

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
TRANSPORTATION**

**Eighty-first Session
April 21, 2021**

The joint meeting of the Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Moises Denis at 8:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada and Online. [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 Moises Denis, Chair
Senator Chris Brooks
Senator Pete Goicoechea

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Chair
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles
Assemblyman Howard Watts

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Stephanie Day, Senior Program Analyst
Karen Hoppe, Senior Program Analyst
Dustin Speed, Program Analyst
Melodie Swanson, Committee Secretary
Tom Weber, Committee Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Katherine Miller, Director, Department of Veterans Services
Pete Vander Aa, Deputy Administrator, Office of Traffic Safety, Department of
Public Safety

CHAIR DENIS:

These Subcommittees will begin by hearing closing recommendations for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) budget account (B/A) 101-2560.

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VETERANS' SERVICES

NDVS - Office of Veterans Services — Budget Page VETERANS-7 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-2560

STEPHANIE DAY (Senior Program Analyst):
Budget accounts 101-2560, 101-2561 and 101-2569 were previously heard by these Subcommittees on March 24, 2021.

NDVS - Southern Nevada Veterans Home Account — Budget Page VETERANS-
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Budget Account 101-2561

NDVS - Northern Nevada Veterans Home Account — Budget Page VETERANS-
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Budget Account 101-2569

The budget closing recommendations of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Fiscal Analysis Division for B/A 101-2560 are detailed on pages 3 and 4 of the Closing List #5 ([Exhibit B](#)).

There are no major closing issues within B/A 101-2560. There are four other closing items which appear reasonable to Fiscal staff as described on page 4 of [Exhibit B](#).

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Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-2560 be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-2560 WITH OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAY:

Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-2561 are discussed on pages 5 through 7 of [Exhibit B](#).

The NDVS Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) has 180 beds and is located in Boulder City. As of April 20, 2021, the census for the SNSVH was 132 residents with a waitlist of 32 individuals. Of the 32 individuals on the waitlist, 6 will be admitted at the end of April 2021 and another 9 will be admitted by the end of May 2021. The SNSVH is processing applications and is currently 100 percent free of the Covid-19 virus.

There is one major closing issue within B/A 101-2561 regarding the chiller replacement being requested through enhancement decision unit E-731. This issue is described on page 6 of [Exhibit B](#).

E-731 Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds — Page VETERANS-16

A request for the replacement of the chiller system at the SNSVH, including the replacement of the failed chiller and the remaining operable chiller, was approved by the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) on January 27, 2021, to

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expedite the project. Therefore, this recommendation would be duplicative and is no longer necessary.

Fiscal staff recommends the Subcommittees recommend to the full Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, also known as the money committees, to not approve decision unit E-731 since the chiller replacement project was approved by the IFC on January 27, 2021.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

The SNSVH is currently leasing two chillers. Other than a short-term lease agreement, not approving decision unit E-731 will not have an economic impact and should not interfere with the SNSVH's operations. The request through decision unit E-731 should be recommended to not be approved.

CHAIR DENIS:

The SNSVH is currently leasing two chillers. Does decision unit E-731 request replacing one chiller while continuing to lease the other?

Ms. DAY:

When Capital Improvement Program project 19-M06 is complete, both the failed chiller and the currently operating chiller at the SNSVH will be replaced. A chiller will be rented until this project is completed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO NOT APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-731 SINCE THE CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE IFC ON JANUARY 27, 2021.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAY:

There are four other closing items within B/A 101-2561 as described on pages 6 and 7 of [Exhibit B](#).

Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 1 through 3 be approved as recommended by the Governor and other closing item 4 be approved as a technical adjustment and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 WITHIN B/A 101-2561 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 4 AS A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAY:

Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-2569 are detailed on pages 9 and 10 of [Exhibit B](#).

The NDVS Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) is located in Sparks and is a 96-bed facility. As of April 20, 2021, the census of the NNSVH was 89 residents with a waitlist of 13 individuals. The NNSVH is processing applications and is currently 100 percent free of the Covid-19 virus.

There are no major closing issues within B/A 101-2569, and there are two other closing items described on page 10 of [Exhibit B](#). The NDVS provided updated revenue projections to Fiscal staff on March 17, 2021. While the updated revenue projections are consistent with the amounts included in the

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Executive Budget, the contract costs included in the adjusted base budget of B/A 101-2569 inadvertently excluded management fees of \$711,590 in fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022 and \$728,668 in FY 2022-2023. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to reduce reserves by \$711,590 in FY 2021-2022 and \$728,668 in FY 2022-2023 to appropriately reflect the contract funding levels required in the 2021-2023 biennium which appear reasonable to Fiscal staff.

Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-2569 be approved as recommended by the Governor with the noted technical adjustment and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

The NNSVH is a new building, and the Legislature has supported its construction over the past few legislative sessions. The facility is moving forward in its operations and houses 96 beds. As of April 20, 2021, the census of the NNSVH was 89 residents with a waitlist of 13 individuals. Is there a plan to expand the NNSVH to full capacity to fill all 96 beds?

Ms. DAY:

There are 13 individuals on the NNSVH waitlist with the facility currently working on processing all 13 of these applications.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

If all 13 applications are accepted, the NNSVH will have 102 residents but will only have room for 96 of them. Why is there a waitlist of 13 individuals on top of the 89 residents if the NNSVH only has room for 96 beds? Is this issue related to not being able to double occupy rooms? If all beds are filled at the NNSVH, will there still be a waitlist?

Ms. DAY:

The NNSVH is working through the applications it has received, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic this work has been adjusted.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

Has the NNSVH been forced to allow only one resident per room instead of double occupying certain rooms due to the Covid-19 pandemic?

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Ms. DAY:

The NNSVH is a single-bed facility while the SNSVH is a double-bed facility.

KATHERINE MILLER (Director, Department of Veterans Services):

The NNSVH has a waitlist of 13 applications. It was not taking new admissions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but now that things have stabilized the NNSVH is again accepting applications. There have been quite a few new applications. To process applications, the NNSVH must first determine an applicant's eligibility to move into the home before working with families to find adequate pay sources.

Not all the residents of the NNSVH require long-term care services. About one-third of residents require short-term care services, having just recovered from surgery or treating a heart condition. The residents requiring short-term care may also be recovering from an accident such as breaking a leg. Many residents only stay in the NNSVH for six weeks before leaving. The NNSVH may have 13 individuals on its waitlist while already having 89 residents, but many residents may be discharged after their successful short-term stay and will be returning to their homes.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

The number of individuals on the waitlist now seems reasonable due to the fact the NNSVH was not accepting new admissions during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. There is a constant turnover of residents at the NNSVH with some residents being there for short-term rehabilitation while others may need to be there for a longer period of time.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-2569 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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KAREN HOPPE (Senior Program Analyst):
Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-3816 are provided on pages 11 through 14 of [Exhibit B](#).

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DPS - Fire Marshal — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-117 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3816

There is one major closing issue within B/A 101-3816 regarding the new plans examiner position being requested through decision unit E-380. This issue is described on pages 12 and 13 of [Exhibit B](#).

E-380 Safe and Livable Communities — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-120

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), State Fire Marshal (SFM) Division indicates additional staff is needed within the inspections and plan review function of the Fire Protection Engineering Bureau to conduct fire and life safety plan reviews.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation for a new plans examiner II position in the Fire Protection Engineering Bureau?

Other closing items 1 through 6 recommended by the Governor within B/A 101-3816 appear reasonable to Fiscal staff. Other closing items 1 through 6 and other closing item 7 are detailed on page 14 of [Exhibit B](#). Regarding other closing item 7, Fiscal staff has included a technical adjustment to establish the reserve category and also to increase the fee revenue projections for the 2021-2023 biennium adjusted for the higher fee amounts approved by the LCB Legislative Commission at its February 26, 2020, meeting.

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Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 1 through 6 be approved as recommended by the Governor and other closing item 7 be approved with the noted technical adjustment and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

I support adding the new plans examiner position as the Fire Protection Engineering Bureau's average turnaround time from project submittal to initial review of approximately 30 days is too long. This is especially true considering other local fire marshal agencies within the State average a 10-day turnaround for project review. It is important to solve this problem as there should not be delays of this kind. If the plans examiner position is approved, I would like the SFM to provide a progress report detailing when the position is filled. The progress report should also describe how the turnaround time for project review has been improved. I want to know if the choice the Legislature is making actually solves the construction problems Nevada communities are facing. Projects are being delayed in Clark County and other areas of the State due to staffing shortages.

SENATOR GOICOCHEA:

The Fire Protection Engineering Bureau needs this new plans examiner position. Will required site visits be completed for construction projects in counties whose population is less than 100,000? Having a turnaround time of 30 days for project review is holding up the Bureau's operations and inspections. This is compounded by the SFM often having to travel all over rural Nevada.

The turnaround time for the SFM to review fire and life safety plans will be improved by the approval of decision unit E-380, but it will still be difficult for the SFM to conduct onsite inspections. This is especially true if plans are reviewed and approved quicker. There is much growth occurring in Nevada, and the SFM is dealing with a lot. We may also need to increase the funding within B/A 101-3816 so more positions can be hired and additional site visits can be completed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEW PLANS EXAMINER II POSITION IN THE FIRE PROTECTION

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ENGINEERING BUREAU WITHIN B/A 101-3816 WITH THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE IFC, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 7 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-4688 are provided on pages 15 through 17 of [Exhibit B](#).

DPS - Highway Safety Plan & Admin — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-139
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Budget Account 101-4688

There is one major issue within B/A 101-4688 regarding the salary increase for the DPS Office of Traffic Safety administrator being requested through decision unit E-815. This issue is discussed on pages 16 and 17 of [Exhibit B](#).

E-815 Unclassified Position Changes — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-143

The Governor recommends \$29,805, of which \$2,966 is an appropriation from the Highway Fund, in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to fund a salary increase for the Traffic Safety administrator. Traffic Safety indicates its administrator position is experiencing salary compaction issues, with the compensation of the Traffic Safety's deputy administrator position regularly surpassing the administrator's salary through paid overtime. Because of this salary compaction issue, the Governor recommends increasing the administrator salary equal to that of the DPS Nevada Office of Cyber Defense Coordination

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administrator, whose top annual salary is \$117,430. The table on page 16 of [Exhibit B](#) provides the unclassified annual salaries for the administrator and top management positions within the DPS.

Do these Subcommittees wish to recommend approving the Governor's recommendation of \$29,805 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium to fund a salary increase for the Traffic Safety administrator? If the salary increase is recommended by these Subcommittees, the salary will be reviewed and considered by the money committees for inclusion in the unclassified section of the Pay Bill for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Other closing items 1 through 4 within B/A 101-4688 are described on page 17 of [Exhibit B](#).

Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Responding to accidents can be traumatizing and the Traffic Safety administrator has a complicated job. Nevada has many traffic safety issues, and I support increasing the salary of the Traffic Safety administrator. There are many two-lane roads in the State posing as safety hazards, and the compensation of many Traffic Safety positions is not enough.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR \$29,805, OF WHICH \$2,966 IS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND, IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM TO FUND A SALARY INCREASE FOR THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN B/A 101-4688; RECOMMEND THE SALARY INCREASE BE REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE MONEY COMMITTEES FOR INCLUSION IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE 2021-2023 PAY BILL; APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

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SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-4691 are provided on pages 19 through 24 of [Exhibit B](#).

DPS - Motorcycle Safety Program — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-149
(Volume III)

Budget Account 101-4691

There are four major closing issues within B/A 101-4691 as described on pages 20 through 23 of [Exhibit B](#).

In preparation for the March 9, 2021, budget hearing, Fiscal staff identified two common themes which created concerns about all four major closing issues. First, the Governor's recommendation to fund enhancements with additional Traffic Safety, Motorcycle Safety Program fee revenue could result in budget insolvency because B/A 101-4691 is unlikely to generate additional fee revenue. Second, there appears to be a duplication of costs already in the base budget of B/A 101-4691. In response to concerns expressed by these Subcommittees at the budget hearing, the Office of the Governor, Office of Finance (GFO) submitted four budget amendments for each major closing issue within B/A 101-4691. If all four budget amendments are approved, Fiscal staff's concerns would be resolved.

The first major closing issue within B/A 101-4691 pertains to a Motorcycle Safety media campaign and a contracted outreach coordinator being requested through decision unit E-225. This issue is described on pages 20 and 21 of [Exhibit B](#).

E-225 Efficiency & Innovation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-151

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On March 19, 2021, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A214944691 ([Exhibit C](#)) for B/A 101-4691 which eliminates Motorcycle Safety fee revenues of \$101,110 and media campaign expenditures of \$85,000 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium.

Do these Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of Budget Amendment No. A214944691 for B/A 101-4691 to fund a contracted outreach coordinator in southern Nevada with budget reserves of \$16,110 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium while eliminating \$101,110 in Motorcycle Safety fee revenues and \$85,000 in media campaign expenditures as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A214944691 FOR B/A 101-4691 TO FUND A CONTRACTED OUTREACH COORDINATOR IN SOUTHERN NEVADA WITH BUDGET RESERVES OF \$16,110 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM WHILE ELIMINATING \$101,110 IN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FEE REVENUES AND \$85,000 IN MEDIA CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

The second major closing issue within B/A 101-4691 pertains to training costs for contracted motorcycle instructors being requested through decision unit E-226. This issue is described on pages 21 and 22 of [Exhibit B](#).

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On March 19, 2021, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A214964691 ([Exhibit D](#)) for B/A 101-4691 which eliminates Motorcycle Safety fee revenues of \$32,891 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium and reduces expenditures in the rider training category by \$18,422 in FY 2021-2022 and \$28,420 in FY 2022-2023. After adjustments are accounted for, decision unit E-226 would fund travel costs for a 15-day certification course for contracted instructors to be a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Rider Coach Trainer. After adjustments, decision unit E-226 would also fund costs associated with State motorcycle training courses.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of Budget Amendment No. A214964691 for B/A 101-4691 to fund training costs for contracted employees with budget reserves of \$14,469 in FY 2021-2022 and \$4,471 in FY 2022-2023?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A214964691 FOR B/A 101-4691 TO FUND TRAINING COSTS FOR CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES WITH BUDGET RESERVES OF \$14,469 IN FY 2021-2022 AND \$4,471 IN FY 2022-2023.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

The third major closing issue within B/A 101-4691 pertains to community college tuition subsidies being requested through decision unit E-227. This issue is described on pages 22 and 23 of [Exhibit B](#).

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Traffic Safety paid \$5,460 to Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) for tuition subsidies in FY 2019-2020. This amount is included in the base budget of B/A 101-4691 for each year of the 2021-2023 biennium. Fiscal staff asked Traffic Safety for copies of the most recent financial reports from each of the three community colleges offering Motorcycle Safety courses to show whether the classes are running at a deficit and require a subsidy for the 2021-2023 biennium. In response, Traffic Safety indicated Western Nevada College (WNC) and the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) will not be requesting a subsidy and the \$5,460 subsidy included in the base budget of B/A 101-4691 would be sufficient for the TMCC. Traffic Safety confirmed decision unit E-227 can be eliminated.

On March 19, 2021, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A214974691 ([Exhibit E](#)) for B/A 101-4691 which eliminates registration fees of \$12,000 and community college payment category expenditures of \$12,000 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium. The amendment implements Traffic Safety's request to eliminate decision unit E-227.

Do these Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of Budget Amendment No. A214974691 for B/A 101-4691 which would eliminate additional funding to subsidize costs of Motorcycle Safety courses as it is not needed by the community colleges in decision unit E-227?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES:

Are the WNC and the CSN not requesting subsidies from B/A 101-4691 because Motorcycle Safety classes were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic? Will the subsidies be requested again by these community colleges in the future?

PETE VANDER AA (Deputy Director, Office of Traffic Safety, Department of Public Safety):

The WNC and the CSN not requesting subsidies during the 2021-2023 biennium is not directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Traffic Safety contracts with Nevada's three community colleges with each college operating independently. Prior to forming budgets each year, Traffic Safety reaches out to the community colleges to determine if their revenues are enough to support the operation of Motorcycle Safety programs on their campuses. In the past, Traffic Safety has

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been forced to subsidize Motorcycle Safety programs at the colleges due to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 486.373 which set the fee students can be charged for a Motorcycle Safety course at \$150.

Occasionally, the revenues collected by community colleges are not adequate to cover operating costs. When this happens, Traffic Safety will reach out to the community colleges contracting with the DPS to determine their fiscal status to ensure there is enough money to support the operation of Motorcycle Safety courses. For the 2021-2023 biennium, the WNC and the CSN indicated there is no need for subsidies.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES:

These Subcommittees are not approving the elimination of future subsidies for community college Motorcycle Safety courses. We are just recognizing subsidies are not currently needed by the WNC and the CSN. Is this correct?

CHAIR DENIS:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A214974691 FOR B/A 101-4691 WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUBSIDIZE COSTS OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES AS IT IS NOT NEEDED BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN DECISION UNIT E-227.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

The fourth major closing issue within B/A 101-4691 pertains to instructor certification for an MSF Circuit Rider Course in Nevada. The certification is

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being requested through decision unit E-228 and is described on page 23 of [Exhibit B](#).

E-228 Efficiency & Innovation — Page PUBLIC SAFETY-152

On March 19, 2021, the GFO submitted Budget Amendment No. A214984691 ([Exhibit F](#)) which eliminates Motorcycle Safety fees of \$5,200 and mobile classroom category expenditures of \$5,200 in each year of the 2021-2023 biennium. The amendment implements Traffic Safety's request to eliminate decision unit E-228.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of Budget Amendment No. A214984691 for B/A 101-4691 which would eliminate funding for instructor certification for a new Circuit Rider Course in decision unit E-228?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A214984691 FOR B/A 101-4691 WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION FOR A NEW CIRCUIT RIDER COURSE IN DECISION UNIT E-228.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

Other closing items 1 through 5 within B/A 101-4691 are described on page 24 of [Exhibit B](#). Fiscal staff recommends all other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ALL OTHER CLOSING ITEMS WITHIN B/A 101-4691 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH

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SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. HOPPE:

These Subcommittees have not previously reviewed B/A 201-4729, B/A 101-3819 or B/A 101-4687. Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for these budgets.

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DPS - CIG Fire Safe Std & Firefighter Support — Budget Page PUBLIC SAFETY-
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Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 201-4729 are provided on pages 25 and 26 of [Exhibit B](#).

The DPS State Emergency Response Commission consists of members appointed by the Governor representing government, private industry and the general public whose mission is to protect Nevadans from the negative effects of hazardous materials.

There are three other closing items within B/A 201-4729 as described on page 26 of [Exhibit B](#).

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Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-3819 are detailed on page 27 of [Exhibit B](#).

Pursuant to NRS 477.210, the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Fund was established as a special revenue fund for the purpose of supporting fire safety and fire prevention programs.

There are no major closing issues or other closing items within B/A 101-3819.

Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-4687 are provided on page 29 of [Exhibit B](#).

There are no major closing issues within B/A 101-4687. There is one other closing item regarding special use category adjustments being requested through decision unit E-225. This other closing item is described on page 30 of [Exhibit B](#).

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The Governor recommends adjusting the special use categories in B/A 101-4687 to align with the special use categories in B/A 101-4688.

Fiscal staff recommends closing B/A 201-4729, B/A 101-3819 and B/A 101-4687 with a technical adjustment to decision unit E-225 within B/A 101-4687 to transfer \$4 in each fiscal year of the 2021-2023 biennium which was mistakenly left in an old special use category to the new special use category and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 201-4729, B/A 101-3819 AND B/A 101-4687 WITH A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO DECISION UNIT E-225 WITHIN B/A 101-4687 TO TRANSFER \$4 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM WHICH WAS MISTAKENLY LEFT IN AN OLD SPECIAL USE CATEGORY TO THE NEW SPECIAL USE CATEGORY WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

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SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DUSTIN SPEED (Program Analyst):
Fiscal staff's closing recommendations for B/A 101-3800 are discussed on pages 33 and 34 of [Exhibit B](#).

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The DPS State Board of Parole Commissioners are responsible for evaluating eligible inmates for parole to consider whether the release of the inmate is compatible with the health, safety and welfare of society. Pursuant to NRS 213.108, the Parole Board is a full-time board that consists of a chairman and six commissioners, each appointed by the Governor. The Parole Board is supported entirely by the General Fund.

There are no major closing issues within B/A 101-3800. There are seven other closing items which appear reasonable to Fiscal staff. The other closing items within B/A 101-3800 are described on page 34 of [Exhibit B](#). Fiscal staff recommends other closing items 1 through 7 be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 WITHIN B/A 101-3800 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DENIS:

Seeing no public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Tom Weber,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Moises Denis, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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	E	1	Karen Hoppe / Legislative Counsel Bureau	GFO Budget Amendment A214974691
	F	1	Karen Hoppe / Legislative Counsel Bureau	GFO Budget Amendment A214984691