implementing effective safety and health programs to reduce and prevent workplace hazards. Budget account 210-4685 is funded through an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund, as well as federal grant monies.

There are no major closing issues. There are five other closing items. Other closing item 1 is for a software subscription. Other closing item 2 is for equipment repair. Other closing item 3 is for equipment replacement. Other closing items 4 and 5 are cost allocation adjustments.

We move to B/A 210-4686. Information on this budget account can be found on page 41 of [Exhibit B](#).

B&I - Mine Safety & Training — Budget Page B & I-81 (Volume II)
Budget Account 210-4686

The DIR Mine Safety and Training Section provides mine inspections, technical assistance, consultation, and safety and health training to prevent mine accidents and occupational illness. Budget account 210-4686 is funded through an allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund and a federal grant from the Mine Safety and Health Administration. There are no major closing issues. There are five other closing items. Other closing items 1, 2 and 3 pertain to equipment replacement. Other closing items 4 and 5 are cost allocation adjustments.

Fiscal staff recommends approving B/A 101-1013 including a technical adjustment to the base budget to increase expenditure authority for a JFG Systems contract by \$8,750 in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 biennium; B/A 504-3818 including a technical adjustment in decision unit E-710 to increase reserves by \$2,804 in FY 2022-2023 to remove two recommended desktop computer replacements; B/A 504-3821 including

a technical adjustment in decision unit M-100 to remove statewide cost allocation expenditures of \$13,616 in FY 2021-2022 and \$23,437 in FY 2022-2023; B/A 210-4684 including a technical adjustment in decision unit E-710 to reduce the allocation from the Workers' Compensation and Safety Fund by \$1,402 in FY 2022-2023 to remove the recommended desktop replacement; B/A 101-3922 including a technical adjustment in decision unit E-710 to reduce Highway Fund appropriations by \$2,804 in FY 2021-2022 and \$12,278 in FY 2022-2023 to remove the recommended six laptop replacements and four desktop replacements; B/A 101-3923; B/A 210-4682; B/A 210-4685 and B/A 210-4686.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AND AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY B/A 101-1013 INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASE BUDGET TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR A JFG SYSTEMS CONTRACT BY \$8,750 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM; B/A 504-3818 INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-710 TO INCREASE RESERVES BY \$2,804 IN FY 2022-2023 TO REMOVE TWO RECOMMENDED DESKTOP COMPUTER REPLACEMENTS; B/A 504-3821 INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT M-100 TO REMOVE STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATION EXPENDITURES OF \$13,616 IN FY 2021-2022 AND \$23,437 IN FY 2022-2023; B/A 210-4684 INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-710 TO REDUCE THE ALLOCATION FROM THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY FUND BY \$1,402 IN FY 2022-2023 TO REMOVE THE RECOMMENDED DESKTOP REPLACEMENT; B/A 101-3922 INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-710 TO REDUCE HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$2,804 IN FY 2021-2022 AND \$12,278 IN FY 2022-2023 TO REMOVE SIX LAPTOP REPLACEMENTS AND FOUR DESKTOP REPLACEMENTS; B/A 101-3923; B/A 210-4682; B/A 210-4685 AND B/A 210-4686.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:
We move to public comment.

NURIA LIZETH ELIZONDO:

I have problems with law enforcement. Police officers injured themselves when they arrested my son last year. They are making me pay for their medical bills. I am a single mom. My son is on probation, is learning from his mistakes and is bettering himself. I am a low-income parent. I fear the costs of the medical bills. Police officers used excessive force when arresting my son. I am always being harassed by law enforcement.

Witnesses said the police officers punched my son even though he did not resist arrest. My son was pinned on the ground by five grown men. My son is only 110 pounds. These cops jumped on top of each other and injured themselves. I cannot work because I have to supervise my child.

I have had bad experiences with Nevada police. I am afraid my son or I will become victims of law enforcement. I am scared and fear for my son's life. My son was a teenager who made a mistake. People can change their lives. I do not want my son to be targeted. Law enforcement tried to say he was a gang member. My son is not a gang member. He is a teenager who made a mistake. The way they filed my son as an active gang member in the State is wrong. He is just 16 years old. I feel like I am a target for these cops. I have been touched by these cops in the past. This is going on in Nevada communities. I come from a big city where officers never harassed me the way they have in this State. These cops should distinguish between real gang members and troubled teens who make mistakes. They could have killed my son.

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CHAIR BROOKS:
I adjourn this meeting at 9:03 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joko Cailles,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Chris Brooks, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair

DATE: _____

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	B	1	Colby Nichols / LCB Fiscal Analysis Division	General Government Closing List #4
	B	15	Madison Ryan / LCB Fiscal Analysis Division	General Government Closing List #4