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Revenues	**FY 2024 Actual**	**FY 2025 WP**	**% Chg**	**FY 2026 GOV REC**	**% Chg**	**FY 2027 GOV REC**	**% Chg**
GENERAL FUND	2,247,355	2,319,470	3.21	2,943,248	26.89	3,083,015	4.75
OTHER FUND	61,796	35,962	(41.81)	35,962		35,962	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	72,079						
BALANCE FORWARD	204,097	51,440	(74.80)				
REVERSIONS	(62,704)						
Total Revenues	2,522,623	2,406,872	(4.59)	2,979,210	23.78	3,118,977	4.69
Total FTE		16.00		16.00		16.00	

Overview
Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

Established pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 289.500, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) establishes and regulates the minimum qualifications, training, and standards for all peace officers in the State of Nevada. The commission oversees and tracks the employment, behavior, basic and professional certification, course certification, and training for Nevada's officers. Regularly scheduled public meetings are held around the state to discuss and revise laws and regulations, hear issues regarding the law enforcement community, and render judgment regarding officer behavior, which may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of POST certification. In addition, the commission is responsible for establishing the standardized performance objectives for all basic training academies. The commission develops and delivers classroom and online exemplary training, conducts its own basic training academy, and provides professional courses for the officers throughout the state. The commission performs statewide audits of all 133 law enforcement agencies and 15 academies, providing guidance and oversight while monitoring their compliance with the standards set forth in the NRS and *Nevada Administrative Code* (NAC).

The 82nd (2023) Legislature approved the change in funding for this budget account from court administrative assessment revenue to General Fund appropriations.

Major Closing Issues
None

Other Closing Item
Update for the Records Management and Tracking System (E277, POST-8): The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $111,138 in FY 2027 for the annual fees of an update to the records management and tracking system. The agency indicates it previously stored records in three different systems and has been unsuccessful in prior attempts to implement a system update, primarily due to vendor issues. The agency has now identified a new vendor and anticipates the project timeline to complete the system update would be approximately six months, if funding for the cost to implement the system, which is recommended as a one-time General Fund appropriation of $92,433 in FY 2026, is approved through legislation.

As such, recommended approval of Decision Unit E277 is contingent upon the passage and approval of legislation that includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of $92,433 for the implementation costs of the system update. A bill draft request has been submitted by the Governor's Office of Finance for the one-time appropriation.

Fiscal staff recommends the Other Closing Item be closed as recommended by the Governor, contingent upon the passage and approval of legislation that includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of $92,433 for the implementation costs of the update to the records management and tracking system. Fiscal staff also requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

One-Time General Fund Appropriations (BUDGET OVERVIEW-21)

The Governor recommends one-time General Fund appropriations totaling $179,793 in FY 2026 for replacement computer hardware and software ($87,360) and implementation costs for the updated records management and tracking system ($92,433), as discussed in the Other Closing Item above.

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
Account: 201 - 4706

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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND							
HIGHWAY FUND							
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	5,356,167	5,710,672	6.62	9,315,087	63.12	9,477,590	1.74
Total Revenues	5,356,167	5,710,672	6.62	9,315,087	63.12	9,477,590	1.74
Total FTE		46.00		56.00		56.00	

Overview

Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 480.120, the Director's Office of the Department of Public Safety establishes policy for the department, directs and controls the operations of the divisions and various offices of the department, and provides legal and audit services for the department. The Director's Office budget account provides direct and indirect control over the daily operations of the divisions, boards, and commissions under the umbrella of the Department of Public Safety. The Director's Office budget account is funded through the allocation of expenses to other non-allocated budgets in the department.

Major Closing Issues

1. Restructure and Expansion of the Research and Planning Technology Team
2. New Background Investigation Technician Position
3. New Digital Media Specialist Position
4. New Office Location in Las Vegas

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. Restructure and Expansion of the Research and Planning Technology Team (E285, E501, E503, E901, E903, PUBLIC SAFETY-14-15, 17-18)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends a decrease of $187,912 in Highway Fund appropriations, a decrease of $558,030 in General Fund appropriations, and an increase of $1.4 million in cost allocation reimbursements over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund two new positions and associated operating costs beginning October 2025, and the transfer of four positions and associated operating costs from other Department of Public Safety budget accounts to this budget account to restructure and expand the Research and Planning Technology Team.

Summary of Issue: The department requests one new Information Technology (IT) Manager position (Grade 42, Step 7), one new IT Professional position (Grade 40, Step 10), and the transfer of four positions from other Department of Public Safety budget accounts to this budget account to restructure and expand the Research and Planning Technology Team.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The 82nd (2023) Legislature approved the transfer of nine positions from other Department of Public Safety budget accounts to the Director's Office budget account to centralize technical positions within various divisions under a Research and Planning Technology Team. The structure of the Research Planning and Technology Team, as approved by the 82nd (2023) Legislature, is shown in the following table:

Research and Planning Technology Team Summary as Approved by 82nd (2023) Legislature		
Title	**Grade/ Step**	**Transferred From**
Radio Systems Management		
IT Professional	40-7	Nevada Highway Patrol
Operational Maintenance Technology		
Business Process Analyst	38-10	Nevada Highway Patrol
Management Analyst	35-4	Nevada Highway Patrol
Electronics Technician	31-7	Nevada Highway Patrol
Administrative Assistant	25-10	Nevada Highway Patrol
Program Officer	35-10	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division
Program Officer	31-1	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division
Research and Planning Technology		
Business Process Analyst	36-1	Central Repository for NV Records of Criminal History
Business Process Analyst	36-9	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division

The Radio Systems Management group included one IT position transferred from the Nevada Highway Patrol to perform radio maintenance and update planning departmentwide.

The Operational Maintenance Technology group included a total of six positions; four transferred from the Nevada Highway Patrol, and two transferred from the Records, Communications, and Compliance Division, to perform operational application maintenance, technology inventory, and update planning departmentwide.

The Research and Planning Technology group included a total of two positions, one position transferred from the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, and one position transferred from the Records, Communications, and Compliance Division, to conduct research and planning for innovative technology, implementation, and training departmentwide.

The department indicated the Research and Planning Technology Team would be able to expand support for systems and equipment such as radios, body cameras, and citation systems, and would not negatively impact agencies that transferred the positions to the Director's Office. During the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, the department indicated that as the Research and Planning Technology Team progressed, it would expand its capacity to accommodate other agencies within the department to improve efficiencies as well as technology usage, support, and development.

According to the department, by restructuring the Research and Planning Technology Team, it could deploy new technologies including a new learning management system for the Training Division, a web-based inventory management system for the entire department, and a use-of-force tracking and reporting system for the Nevada Highway Patrol, among other technologies. The department indicates the restructure would allow the Department of Public Safety to transition its law enforcement applications, currently supported by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), back in-house under the department's purview.

The recommended positions for the continued expansion and restructure of the Research and Planning Technology Team are summarized in the following table:

Proposed Research and Planning Technology Team Additions		
Title	**Grade/ Step**	**Transferred From**
Chief Advisor Proposed to Lead Team		
IT Manager	42-7	New Position
Project Manager		
IT Professional	40-10	New Position
Mobile Data Computer Coordinator		
Business Process Analyst	34-5	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division
IT Liaison		
Business Process Analyst	34-1	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division
Department Inventory		
Administrative Assistant	27-7	Nevada Highway Patrol
Accounting Assistant	25-1	Records, Communications, and Compliance Division

<u>IT Manager (E285)</u>
The IT Manager position would support demands for service, lead the Research and Planning Technology Team, and report directly to the Director and Deputy Director. The department indicates the IT Manager position would also represent the department's needs and interests to external entities such as the OCIO and vendors, provide recommendations on technology investment notifications, and lead the department's technology initiatives.

<u>IT Professional (E285)</u>
The IT Professional position would provide technical support to users, assist with software implementation, and coordinate with vendors to ensure compliance with policies and procedures. The department further indicates the IT Professional position would supervise staff and provide senior guidance and technical support for the department's technology efforts.

<u>Transfer of Three Positions from the Records, Communications, and Compliance Division (E501, E901)</u>

- One Business Process Analyst position would serve as the Mobile Data Computer Coordinator, responsible for procuring, programming, and coordinating the installation and removal of all the department's mobile data computer units.

- One Business Process Analyst position would serve as the IT Liaison for the department and be the point of contact between the OCIO and the Research and Planning Technology Team.

- One Accounting Assistant position would assist the department with procuring equipment quotes, tracking reporting data, and assisting with financial/clerical duties as assigned.

<u>Transfer of One Position from the Nevada Highway Patrol Division (E503, E903)</u>

- One Administrative Assistant position would support the department's inventory team, provide clerical assistance to divisions concerning inventory efforts and annual audits, and perform other administrative duties as assigned.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about the Department of Public Safety's long-term plan for developing the Research and Planning Technology Team and whether additional resources would be needed to meet its long-term goals. In response, the department indicated development of the Research and Planning Technology Team was nearly complete, and the additional positions recommended for the expansion and restructure of the team would enable the department to better interact and coordinate with the OCIO on IT issues as well as with outside vendors on department-specific projects such as the All-Star Talent recruitment campaign and the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System modernization project. According to the department, the OCIO would continue providing support for its IT and desktop services, and the department would evaluate the effectiveness of the recommended positions in providing support and maintenance of other internal software and equipment and request additional resources, if needed, in future biennia.

As the recommendation to transfer four positions from other Department of Public Safety budget accounts to this budget account to restructure and expand the Research and Planning Technology Team is not contingent on whether the Subcommittee were to recommend approval of the new IT Manager and IT Professional positions, the Subcommittee may wish to consider approval of the two new IT positions and approval of the transfer of four positions as separate decisions.

Decisions for the Subcommittee:

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $269,828 in FY 2026 and $343,429 in FY 2027 in cost allocation reimbursements for one new IT Manager position and one new IT Professional position and associated operating costs, to expand and restructure the Research and Planning Technology Team, as recommended by the Governor in Decision Unit E285?

AND/OR

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $367,269 in FY 2026 and $378,673 in FY 2027 in cost allocation reimbursements over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer in and change the funding source of four positions and associated operating costs to expand and restructure the Research and Planning Technology Team, as recommended by the Governor in Decision Units E501, E503, E901, and E903?

2. New Background Investigation Technician Position (E279, PUBLIC SAFETY-12)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursements of $72,642 in FY 2026 and $90,572 in FY 2027 to fund one new Background Investigation Technician position (Grade 30, Step 4) and associated operating costs beginning October 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Director's Office is currently authorized for four Background Investigation Technician positions. The Governor recommends one additional position to support the Public Safety Background Unit based on projected increases in the number of applications.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: According to the department, it takes the Public Safety Background Unit an average of three weeks to complete a pre-employment background investigation for candidates applying for both sworn and non-sworn positions. The department indicates, since hiring two new recruiters and initiating a recruitment campaign in FY 2025, the number of candidates applying for positions has doubled, and the time to complete a pre-employment background check would increase beyond the current average of three weeks. Additionally, the department states the Public Safety Background Unit has experienced an increase in the number of investigations conducted between FY 2023 and FY 2024, as shown in the following table:

Pre-Employment Background Investigations Performed			
Year	**Sworn Cases**	**Non-Sworn Cases**	**Total**
FY 2023	462	272	**734**
FY 2024	546	377	**923**
% Change	**18.2%**	**38.6%**	**25.7%**

According to the department, the duties of Background Investigation Technician positions include examining and verifying documents including personal history statements, vital statistics, credit reports, and employment histories. Furthermore, the technicians search criminal history databases for criminal records concerning candidates, collect and submit fingerprints, and prepare detailed interview statements to allow reviewers to draw reasonable conclusions regarding prospective candidates.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee expressed interest in how the estimated timeline to complete a pre-employment background check would be impacted if the request for an additional Background Investigation Technician position were approved. In response, the department indicated, while an additional position would enable it to maintain the current three-week average of processing pre-employment background checks, one additional position would not be sufficient to reduce processing time. The department further indicated while its long-term goal is to reduce the amount of time necessary to complete a pre-employment background check, additional Background Investigation Technician positions would be necessary to accomplish this task.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of cost allocation reimbursements of $72,642 in FY 2026 and $90,572 in FY 2027 to establish one new Background Investigation Technician position and associated operating costs to support the Public Safety Background Unit, as recommended by the Governor?

3. New Digital Media Specialist Position (E275, PUBLIC SAFETY-11)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursement revenue of $91,088 in FY 2026 and $115,528 in FY 2027 to fund one Digital Media Specialist position (Grade 33, Step 7) and associated operating costs beginning October 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Director's Office is currently authorized for one Public Information Officer position, which the department indicates is insufficient to manage the online presence of the Department of Public Safety. The Governor recommends one new Digital Media Specialist position to assist with managing and expanding the department's online presence.

Details: To expand its social media presence and improve online engagement, the Governor recommends one new Digital Media Specialist position, which would be responsible for tracking metrics to measure the department's performance in achieving successful online engagement, including tracking the number of shares and responses a social media post may receive.

In addition to tracking the appropriate metrics, the Digital Media Specialist position would work closely with the department's divisions to better understand the communication and advertising needs of individual agencies to develop appropriate digital media content and improve online engagement. By actively creating and posting content, the department's goal is to gain followers on social media, which the department indicates would increase effectiveness of safety campaigns, enhance recruitment and hiring efforts, and improve participation during community outreach events. Additionally, the position would assist the department's current Public Information Officer position by attending outreach events.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired how the addition of a Digital Media Specialist position would enhance public safety. In response, the department indicated it currently utilizes its Public Information Officer to travel throughout the state to take pictures and videos of department activities for use in presentations as well as in promotional materials used in the All-Star Talent recruitment campaign, but additional support is needed to allow the Public Information Officer to more effectively process ongoing media requests. According to the department, the Digital Media Specialist position would assume responsibility for gathering and processing media that could be used to promote department activities and would free up the Public Information Officer to respond to additional media requests.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of cost allocation reimbursements of $91,088 in FY 2026 and $115,528 in FY 2027 to establish one new Digital Media Specialist position and associated operating costs, as recommended by the Governor?

4. New Office Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-11, 22, 28, 35, 59, 110, 134, 168, 180, 192)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends $3.0 million ($482,649 General Fund, $1.8 million Highway Fund, and $738,117 Other Funds) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund additional non-state-owned rent costs due to the Department of Public Safety moving to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas.

Summary of Issue: The Department of Public Safety moved to a new office in Las Vegas over the 2023-24 Interim, which increases total non-state-owned building rental costs among ten Department of Public Safety budget accounts. Additional funding may be needed to accommodate the transfer of the Evidence Vault to the new location on Bermuda Road.

Details: According to the department, the Department of Administration instructed the Department of Public Safety to vacate its previously leased locations in Las Vegas and consolidate into a single location, which was approved at the August 13, 2024, meeting of the Board of Examiners. The new office location is in Building 43 of the McCarren Center at 6830 Bermuda Road in Las Vegas.

The department indicates, that as of January 31, 2025, all divisions except for the Training Division and the Evidence Vault have moved into the new location in the Bermuda building. The Training Division is anticipated to stay at its current leased location until the current training academy is completed in May 2025 and the Evidence Vault is anticipated to remain within the Freeway and Arterial System of Transportation (FAST) building shared with the Nevada Department of Transportation until funding can be secured for needed improvements to the Bermuda building to accommodate the Evidence Vault. The department further indicates the Training Division, Investigation Division, and Office of Professional Responsibility have additional ongoing lease agreements for which the Department of Administration is seeking new tenants.

A comparison of the lease agreements describing the cost of the previous agreement compared to the cost of the new lease agreement was provided by the department, and indicated the new building would cost the Department of Public Safety an additional $428,661 in annual building rent costs. The department indicates the additional rent expenses for FY 2025 are being paid from the Governor's Finance Office, Special Appropriations budget account with return-to-work funds approved through Senate Bill 456 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session.

According to the department, its headquarters would remain in Carson City and the new Bermuda building would serve as the Southern Command, replacing the FAST building previously shared with the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about the need to move and consolidate the Department of Public Safety's leases to a new single location in Southern Nevada and whether any of the department's budget accounts would continue paying rent for vacated buildings. In response, the department indicated it was directed by the Department of Administration to vacate the FAST building shared with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) as NDOT had a need to expand operations but did not have enough funding to purchase a new building. The Department of Administration communicated its intent is to buyout the two long-term lease agreements the Department of Public Safety still has in place. During the budget hearing, the Governor's Finance Office also testified the office move was not a result of the Department of Public Safety requesting to move locations but was instead meant to address a larger need for more office space across various state agencies.

The Subcommittee expressed its concerns regarding the Department of Public Safety continuing to pay rent for buildings it was directed to vacate. The department indicated ongoing lease costs for the two vacated buildings were not included in the base budgets of its various divisions for the 2025-27 Biennium and that the Department of Administration has communicated intent to buy out the vacated leases. Following the budget hearing, the Department of Administration confirmed it plans to buy out the two vacated leases set to expire in FY 2029 using return-to-work funds, for an estimated cost of $786,578. According to the agency, the buyout of the leases is anticipated to occur before June 30, 2025, prior to the expiration of the return-to-work funds.

The Governor's recommended 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), through CIP Project 25-C26, includes funding to purchase the Bermuda building. The agency indicates the state anticipates closing on the purchase of the Bermuda building by September 2025 and improvements necessary to accommodate the Evidence Vault would be completed within nine months of closing. According to estimates provided by the Department of Administration, the estimated cost to complete the Evidence Vault buildout at the new Bermuda location would total approximately $7.8 million; however, the Governor's recommended 2025 CIP does not include funding specifically identified to support the cost of the Evidence Vault buildout.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $3.0 million ($482,649 General Fund, $1.8 million Highway Fund, and $738,117 Other Funds) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund additional non-state-owned rent costs due to the Department of Public Safety moving to a new office location in Las Vegas, as recommended by the Governor?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Highway Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 Highway Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	NEW CUBICLES	Cubicle wall partitions. (E278, PUBLIC SAFETY-12)	$ -	$ 6,384	$ -	$ -
2	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Taser energy weapons. (E282, PUBLIC SAFETY-12-13)		$ 824,424		$ 824,424
3	SOFTWARE	Reporting and tracking system. (E283, PUBLIC SAFETY-13)	$ -	$ 79,800	$ -	$ 83,790
4	SOFTWARE	Asset management software. (E284, PUBLIC SAFETY-13)	$ -	$ 30,863	$ -	$ 5,698
5	BASE INCREASES	Increases to in-state travel, background investigations, software contracts, and uniform items. (E289, PUBLIC SAFETY-14)	$ -	$ 65,980	$ -	$ 65,980
6	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Computer hardware and software. (E710, PUBLIC SAFETY-16)	$ -	$ 37,668	$ -	$ 5,340
7	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Desk chairs. (E711, PUBLIC SAFETY-16)	$ -	$ 4,284	$ -	$ 4,396
8	POSITION TRANSFER	Transfer in of three positions from Nevada Highway Patrol budget account. (E900, PUBLIC SAFETY-16-17)	$ 374,835	$ -	$ 377,421	$ -
9	POSITION TRANSFER	Aligns revenues related to transfer of positions in E900. (E500, PUBLIC SAFETY-15)	$(374,835)	$ 374,835	$(377,421)	$ 377,421
10	POSITION TRANSFER	Transfer out of one position to the Division of Human Resource Management budget account. (E902, PUBLIC SAFETY-17-18)	$ -	$(143,616)	$ -	$(142,949)

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 10 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - TRAINING DIVISION **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY - 32, **Volume III**
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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	1,048,422	1,084,002	3.39	1,281,068	18.18	1,283,132	0.16
HIGHWAY FUND	1,100,502	1,137,120	3.33	1,356,881	19.33	1,359,033	0.16
OTHER FUND	1,575	1,550	(1.59)	1,550		1,550	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	83,439	134,532	61.23				
BALANCE FORWARD	99,569	69,174	(30.53)				
Total Revenues	2,333,507	2,426,378	3.98	2,639,499	8.78	2,643,715	0.16
Total FTE		14.00		10.00		10.00	

Overview

The Training Division is responsible for facilitating progressive, effective training in basic law enforcement, continuing education, career growth and development of Department of Public Safety (DPS) employees. The central purpose and role of the Training Division is to develop, deliver, and facilitate training that promotes professionalism and competency within the ranks of the department. Funding for the Training Division is based on a percentage of the total number of officers trained for the two largest divisions, Nevada Highway Patrol and the Division of Parole and Probation, over the current biennium. Eight training academies were completed over the prior two fiscal years, and the Governor is recommending a General Fund split of 49% and a Highway Fund split of 51% for the 2025-27 Biennium.

Major Closing Issues

1. New DPS Major Position in Las Vegas
2. New Training Officer Position for Southern Command
3. Two New DPS Sergeant Positions
4. Transfer of Eight Training Officer Positions

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. New DPS Major Position in Las Vegas (E275, PUBLIC SAFETY-35)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends a total of $181,519 ($88,946 General Funds, $92,573 Highway Funds) in FY 2026 and $176,846 ($86,656 General Fund, $90,190 Highway Funds) in FY 2027 to fund one DPS Major position (Grade 48) and associated operating costs in Las Vegas, with a start date of July 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Governor recommends a DPS Major position (Grade 48) to serve as chief of the Training Division. The current chief is a DPS Captain position (Grade 47). It is unclear at this time whether there is sufficient justification for a new position or if the existing DPS Captain position could be reclassified.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The agency indicates the addition of one new DPS Major position for the Training Division is necessary as the agency desires to have the highest level of a classified sworn position leading the division. According to the agency, the addition of a DPS Major position would enable the Training Division to have a command structure that allows for consistent training to be provided to all divisions and commands. As the Training Division continues to grow to meet the demands of employees, the agency indicates having both a DPS Major position and a DPS Captain position would ensure a member of command is available in both the northern and southern regions of the state.

The agency further indicates the duties of the Training Division chief, which consist of preparing operational budgets, serving as liaison to other division chiefs, and implementing department policies, among other responsibilities, would not change if the existing Training Division chief position (DPS Captain) were to be replaced with a new DPS Major position. It is unclear at this time why the Governor recommends a new position as opposed to reclassifying the existing DPS Captain position.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about the need for a new DPS Major position as opposed to reclassifying the existing DPS Captain position to a DPS Major position to serve as chief of the Training Division. In response, the agency indicated an additional leadership position is needed to meet increasing demands for training, continuing education, and professional development for sworn and non-sworn staff as the Training Division continues to grow. Additionally, the agency testified that the DPS Major would be based in Carson City, while the DPS Captain would be based in Las Vegas, providing direct oversight to the Las Vegas area while still reporting to the DPS Major. Testimony provided indicated the new position would also assist with continuing education and professional development.

According to the agency, changing the rank of the Training Division chief from a DPS Captain to a DPS Major would allow the opportunity for an internal promotion of the current chief to remain in the division instead of seeking promotion elsewhere. Finally, a DPS Major serving as chief would, according to the agency, reduce the rank disparity when providing direction to other high-ranking staff within the department.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $358,365 ($175,602 General Funds, $182,763 Highway Funds) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund one new DPS Major position and associated operating costs to serve as chief of the Training Division, as recommended by the Governor?

2. New Training Officer Position for Southern Command (E276, PUBLIC SAFETY-36)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends a total of $103,932 ($50,928 in General Funds, $53,004 in Highway Funds) in FY 2026 and $100,558 ($49,273 in General Funds, $51,285 in Highway Funds) in FY 2027 to fund one new Training Officer position (Grade 36) and associated operating costs for the Southern Command beginning July 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Training Division is currently authorized for one Training Officer position who is responsible for developing trainings for all divisions in the department. The agency indicates one Training Officer position is not sufficient to oversee the training needs of all divisions and as such, an additional Training Officer position for the Southern Command is needed.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The Training Division has two separate training academies, one located in Las Vegas and the other located in Carson City. According to the agency, the existing Training Officer position is assigned to the Northern Command and is responsible for establishing professional development courses, scheduling and developing trainings, and overseeing continuing education requirements for Peace Officer Standards and Training in both the northern and southern regions of the state. The agency also indicates that while the existing Training Officer position tracks the training records of sworn personnel, it has never tracked the training records for non-sworn personnel. To allow for comprehensive tracking of training records, updating of in-service needs, and the creation of new continuing education courses, the agency indicates a second Training Officer position, assigned to the Southern Command, is needed.

According to the agency, the additional Training Officer position and the existing Training Officer position would be designated as in-service coordinators, one each for the Northern and Southern Command, and would work with division representatives to update the Peace Officer Standards and Training and department-mandated continuing education courses. The agency indicates the additional Training Officer position would allow the training of non-sworn employees to be better tracked, streamline training practices, and digitize prior training records that are backlogged and stored in paper format. The agency further indicates that since the training academy in Las Vegas reopened in 2016, there has been a significant increase in the number of cadets trained every year, and an additional Training Officer position would allow the Training Division to support the southern academy at the same level it supports the northern academy.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired how an additional Training Officer position would ensure the training needs of non-sworn staff are met. In response, the agency indicated having a second Training Officer position would enable the training needs and records of sworn and non-sworn staff to be better tracked and would allow for the facilitation of additional leadership trainings to be provided to non-sworn staff. The agency further indicated that while the primary benefit of having an additional Training Officer for the Southern Command would be improved training delivery and access, cost savings were anticipated as the existing Training Officer in Carson City would not need to travel as often to Southern Nevada to deliver trainings. However, no savings are included in the Governor's recommended budget.

Technical Adjustment: To allow time for recruitment and onboarding, new positions generally begin in October of the first year of the biennium, and the agency indicated an adjustment to delay the recommended start date of the Training Officer position from July to October 2025 is reasonable. If the Subcommittee recommends approval of Decision Unit E276, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment changing the start date of the position from July to October 2025, which would result in savings totaling $24,598 ($12,054 General Fund savings, $12,544 Highway Fund savings) in FY 2026.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $179,892 ($88,147 General Fund, $91,745 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund one new Training Officer position and associated operating costs to support the Training Division's Southern Command, inclusive of the noted technical adjustment to change the position's start date from July to October 2025?

3. Two New DPS Sergeant Positions (E277, PUBLIC SAFETY-36-37)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends $244,230 ($119,672 General Funds, $124,558 Highway Funds) in FY 2026 and $271,210 ($132,893 General Funds, $138,317 Highway Funds) in FY 2027 to fund two new DPS Sergeant positions (Grade 41) and associated operating costs. One DPS Sergeant position would be located in the Southern Command and is requested to begin July 2025 while the other DPS Sergeant position would be located in Carson City and is recommended to begin October 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Governor recommends two additional DPS Sergeant positions to develop an in-service training program within the Training Division and to provide additional leadership support. However, specific details related to current training gaps or specific needs related to additional training opportunities were not provided in The Executive Budget. Additionally, these positions are recommended at a Grade 41 whereas the correct grade for the positions is Grade 43, which results in a funding shortfall for this recommendation.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: According to the agency, mandatory annual training for officers is monitored and provided by individual divisions, making it difficult to ensure consistent training is provided to both sworn and non-sworn staff throughout the state. To allow for the same training to be provided to all divisions and commands, the agency indicates the development of an in-service program within the Training Division is necessary. The agency indicates the two additional DPS Sergeant positions are needed to provide mandatory in-service training and to assist with the continued education of staff.

The agency indicates the two recommended DPS Sergeant positions would be responsible for managing all in-service training classes to ensure consistency and all training requirements are met. Furthermore, the positions would coordinate the continuing education for academy instructors and identify law enforcement training needs affecting the department.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about the specific training gaps currently existing within the Department of Public Safety that the two new DPS Sergeant positions would address. In response, the agency indicated the positions would alleviate the workload of the existing DPS Sergeants overseeing the training academies located in Las Vegas and Carson City by assuming responsibility for in-service trainings and professional development courses. The agency further indicated the additional DPS Sergeant positions would coordinate and standardize in-service trainings to ensure consistency across the various divisions.

Technical Adjustment: The agency confirmed both recommended DPS Sergeant positions should be budgeted at a Grade 43, which aligns with the Division of Human Resource Management's classification for a DPS Sergeant position. If the Subcommittee recommends approval of Decision Unit E277, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to correct the grade for the two positions from a Grade 42 to a Grade 43, which would result in additional costs of $39,858 ($19,531 General Fund, $20,327 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $555,298 ($272,096 General Fund, $283,202 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund two new DPS Sergeant positions and associated costs to support an in-service training program within the Training Division, inclusive of the noted technical adjustment?

4. Transfer of Eight Training Officer Positions (E904, E905, PUBLIC SAFETY-38)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends transferring a total of $3.1 million ($1.5 million General Fund, $1.6 million Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer from the Training Division budget account four DPS Officer positions and associated operating costs to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division budget account (E904) and four DPS Officer positions and associated operating costs to the Division of Parole and Probation budget account (E905).

Summary of Issue: The Governor recommends the transfer of eight DPS Officer positions (seven of which are currently vacant), who serve as training officers, from this budget account to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division and the Division of Parole and Probation budget accounts. If approved, the change would result in a rotating pool of DPS Officer positions to serve as training officers on a temporary basis, as opposed to the current structure of dedicated, permanent training officer positions in the Training Division budget account.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: According to the agency, DPS Officer positions serving as training officers in the Training Division are responsible for training cadets to become officers. Historically, training officers have been permanently assigned to the training academies, which the agency indicates has resulted in stagnation in innovative training and a lack of general enthusiasm. By restructuring the training officers to temporary duty assignments, the positions would be rotated to the Training Division from the Nevada Highway Patrol Division and the Division of Parole and Probation. The agency indicates this structure would allow for more relevant trainings and the ability for cadets to learn from active DPS Officers with current field experience as the rotating training officers would have more exposure to the dynamic nature of police work. Once transferred to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division and the Division of Parole and Probation, the agency indicates these eight training officer positions would commit to a two-year temporary assignment to the Training Division before returning to their respective home divisions.

According to the agency, the training officers on temporary assignment from the Nevada Highway Patrol Division and the Division of Parole and Probation would bring their issued equipment and vehicles with them when they report to the Training Division, which would expose academy cadets to relevant equipment used in various divisions. The agency indicates additional benefits associated with the change to temporary duty assignments include an opportunity for paid overtime, access to equipment not currently offered within the Training Division, and supervisory training opportunities while in the Training Division. However, no additional funding for overtime or equipment costs is recommended for these positions in the Nevada Highway Patrol Division or the Division of Parole and Probation budget accounts. As such, it is unclear if there is excess equipment or overtime authority available in the base budgets of the Nevada Highway Patrol Division or the Division of Parole and Probation for the eight positions recommended to be transferred.

Finally, positions transferred to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division budget account would be funded with Highway Fund appropriations while positions transferred to the Division of Parole and Probation budget account would be funded with General Fund appropriations. All expenditures within the Training Division, including personnel, have historically been apportioned between Highway Fund and General Fund support based on the proportion of cadets in the academy which would work for either General Fund or Highway Fund agencies. Should the position transfers be approved as recommended by the Governor, the composition of General Fund and Highway Fund appropriations supporting the transferred positions would be static.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee questioned whether the use of DPS Officers on temporary assignment from another division to perform training duties in the Training Division would result in loss of experience or knowledge associated with a permanent training officer. In response, the agency indicated it is important to limit the amount of time a training officer spends working in the Training Division as policing is a perishable skill, and it is important for cadets to be trained by officers recently reassigned from their respective positions in the field to ensure credible and relevant skills are taught to cadets.

The Subcommittee also inquired about whether the divisions of Nevada Highway Patrol and Parole and Probation would be able to provide the necessary equipment and voluntary overtime to the eight transferred positions without additional resources. In response, the agency indicated training officer positions were already being temporarily rotated to and from the Training Division and the divisions of Nevada Highway Patrol and Parole and Probation were large enough to absorb the additional overtime and equipment expenses associated with the temporary assignments using vacancy savings and federal grant funding.

Decisions for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of:

A) The transfer of $1.5 million ($756,610 General Fund, $787,493 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer four DPS Officer positions and associated operating costs from the Training Division budget account to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division budget account as recommended by the Governor in Decision Unit E904?

AND/OR

B) The transfer of $1.5 million ($745,159 General Fund, $775,575 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer four DPS Officer positions and associated operating costs from the Training Division budget account to the Division of Parole and Probation budget account as recommended by the Governor in Decision Unit E905?

Other Closing Items

			FY 2026		FY 2027	
Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	General Fund	Highway Fund	General Fund	Highway Fund
1	INFLATION	Agency-specific inflation. (M104, PUBLIC SAFETY-33-34)	$ 2,548	$ 2,652	$ 2,548	$ 2,652
2	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-34)	$ 3,561	$ 3,707	$ 3,540	$ 3,684
3		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-37)	$ 20,703	$ 21,548	$ 21,333	$ 22,204
4	TRAINING DATABASE	Fund a central repository for all employee training information. (E278, PUBLIC SAFETY-37)	$ 63,230	$ 65,810	$ 41,253	$ 42,937

5. Funding for a New Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-35): The Governor recommends $618,588 ($303,108 General Fund, $315,480 Highway Fund) to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the DPS relocating to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 4 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 5 be closed consistent with the Subcommittee's closing recommendation of Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account, and requests authority for staff to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary
None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - PUBLIC SAFETY ONE-SHOTS **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-49, **Volume III**
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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	500,000			420,463		420,463	
BALANCE FORWARD	2,000,000						
REVERSIONS	(500,000)						
Total Revenues	2,000,000			420,463		420,463	
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

The Public Safety One-Shots budget account serves as a central budget within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to house one-time appropriations approved in legislation.

Major Closing Issue

One-Time General Fund Appropriations for Recruitment Campaign

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

One-Time General Fund Appropriations for Recruitment Campaign (E280, PUBLIC SAFETY-49)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends one-time General Fund appropriations of $420,463 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to fund a recruitment campaign targeting DPS Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher classifications for the Department of Public Safety.

Summary of Issue: The Public Safety One-Shots budget account does not traditionally include Governor recommended decision units but rather serves as a central budget account within DPS to house one-time appropriations included in legislation.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The Governor's budget, as originally submitted, recommends one-time General Fund appropriations in the Public Safety One-Shots budget account to extend a contract with All-Star Talent to continue a recruitment campaign targeting DPS Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher classifications. Funding for the contract was approved at the December 12, 2024, Interim Finance Committee meeting, which implemented a social media-driven recruitment campaign that created a customized recruitment website, enhanced the department's social media advertisements, and created a candidate communication platform to include text and email communication, among other features.

As previously mentioned, the Public Safety One-Shots budget account does not traditionally include Governor recommended decision units. As such, on January 27, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A251884730 to remove the one-time funding for the recruitment campaign from the Public Safety One-Shots budget account and to instead fund the recruitment campaign with one-time funding in legislation for one-time appropriations.

The department indicates it considers funding for the recruitment campaign to be one-time in nature and if it is determined beneficial to continue the campaign beyond the 2025-27 Biennium, a request for additional funding would be submitted for consideration in a future budget request.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee asked for a status update on the implementation of the All-Star Talent recruitment campaign since December 2024 and whether additional funding would be requested to continue the campaign beyond the 2025-27 Biennium. In response, the department indicated that while it anticipates a need to continue marketing campaigns targeting its Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher classifications, the department was still considering whether the contract with All-Star Talent was the best option moving forward. The department further indicated it considered one-time funding for the recruitment campaign to be appropriate until it decided on the best marketing strategy to utilize once the All-Star Talent contract expires on June 30, 2027.

As noted, the Governor's Finance Office submitted a bill draft request to fund the recruitment campaign with one-time General Fund appropriations. If Budget Amendment A251884730 is approved, the one-time funding for the recruitment campaign would be considered during a future bill hearing.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of $420,463 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to fund a recruitment campaign in this budget account, as recommended by the Governor?

OR

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of Budget Amendment A251884730 to eliminate General Fund appropriations of $420,463 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium for the recruitment campaign in Decision Unit E280 and instead, consider this recommendation through the bill process once the legislation is introduced for the one-time General Fund appropriations?

Other Closing Items
None

Additional Information – No Action Necessary
None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DPS - NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-55, **Volume III**
Account: 201 - 4713

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	60,968	60,968		98,564	61.67	98,564	
HIGHWAY FUND	77,250,839	79,907,878	3.44	106,135,269	32.82	108,704,431	2.42
INTERIM FINANCE	165,207						
OTHER FUND	4,621,952	3,412,602	(26.17)	4,300,133	26.01	4,300,133	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	1,035,600	5,764,733	456.66	1,340,977	(76.74)	1,357,061	1.20
BALANCE FORWARD	17,994,380	7,238,470	(59.77)				
REVERSIONS	(4,111,611)						
Total Revenues	97,017,335	96,384,651	(0.65)	111,874,943	16.07	114,460,189	2.31
Total FTE		581.00		583.00		583.00	

Overview

Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 480.360, the Nevada Highway Patrol Division enforces the traffic laws of the state, investigates traffic accidents, and enforces and regulates motor carriers transporting cargo and hazardous materials. The Nevada Highway Patrol budget account is primarily funded with Highway Fund appropriations, reimbursement for contract services, and transfers, and receives a small amount of General Fund appropriations to support dignitary protection activities. The Nevada Highway Patrol focuses on preventing fatal and serious injury crashes, enhancing incident response, and supporting statewide traffic safety initiatives.

Major Closing Issues

1. New Program Officer Position for the Tow Program
2. New Program Officer Position for Ignition Interlock Program

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. New Program Officer Position for the Tow Program (E276, PUBLIC SAFETY-59-60)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends Highway Fund appropriations of $68,552 in FY 2026 and $84,636 in FY 2027 to fund one Program Officer position (Grade 31) and associated operating costs beginning October 2025 to serve as the tow program manager.

Summary of Issue: The agency indicates the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Lieutenant currently serving as the tow program manager is also assigned to the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance program, in addition to several other state inspection programs. According to the agency, due to a lack of personnel resources and time, it is difficult for the DPS Lieutenant to prioritize and manage the tow program in addition to other responsibilities, and as such, one Program Officer position is recommended to manage the tow program.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The Nevada Highway Patrol utilizes a third-party tow management service to support transportation safety and roadway clearance. Transitioning tow management from a sworn DPS Lieutenant position to a non-sworn Program Officer position would, according to the agency, allow sworn personnel to focus on enforcement activities, investigations, emergency response, and other public safety functions.

According to the agency, the shift of administrative responsibilities associated with the tow program to a dedicated Program Officer would improve contract compliance and coordination among tow companies and allow for better allocation of resources. The tow program manager would also maintain the Nevada Highway Patrol tow manual and report discrepancies to the DPS Lieutenant. The agency reports FY 2024 tows totaled 14,162 with 48 tow companies and 349 drivers, while FY 2025 tows-to-date total 7,743 with 44 tow companies and 288 drivers.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the agency testified a new Program Officer position is recommended to serve as a dedicated tow program manager. The Subcommittee did not raise any concerns regarding the recommendation.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of Highway Fund appropriations of $68,552 in FY 2026 and $84,636 in FY 2027 to establish one new Program Officer position and associated operating costs to serve as manager for the Nevada Highway Patrol's tow program, as recommended by the Governor?

2. New Program Officer Position for Ignition Interlock Program (E277, PUBLIC SAFETY-60)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends fee revenue of $68,552 in FY 2026 and $84,636 in FY 2027 to fund one Program Officer position (Grade 31) and associated operating costs, beginning October 2025, to support the Ignition Interlock Program.

Summary of Issue: The recommended Program Officer position would be supported by fee revenue transferred-in from the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget account, but it is unclear if sufficient fee revenue would be available to support the position over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: *Nevada Revised Statutes* 484C.210 requires any individual in Nevada, whose driving privilege has been revoked for having an illegal blood alcohol level or refusing to submit to testing for intoxication, to have an ignition interlock device installed in his or her vehicle as a condition of reinstatement of driving privileges. *Nevada Revised Statutes* 484C.454 further requires the Department of Public Safety to establish the Ignition Interlock Program and adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the program, which is managed by the Nevada Highway Patrol. The Ignition Interlock Program certifies ignition interlock devices and establishes the procedures for installing, removing, and inspecting the devices. In FY 2024, the department created the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget account with the goal of supporting the Ignition Interlock Program with fee revenue collected from vendors who install the ignition interlock devices. It was originally anticipated the agency would begin collecting fee revenue to support the program in FY 2023, but due to a delay in the drafting of regulations, the agency anticipates fees will not begin to be collected until FY 2025, and no fees have been collected to date.

The agency currently utilizes a Management Analyst position to support the Ignition Interlock Program, who is tasked with establishing onsite inspections, protocol for reviewing client driving logs, and drafting of billing and certification documentation. As the Management Analyst position was approved to support the development of the program, including the development and approval of associated fees, the position is supported by Highway Funds.

The new Program Officer position is recommended to assist existing personnel with ongoing maintenance and oversight of the Ignition Interlock Program. Duties of the new position would consist of maintaining records concerning the installation, violation, and removal of ignition interlock devices and serving as the point of contact regarding use of the devices.

The agency indicates projected fee revenue over the 2025-27 Biennium may not be sufficient to support the position and suggests the position initially be funded with Highway Fund appropriations. However, no Highway Fund appropriations are included in the Governor's recommended budget to support the position and no associated budget amendments have been received to adjust the funding source.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired when DPS expected to receive Legislative Commission approval to establish regulations for collecting fees to support the Ignition Interlock Program and how much Ignition Interlock Program fee revenue the agency projected to collect over the 2025-27 Biennium. In response, the agency indicated while the public hearing required to draft the regulations had taken place, revisions to the regulations were under review by the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Legal Division. The agency further indicated it was expecting to receive completed regulations soon and would then conduct the last public hearing necessary to finalize the regulations.

According to the agency, when the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget account was created in FY 2024, the agency initially projected $364,500 in fee revenue would be collected annually from 11 ignition interlock installation centers. The agency indicated it expects the number of vendors it works with through the Ignition Interlock Program to increase over time, which in turn would generate additional revenue.

The Subcommittee also expressed interest in how the agency would fund the recommended Program Officer position if the projected Ignition Interlock Program fee revenue collected over the 2025-27 Biennium was insufficient. In response, the agency indicated it initially requested Highway Funds to support the position and it did not know whether sufficient fee revenue would be collected to address salary and operational expenses.

Following the budget hearing, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A255674713 on March 18, 2025, to change the recommended funding source for the Program Officer position from fee revenue transferred from the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget to Highway Fund appropriations, resulting in Highway Fund appropriations of $68,552 in FY 2026 and $84,636 in FY 2027 and the elimination of the recommended transfer of Ignition Interlock Program fee revenue to support the position.

If the Subcommittee recommends approval of the recommended Program Officer position and the budget amendment to change the position's funding source, it may wish to express its intent that Highway Fund appropriations would be utilized as one-time funding over the 2025-27 Biennium to allow the agency sufficient time to establish regulations and collect Ignition Interlock Program fee revenue, and the agency should submit an enhancement request to the 84th (2027) Legislature to adjust the position's funding source from Highway Fund appropriations to Ignition Interlock Program fee revenue.

Alternatively, the Subcommittee could recommend approval of the Program Officer position but delay the start date of the position to July 1, 2026, and fund the position in FY 2027 with Ignition Interlock Program fees. As the agency currently has a Management Analyst position assigned to the implementation of the program, this would allow one more fiscal year for the agency to implement the program, including the establishment of the regulations necessary to begin assessing and collecting fees to support the program costs.

Given the uncertainty expressed by the agency in the timeline to implement this program and the level of fees that may be collected once implemented, the Subcommittee may wish to recommend the issuance of a letter of intent directing the agency to provide a status update on the implementation of the program, including its progress on finalizing regulations and establishing the fees necessary to support the program. If the Subcommittee chooses to recommend approval of the new position and to fund the position with

Highway Funds, the letter of intent could also memorialize the intent that the funding is one-time in nature for the 2025-27 Biennium, as discussed above. Alternatively, if the Subcommittee chooses to recommend the new position with a July 1, 2026, start date and fund the position with Ignition Interlock Program fees, the letter of intent would allow the agency the opportunity to report to the Interim Finance Committee on the status of fee collections and projections to demonstrate whether those fees would be sufficient to support the new Program Officer position.

Decision for the Subcommittee:

1. **Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of Decision Unit E277, as amended through Budget Amendment A255674713, to replace the recommended transfer of fee revenue from the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget account and instead utilize one-time Highway Fund appropriations totaling $68,552 in FY 2026 and $84,636 in FY 2027 to support one Program Officer position and associated operating costs to support the Ignition Interlock Program?**

OR

2. **Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of a new Program Officer position with a start date of July 1, 2026, and associated operating costs totaling $84,636 in FY 2027, funded with fee revenue transferred from the DPS Ignition Interlock non-executive budget account to support the Ignition Interlock Program?**

AND

3. **Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend a letter of intent directing the agency to provide a status update on the implementation of the program, including its progress on finalizing regulations and establishing the fees necessary to support the program?**

Other Closing Items

			FY 2026			FY 2027		
Other Items	**Category**	**Description of Decision Unit**	**General Fund**	**Highway Fund**	**Other Funds**	**General Fund**	**Highway Fund**	**Other Funds**
1	INFLATION	Agency-specific inflation. (M104, PUBLIC-SAFETY-58)	$ -	$1,286	$ -	$ -	$1,286	$ -
2	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-59)	$ -	$ 312,682	$ -	$ -	$ 204,912	$ -
3		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-67)	$ -	$1,328,524	$ -	$ -	$1,451,662	$ -
4	GRANT ALIGNMENT	Alignment of federal grants. (E278, PUBLIC SAFETY-60-61)	$ -	$ -	$ 183,666	$ -	$ -	$ 183,666
5	OPERATING	Cell phones for all DPS sworn positions. (E279, PUBLIC SAFETY-61)	$ -	$ 172,745	$ -	$ -	$ 152,417	$ -
6	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	Integration of GPS cloud system. (E280, PUBLIC SAFETY-61)	$ -	$ 143,480	$ -	$ -	$ 136,440	$ -
7	INFORMATION SYSTEMS	Emergency notification system. (E281, PUBLIC SAFETY-62)	$ -	$ 2,500	$ -	$ -	$ 2,500	$ -
8	IN-STATE TRAVEL	In-state travel. (E282, PUBLIC SAFETY-62)	$ -	$ 28,632	$ -	$ -	$ 28,632	$ -
9	UNIFORMS	New uniform items. (E283, PUBLIC SAFETY 62-63)	$ -	$ 67,919	$ -	$ -	$ 67,919	$ -
10	BASE INCREASES	Increases to contracts, overtime, operating, training, and information services over base. (E284, PUBLIC SAFETY-63)	$ -	$ 202,037	$ 22,840	$ -	$ 272,999	$ 22,840
11	DIGNITARY PROTECTION	Increase to Dignitary Protection category. (E290, PUBLIC SAFETY-63-64)	$ 37,596	$ -	$ -	$ 37,596	$ -	$ -

12	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	Software renewals. (E292, PUBLIC SAFETY-64)	$ -	$ 87,926	$ -	$ -	$ 89,777	$ -
13	CATEGORY FUNDING ADJUSTMENT	Move authority from Uniform category to Personnel category. (E301, PUBLIC SAFETY-64)	$ -	$(154,764)	$ -	$ -	$(154,764)	$ -
14	WELLNESS FUNDING	Mental health and wellness funding. (E302, PUBLIC SAFETY-65)	$ -	$ 145,978	$ -	$ -	$ 145,978	$ -
15		Annual wellness visits for peace officers. (E305, PUBLIC SAFETY-65)	$ -	$ 169,400	$ -	$ -	$ 169,400	$ -
16	MOUNT CHARLESTON GRANT	Mount Charleston grant and associated expenditures. (E306, PUBLIC SAFETY-65-66)	$ -	$ -	$ 31,230	$ -	$ -	$ 31,230
17	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Computer hardware and software. (E713, PUBLIC SAFETY-66)	$ -	$ 1,828	$ -	$ -	$ 28,602	$ -
18	SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT	Software licensing. (E716, PUBLIC SAFETY-66-67)	$ -	$ 11,200	$ -	$ -	$ 11,516	$ -
19	NEW EQUIPMENT	Mobile data equipment for rural area patrol vehicles. (E725, PUBLIC SAFETY-67)	$ -	$ 58,482	$ -	$ -	$ 30,780	$ -
20	POSITION TRANSFER	Transfer of three positions to DPS Director's Office budget account. (E900, PUBLIC SAFETY-68)	$ -	$(374,835)	$ -	$ -	$(377,421)	$ -

21. New Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-59): The Governor recommends $1.4 million in Highway Fund appropriations over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the DPS relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director’s Office budget account (BA 4706).

22. Transfer Out of One Administrative Assistant Position (E903, PUBLIC SAFETY-68): The Governor recommends the transfer of $187,912 in Highway Fund appropriations over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer one Administrative Assistant position and associated operating costs from this budget account to the DPS Director’s Office budget account. This request is contingent upon the Subcommittee recommending approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 1 in the DPS Director’s Office budget account (BA 4706).

23. Transfer In of Four DPS Officer Positions and Revenue Adjustment (E504, E904, PUBLIC SAFETY-66, 69): The Governor recommends net Highway Fund appropriations totaling $1.5 million over the 2025-27 Biennium to transfer four DPS Officer positions and associated operating costs from the Training Division to this budget account. This request is contingent upon the Subcommittee recommending approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the Training Division budget account (BA 3775).

24. Base Budget Technical Adjustment (BASE & SUMMARY, PUBLIC SAFETY-55-57, 69-72): The Governor recommends opioid settlement funds totaling $500,000 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium within the Department of Health and Human Services, Fund for a Resilient Nevada budget account to be transferred to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division budget account. However, the Governor’s recommended budget failed to budget for receipt of the transfers and associated expenses within the Nevada Highway Patrol Division budget account. Opioid settlement funds support statewide projects to address the impact of opioid and other substance use disorders and would be used by DPS to initiate counseling services for personnel. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to align the transfer amounts between the Nevada Highway Patrol Division and Fund for a Resilient Nevada budget accounts, resulting in an increase in opioid revenue of $500,000 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium. This adjustment would add an ongoing expense approved by the Interim Finance Committee through an August 2024 work program. The agency and Governor’s Finance Office concur with the recommended adjustment.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 20 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 21 be closed contingent upon and consistent with the Subcommittee's recommendation of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account, Other Closing Item 23 be closed contingent upon and consistent with the Subcommittee's recommendation of the associated Major Closing Issue 1 in the DPS Director's Office budget account, Other Closing Item 24 be closed contingent upon and consistent with the Subcommittee's recommendation of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the Training Division budget account, Other Closing Item 25 be closed with the noted technical adjustment, and requests authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

Vacancy Rate of Nevada Highway Patrol Division Positions: The Nevada Highway Patrol Division, including both sworn and non-sworn positions in the Nevada Highway Patrol budget account and the Highway Safety Grants Account budget account, is currently authorized for 599 positions. As of January 24, 2025, the division had a total of approximately 181 (30%) positions vacant. Both the agency's sworn and non-sworn positions are experiencing vacancies. The agency's sworn positions include, but are not limited to, officers serving as state troopers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, and Majors while the agency's non-sworn positions include various administrative positions, accounting assistants, and equipment mechanics. The vacancy rates of the agency's sworn and non-sworn staff are depicted in the following table, as provided by the agency:

Vacancies in Nevada Highway Patrol Budget Account and Highway Safety Grants Account		
Sworn Positions		
Year	**Sworn Vacant**	**Vacancy %**
2023	150	30.7%
2024	160	32.7%
2025*	164	33.5%
Non-Sworn Positions		
Year	**Non-Sworn Vacant**	**Vacancy %**
2023	37	32.7%
2024	16	14.2%
2025*	17	15.0%
Overall Sworn and Non-Sworn		
Year	**Overall Vacant**	**Vacancy %**
2023	187	31.1%
2024	176	29.2%
2025*	181	30.1%
*2025 data current as of January 24, 2025		

As depicted in the preceding table, the vacancy rate for the Nevada Highway Patrol's non-sworn positions has improved from 32.7% in 2023 to 15.0% as of January 24, 2025. According to the agency, the improvement of vacancy rates for non-sworn staff is partly due to the lifting of hiring restrictions previously imposed by the Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management, which now allows the agency to directly hire candidates onsite, contingent upon other approvals such as background checks. While the vacancy rate for non-sworn positions has declined, the vacancy rate for sworn positions has increased from 30.7% in 2023 to 33.5% as of January 2025.

According to the agency, previous marketing attempts to recruit for Nevada Highway Patrol positions were limited to community job fairs, with all candidates applying through the standard state application system. Without a specific marketing campaign, the agency indicates the legislatively approved cost-of-living adjustments and grade increases for DPS positions were not enough to adequately address hiring needs, especially among sworn staff.

To decrease the vacancy rate of its DPS Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher classifications, DPS has contracted with All-Star Talent to implement a social media-driven recruitment campaign that created a customized recruitment website, enhanced the department's social media advertisements, and created a candidate communication platform to include text and email communication, among other features. Furthermore, the agency indicates the Chief of the Training Division and the department's Deputy Director assist with the All-Star Talent recruitment campaign by representing the department at public outreach events and mentoring applicants through the hiring process via phone and email communication.

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
HIGHWAY FUND	48,081	48,081		54,081	12.48	54,104	0.04
FEDERAL FUND	3,775,559	3,891,990	3.08	4,263,383	9.54	4,338,111	1.75
REVERSIONS	(8,152)						
Total Revenues	3,815,488	3,940,071	3.27	4,317,464	9.58	4,392,215	1.73
Total FTE		18.00*		24.00		24.00	

* Includes the addition of three FTE approved by the IFC during the 2024-25 Interim.

Overview

The Highway Safety Grants Account contains the activities funded through the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program for commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement and education programs. Grant funds are utilized to support enforcement focused on accident, fatality, and injury reduction of commercial-related crashes through commercial vehicle safety programs.

Major Closing Issue

Six New Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector Positions

Discussion of Major Closing Issue

Six New Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector Positions (E277, PUBLIC SAFETY-77)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grant funds of $511,598 in FY 2026 and $601,730 in FY 2027 to fund six Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector positions (Grade 33) and associated operating costs beginning October 2025.

Summary of Issue: The Highway Safety Grants Account is currently authorized for seven Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors (inclusive of three positions approved during the 2023-24 Interim), and the Governor is recommending six additional inspector positions (86% increase) to support the Nevada Highway Patrol's Commercial Enforcement Section.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors assist state troopers in the Nevada Highway Patrol's Commercial Enforcement Section (Section) in conducting safety inspections of commercial motor vehicles at fixed stationary locations. The agency indicates state troopers in the Section perform roving mobile enforcement to identify and stop dangerous drivers and inspect commercial motor vehicles for compliance with federal standards. According to the agency, Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors allow state troopers to focus on the performance of targeted roving enforcement activities, as opposed to inspection activities at fixed locations.

According to the agency, the Nevada Highway Patrol is required to maintain enforcement activity levels, including commercial motor vehicle safety inspections, at average levels established in FY 2014 and FY 2015 pursuant to Title 49 of the *Code of Federal Regulations.* The agency is projecting to complete 27,461 enforcement activities in FY 2025, which is 6,148 (18.3%) less than the average enforcement activities of 33,609 performed in FY 2014 and FY 2015. As such, the agency indicates it is out of compliance with federal regulations due to limited staffing, leading to federal grant funding being withheld.

Following a review of the associated federal regulations, the 2014/2015 average does not appear to be a federally mandated target, but rather a maintenance of effort threshold, which, if met, would allow the agency to receive additional grant reimbursement for non-commercial motor vehicle inspection activities.

According to the agency, the duties of Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors range from coordinating training in the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program office to conducting inspections and compliance reviews. The agency indicates, if approved, the additional six Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors could perform approximately 6,912 additional safety inspections per year, allowing them to meet or exceed the 2014/2015 average number of enforcement activities.

The agency further indicates that two Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector positions would be located in each of the three regional offices housing the agency's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Units in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko. According to the agency, pairing two inspector positions together enhances efficiency, as one inspector can complete tasks such as measuring brake chambers, slack adjusters, and air lines, while the other inspector can record measurements and guide drivers through inspections.

The federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grant, according to the agency, is awarded on an annual basis and is sufficient to fund the costs of the recommended positions. State match is required and would be met through in-kind salary contributions from positions that support the program. According to supporting documentation, funding to support the recommended new positions was included in the most recent safety plan submitted to the federal government on January 22, 2025, which the agency indicates has been approved.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee expressed interest in the agency's plan to address the maintenance of effort threshold requirement of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grant. As testified to during the budget hearing, the agency indicated the additional six Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors could perform approximately 6,912 additional safety inspections per year, which, when combined with the activities performed in FY 2025, would exceed the 2014/2015 average. Additionally, the agency confirmed the six recommended positions were included in the agency's most recent Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan, which has received federal approval.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of $511,598 in FY 2026 and $601,730 in FY 2027 in federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grant funding to establish six new Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector positions and associated operating costs to support the agency's Commercial Enforcement Section?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Federal Fund	FY 2027 Federal Fund
1	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-77)	$ 1,954	$ 1,952
2		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-79)	$ 22,871	$ 23,631
3	OPERATING	Virtual sign network to communicate with commercial vehicles. (E278, PUBLIC SAFETY-78)	$ 70,000	$ 70,000
4	VEHICLE LEASE	One new vehicle lease. (E279, PUBLIC SAFETY-78)	$ 5,828	$ 5,828
5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Replacement computer hardware and software. (E710, PUBLIC SAFETY-78-79)	$ 87,880	$ 56,840

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - INVESTIGATION DIVISION **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-104, **Volume III**
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Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	6,887,467	7,038,159	2.19	11,729,487	66.66	11,984,759	2.18
HIGHWAY FUND	503,856	439,994	(12.67)	739,587	68.09	761,440	2.95
FEDERAL FUND	55,664	64,049	15.06	64,049		64,049	
OTHER FUND	46,790	30,191	(35.48)	40,854	35.32	40,854	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	1,878,484	1,613,522	(14.11)	1,695,307	5.07	1,727,718	1.91
BALANCE FORWARD	817,103	186,345	(77.19)				
REVERSIONS	(137,601)						
Total Revenues	10,051,763	9,372,260	(6.76)	14,269,284	52.25	14,578,820	2.17
Total FTE		64.00*		77.00		77.00	

*Includes the addition of one FTE approved through Assembly Bill 125 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session.

Overview

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), Investigation Division, is a law enforcement agency with statewide jurisdiction dedicated to public safety. The primary missions of the division are to provide comprehensive investigative services upon request to all criminal justice agencies; to support federal, state, local, and private sector partners through the collection, analysis, and dissemination of relevant and timely information on terrorism, criminal activity, and other public safety hazards; and to deter and disrupt the trafficking and availability of narcotics and other dangerous drugs statewide through the supervision of multi-jurisdictional task forces.

Major Closing Issues

1. Digital Forensics and Cold Case Operations Support
2. New Illicit Cannabis Unit

Discussion of Major Closing Issues

1. Digital Forensics and Cold Case Operations Support (E275, E285, E901, PUBLIC SAFETY-110-111, 113)

Recommendation: To support digital forensics and cold case operations, the Governor recommends General Fund appropriations totaling $771,847 in FY 2026 and $907,082 in FY 2027 to fund six new positions and associated operating, equipment and vehicle costs (E275), and vendor costs for license agreements for software utilized in digital forensics investigations (E285). The Governor also recommends the transfer of one position, and associated costs totaling $217,163 in FY 2026 and $216,545 in FY 2027 from the Division of Parole and Probation budget account (BA 3740) to this budget account (E901).

Summary of Issue: According to the agency, additional resources are needed to supplement existing efforts related to digital forensics and cost case review and support. The recommended Management Analyst positions would be reclassified to Property and Evidence Technician positions, but the classification has not yet been developed and approved by the Division of Human Resource Management.

<u>Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing</u>: The agency indicates it currently has one full-time dedicated DPS Officer position and one DPS Sergeant position assisting on a case-by-case basis to support digital forensics investigations. Additionally, the agency indicates it does not have any positions dedicated to cold case review, resulting in existing positions being pulled away from other law enforcement investigations to assist in conducting digital forensics and cold case operations. As such, the Governor recommends one new DPS Sergeant position (Grade 43), one new DPS Officer position (Grade 41), four new Management Analyst positions (Grade 35), and the transfer of one existing DPS Officer position (Grade 41, Step 10) from the Division of Parole and Probation budget account to support the Investigation Division in conducting digital forensics and cold case operations.

Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 480.400 through NRS 480.545, the Investigation Division conducts a variety of criminal investigations, including, but not limited to, homicides, death investigations, sex crimes, crimes against children, narcotics investigations, vehicle theft investigations, and homeland security investigations. According to the agency, the Investigation Division is also the primary entity responsible for conducting digital investigations and cold case reviews for the Department of Public Safety, utilizing up-to-date training, software, and equipment to support all divisions within the department, as well as outside agencies.

The agency indicates given the pervasive nature of digital devices, digital evidence (including email history, text messages, videos, and browsing and location history) is a critical component of almost all criminal investigations. The Investigation Division created and began managing the department's Digital Investigative Unit in 2023, which consolidated the digital forensics resources of the Division of Parole and Probation and the Investigation Division to meet the demand for investigations, including cold case investigations. Cold cases, also known as unresolved cases, are identified by the agency as homicides, death investigations, and/or missing persons investigations that are more than two years old and had no significant leads at the time of last review. The agency indicates it has approximately 37 cold cases that occurred between 1977 and 2003, with cold case review taking place as new leads become available and as caseloads allow.

The agency also states current staff in the Digital Investigative Unit cannot satisfy increasing requests to extract data from devices being received from within the department and across the state, as growing demand makes the manipulation of existing resources and the expansion of responsibilities by multitasking various units no longer viable options. Requests for service and statistics on the number of devices the agency reports were received by the Digital Investigative Unit for analysis or processing in calendar year 2024 are shown in the following table:

Investigation Statistics, Digital Investigative Unit	
Calendar Year 2024	
Total Digital Investigation Unit Requests	**240**
Devices Submitted	**502**
Agencies Serviced	**38**
Item Breakdown (Most Common Devices)	
Computers (Including Laptops and Desktops)	**43**
Cell Phones	**348**
Tablets	**19**
USB Devices	**25**

Projections regarding requests for service or the number of devices that may be submitted in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for analysis and processing were not provided.

According to the agency, additional positions and resources are needed to address digital forensics needs and cold case review, which could reduce investigative delays and result in locating victims, witnesses, and suspects more quickly. The Governor recommends the following positions to address the department's forensic needs and to prioritize cold case investigations:

- One DPS Sergeant (E275, Grade 43): The DPS Sergeant position would be located in Northern Nevada beginning October 2025 and would supervise the Digital Investigative Unit. According to the agency, stationing the DPS Sergeant position in the north would allow the DPS Sergeant position currently assisting the Digital Investigative Unit on a case-by-case basis to focus on its primary assigned duties in the Major Crimes Unit.

- One DPS Officer Position (E275, Grade 41): The DPS Officer position would be located in Northern Nevada beginning October 2025 and would complement the duties performed by the existing DPS Officer in Southern Nevada, currently dedicated to the Digital Investigative Unit. The agency indicates the DPS Officer positions would serve as detectives and train the four recommended Management Analyst positions to identify evidence discovered during media extractions. According to the agency, cold case review would also be a responsibility of the DPS Officer positions while assigned to the Digital Investigative Unit.

- Four Management Analyst Positions (E275, Grade 35): The Governor's recommended budget includes four Management Analyst positions, which, if approved, would serve as non-sworn staff within the Digital Investigative Unit and allow the agency to dedicate sworn staff to law enforcement investigations. Two Management Analyst positions would be located in the north, and the other two positions would be located in the south, with two of the positions recommended to begin October 2025 and two recommended to begin July 2026. The agency indicates a phased implementation would assist program development and sustainability.

  The agency intends to reclassify the four recommended Management Analyst positions to Property and Evidence Technician positions (Grade 35), which is not currently an approved class specification. According to the agency, the classification of Property and Evidence Technician would more appropriately match the responsibilities of the recommended positions, who would create and update evidence records, retrieve information from various computer applications, and provide technical assistance on evidence software programs. The agency further indicates it submitted the class specification for the Property and Evidence Technician position to the Division of Human Resource Management for review but is unsure if or when the new position series would be created.

- Transfer of One DPS Officer (Grade 41) from the Division of Parole and Probation (E901): The Investigation Division created and began managing the department's Digital Investigative Unit in 2023, which consolidated the digital forensics resources of the Division of Parole and Probation and the Investigation Division. According to the agency, a DPS Officer position serving as a task force officer was previously assigned from the Division of Parole and Probation to the Investigation Division to conduct digital investigations, but the position is currently vacant. The agency indicates transferring the vacant DPS Officer position from the Division of Parole and Probation to the Investigation Division would help the Investigation Division meet its statutory responsibilities and ensure consistency in policies and operations.

- Digital Forensics Software Support (E285): The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $139,231 each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to fund license agreements for software utilized in digital forensics investigations. Approval of the software in this decision unit is contingent on the approval of the six new positions recommended in Decision Unit E275.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the March 5, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about the resources available to conduct digital forensics investigations related to cold cases and how the recommended positions would benefit cold case review. In response, the agency indicated that due to staffing levels and caseloads, existing cold cases are currently reviewed by DPS Officer positions in the agency's Major Crimes Units as new information is received or as current case volume allows. According to the agency, cold case review would be a responsibility of the DPS Officer positions assigned to the Digital Investigative Unit, in addition to their primary duties of conducting digital forensics investigations and overseeing digital media extractions. The agency further indicated by utilizing the non-sworn Management Analyst positions to perform digital forensics investigations and data extractions, the positions could prevent existing sworn positions in other units from being diverted from current investigations and cold case review.

The Subcommittee also expressed interest regarding the current timeframe for processing internal and external requests for digital forensics review and how the recommended positions would impact this timeframe. In response, the agency indicated it could not provide a specific timeframe, as the amount of time needed to respond to requests depends on the type and age of the device being processed, with new devices being submitted daily. The agency further indicated devices involved in major crimes take priority, resulting in personnel often working on multiple devices simultaneously, utilizing different digital forensics programs. According to the agency, the recommended Management Analyst positions would be dedicated to processing digital media extractions, which would improve the turnaround time for processing devices.

The Subcommittee requested workload statistics for FY 2022 through FY 2027 related to digital investigations and the number of devices submitted to the Digital Investigative Unit for processing. The agency indicated as of March 17, 2025, it had 169 devices in the queue waiting to be examined and provided statistics regarding the number of devices submitted for data extraction since FY 2022, as shown in the following table:

Investigation Statistics, Digital Investigative Unit	
Devices Submitted	
FY 2022	**221**
FY 2023	**246**
FY 2024	**451**
FY 2025 (Projected)	**600**
FY 2026 (Projected)	**600**
FY 2027 (Projected)	**600**

In follow-up provided after the hearing, the agency indicated an average of 47 devices per month have been submitted for processing in FY 2025, for a total of 385 devices to date.

The Subcommittee also inquired about whether the Management Analyst class specification would be appropriate to support the Digital Investigative Unit if the recommended Property and Evidence Technician class specification series was not approved by the Division of Human Resource Management. In response, the agency indicated the Management Analyst classification would not meet the specifications needed to support the Digital Investigative Unit and the Intelligence Analyst class specification may be an appropriate alternative. In follow-up provided after the hearing, the agency revised the assessment, indicating only portions of the Intelligence Analyst class specification would meet the job duties of the Digital Forensics Unit, and the minimum requirements for the Intelligence Analyst position would limit recruitment options. According to the agency, the class specification that best fits the Digital Investigative Unit, if the Property and Evidence Technician class specification series is not approved, would be the Program Officer (Grade 33) classification.

Technical Adjustment: The Property and Evidence Technician class specification series has not yet been approved by the Division of Human Resource Management. As such, if the Subcommittee recommends approval of the new positions, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to change the recommended Management Analyst class specification to a Program Officer class specification for the four recommended positions in Decision Unit E275. To avoid compaction issues and expand recruitment options, the agency indicates the Program Officer class specification (Grade 33) is most appropriate. The technical adjustment would result in General Fund savings of $9,792 in FY 2026 and $26,598 in FY 2027. The agency and the Governor's Finance Officer concur with the recommended technical adjustment.

Decisions for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of $622,824 in FY 2026 and $741,253 in FY 2027, inclusive of the noted technical adjustment, to fund six new positions, and associated operating, equipment, and vehicle costs included in Decision Unit E275?

AND

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations of $139,231 in each year of the 2025-27 Biennium to fund license agreements for software utilized in digital forensics investigations, as recommended by the Governor in Decision Unit E285?

AND

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the transfer of one position and associated costs totaling $217,163 in FY 2026 and $216,545 in FY 2027 from the Division of Parole and Probation's budget account to this budget account to support digital forensics and cold case operations, as recommended by the Governor in Decision Unit E901?

2. New Illicit Cannabis Unit (E288, PUBLIC SAFETY-111-112)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of $679,919 in FY 2026 and $701,497 in FY 2027 to fund one new DPS Sergeant position (Grade 43) and four new DPS Officer positions (Grade 41) and associated operating costs to establish an Illicit Cannabis Unit. Of the five new positions, three positions are recommended to begin in FY 2026, while two positions are recommended to begin in FY 2027. Included in the recommendation is $371,897 for equipment, including five new vehicles and two aerial drones.

Summary of Issue: According to the agency, the Investigation Division's current resources are insufficient to investigate unlicensed cannabis activities, and the agency has no staff dedicated to combat the illicit cannabis market, which has continued to grow since adult use of recreational cannabis became legal in Nevada on January 1, 2017.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: The passage of Senate Bill (S.B.) 328 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, codified as NRS 678A.440, granted the Cannabis Compliance Board with additional powers to address unlicensed cannabis activities, including referring matters involving the illicit cannabis market to the Investigation Division for further investigation and possible criminal prosecution. While the Investigation Division did not submit a fiscal note on S.B. 328 (2023), the agency indicates it lacks the resources to conduct illicit cannabis referrals made by the Cannabis Compliance Board. The agency further indicates no proactive investigations were performed over the 2023-25 Biennium, and only egregious investigations have been conducted.

The agency indicates, while the Cannabis Compliance Board regulates the licensed cannabis industry, the illicit cannabis market has thrived, directly impacting Nevada by reducing tax revenue, creating environmental hazards, and exposing youth to the effects of cannabis. According to the agency, the recommendation for five new positions to establish an Illicit Cannabis Unit in the Investigation Division is supported by the Cannabis Compliance Board and would increase the agency's capacity to investigate the illegal cannabis trade, facilitate appropriate interventions, and provide drug education to Nevada communities.

The Investigation Division is responsible for six drug task forces statewide, with each task force staffed with approximately one DPS Sergeant position and one DPS Officer position. The drug task forces are also assigned additional personnel from other law enforcement agencies, which usually consists of one detective from both a county sheriff's office and a local city police department. As such, each drug task force has a staffing level of approximately four personnel. To start a new unit specifically designated to combat the illicit cannabis market, which, according to the agency, has grown, but without specific data relating to the scale of illicit cannabis within the state, the agency indicates a task force of five appears reasonable. However, information regarding the level of participation from other state or local law enforcement entities is unknown.

Of the five recommended positions, one DPS Sergeant position and two DPS Officer positions would be located in Southern Nevada, while two DPS Officer positions would be located in Northern Nevada. The agency indicates the DPS Sergeant position would supervise the four DPS Officer positions, who would serve as detectives to investigate the illicit cannabis market in the northern and southern regions of the state. According to the agency, the Investigation Division fills its DPS Officer positions serving as detectives by promoting other positions from within the Department of Public Safety, and due to the current staffing levels of other sworn divisions, promoting two positions at a time is intended to have less impact on the budget accounts from which the positions are being promoted.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the March 5, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about how many illicit cannabis referrals have been made to the Investigation Division and whether there was a backlog of illicit cannabis cases. In response, the agency indicated it did not currently have a backlog of illicit cannabis cases, and illicit cannabis investigations were not a priority when compared to investigating activities involving more dangerous drugs. The agency further indicated it had been collaborating with the Cannabis Compliance Board regarding how to begin investigating illicit cannabis activities.

The Subcommittee also expressed interest in how the agency would measure its success in combating the illegal cannabis market and whether representatives from other local law enforcement agencies would be assigned to support the Illicit Cannabis Unit. In response, the agency indicated it would determine the success of the unit based on the amount of evidence collected, and instead of pursuing individual users, it would focus efforts on investigating mid- to high-level drug traffickers and dismantling drug organizations. The agency further indicated it already utilizes personnel from other law enforcement agencies to assist existing drug task forces, and if the request to establish an Illicit Cannabis Unit were approved, it would reach out to law enforcement partners for assistance in building the unit.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of General Fund appropriations totaling $679,919 in FY 2026 and $701,497 in FY 2027 to support one new DPS Sergeant position, four new DPS Officer positions, and associated operating costs to establish an Illicit Cannabis Unit as recommended by the Governor?

Other Closing Items

Other Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 General Fund	FY 2026 Highway Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 General Fund	FY 2027 Highway Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-107)	$ 10,153	$ 1,004	$ -	$ 9,826	$ 972	$ -
2		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-112)	$ 118,058	$ 11,677	$ -	$ 124,528	$ 12,316	$ -
3	RESTITUTION	Addition of restitution revenue. (E225, PUBLIC SAFETY-107)	$ -	$ -	$ 4,220	$ -	$ -	$ 4,220
4	FBI REIMBURSEMENT	FBI reimbursement. (E226, PUBLIC SAFETY-108)	$ -	$ -	$ 17,677	$ -	$ -	$ 17,677
5	OPERATING	Increases to contracts. (E227, PUBLIC SAFETY-108)	$ 27,276	$ -	$ -	$ 27,276	$ -	$ -
6	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	Software renewal. (E228, PUBLIC SAFETY-108-109)	$ 49,822	$ -	$ -	$ 49,822	$ -	$ -
7	SOFTWARE LICENSES	Software licenses. (E229, PUBLIC SAFETY-109)	$ 10,370	$ -	$ -	$ 10,370	$ -	$ -
8	REVENUE ALIGNMENT	Alignment of federal authority. (E230, PUBLIC SAFETY-109)	$ -	$ -	$ 18,622	$ -	$ -	$ 18,622
9		Alignment of tobacco settlement funds. (E231, PUBLIC SAFETY-110)	$ -	$ -	$ 26,084	$ -	$ -	$ 26,084
10	POSITION TRANSFER	Transfer in of one position from Nevada Office of Homeland Security budget account (BA 3675). (E900, PUBLIC SAFETY-112-113)	$ 147,523	$	$	$ 145,457	$	$

11. Additional Funding for a New Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-110): The Governor recommends $132,707 ($88,040 General Fund, $44,667 Highway Fund) in FY 2026 and $137,652 ($91,501 General Fund, $46,151 Highway Fund) in FY 2027 to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the Department of Public Safety's relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 10 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 11 be closed contingent upon and consistent with the Subcommittee's recommendation of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account, and requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DPS - TRAFFIC SAFETY **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-186, **Volume III**

Account: 101 - 4687

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
FEDERAL FUND	9,158,500	6,342,552	(30.75)				
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	2,210,338	2,414,349	9.23				
BALANCE FORWARD	17,295	11,690	(32.41)				
Total Revenues	11,386,133	8,768,591	(22.99)				
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

The Traffic Safety budget account serves as a pass through for federal grant funds received by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety. Funding is provided to support the operations of the Office of Traffic Safety, local government agencies, local law enforcement jurisdictions, and private or nonprofit entities for traffic safety problems in their jurisdictions. Funding is targeted at programs to reduce deaths and injuries from motor vehicle crashes, to encourage the implementation of child passenger protection programs, increase seat belt usage rates, combat driving under the influence, and to link traffic records statewide to a uniform comprehensive system.

Major Closing Issue

Elimination of the Traffic Safety Budget Account

Elimination of the Traffic Safety Budget Account (E900, PUBLIC SAFETY-187-188)

Recommendation: The Governor recommends transferring all revenues and expenditures totaling $28.6 million over the 2025-27 Biennium from the Traffic Safety budget account to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account and eliminating the Traffic Safety budget account. A companion E900 decision unit is recommended in the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account.

Summary of Issue: Federal funding and interagency transfer revenues are currently received in the Traffic Safety budget account before being transferred to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account. Consolidation of budget accounts may reduce transparency and oversight of the related revenues and expenditures.

Details Provided During the Subcommittee Hearing: According to the agency, federal revenue is received in the Traffic Safety budget account and is then transferred to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account to reimburse operating expenditures, requiring accounting transactions that must be entered and approved by both the agency and the Office of the State Controller. The agency indicates consolidation of the budget accounts would reduce the duplicative processes currently required to transfer funds and would have no impact on the operations of local government and nonprofit agencies receiving funding passed through the Traffic Safety budget account. Additionally, the agency indicates the oversight and administration of funding would not be impacted, as the same revenue general ledgers currently utilized in the Traffic Safety budget account would be used in the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account. All expenditures of associated funding would continue to be made in the same special use categories within the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account.

Hearing Discussion and Post-Hearing Update/Information: During the February 14, 2025, budget hearing, the Subcommittee inquired about whether any federal requirements mandated the budget accounts to be separate and why federal funding had traditionally been received in the Traffic Safety budget account prior to being transferred to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account. In response, the agency indicated it was not aware of any federal requirements mandating the budget accounts to be separate, but that the budget accounts had been maintained separately since the Department of Public Safety was transitioned from the Department of Motor Vehicles and established as its own agency in 2001. The agency further indicated several state agencies, such as the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Department of Health and Human Services, receive and disperse federal funding from the same budget account, and the historical rationale for having separate Traffic Safety budget accounts was not known.

The Subcommittee also questioned whether the elimination of the Traffic Safety budget account would result in a loss of transparency or accountability of associated federal funds and expenditures. In response, the agency indicated it did not foresee any impact on accountability or transparency due to the elimination of the Traffic Safety budget account as the two budget accounts were built to mirror one another.

Decision for the Subcommittee:
Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of transferring all revenues and expenses totaling $28.6 million over the 2025-27 Biennium to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account and eliminating the Traffic Safety budget account, as recommended by the Governor?

Other Closing Items
None

Additional Information – No Action Necessary
None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures

Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - OFFICE OF PROF RESPONSIBILITY **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY - 20, **Volume III**
Account: 201 - 4707

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	871,266	981,470	12.65	1,400,330	42.68	1,409,274	0.64
Total Revenues	871,266	981,470	12.65	1,400,330	42.68	1,409,274	0.64
Total FTE		6.00		6.00		6.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Office of Professional Responsibility is responsible for conducting administrative investigations into complaints alleging misconduct by sworn and civilian Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel. The Office of Professional Responsibility is accountable to the Director and conducts administrative investigations pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 480.150(2). If during an investigation criminal wrongdoing is evident, the matter is referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The budget account allocates operating costs based on each DPS division's percentage of the total number of cases (sworn and non-sworn personnel) assigned to the Office of Professional Responsibility over the last three years.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

			FY 2026	FY 2027
Other Closing Items	**Category**	**Description of Decision Unit**	**Other Funds**	**Other Funds**
1	INFORMATION SERVICES	Interview room equipment. (E276, PUBLIC SAFETY-22-23)	$ 23,870	$ 23,870
2	TRAINING	Out-of-state training. (E289, PUBLIC SAFETY-23)	$ 5,957	$ 5,957
3	SOFTWARE SUPPORT	Transcription software. (E290, PUBLIC SAFETY-24)	$ 600	$ 600
4	OPERATING	Fuel costs. (E299, PUBLIC SAFETY-24)	$ 4,400	$ 4,400
5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Computer hardware and software. (E710, PUBLIC SAFETY-24-25)	$ 7,856	$ 672

6. Additional Funding for a New Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-22): The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursements of $97,196 in FY 2026 and $101,017 in FY 2027 to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the DPS' relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

7. Sergeant to Lieutenant Position Reclassifications (E275, PUBLIC SAFETY-22): The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursements of $67,011 in FY 2026 and $68,371 in FY 2027 to reclassify four DPS Sergeants to DPS Lieutenants. According to the agency, due to increasing responsibilities resulting from growth of the department, reclassification of the four positions would more accurately align with the job duties performed. These positions are recommended at a Grade 44, whereas the correct grade for the positions is Grade 45. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to correct the grade for the four positions from Grade 44 to Grade 45, consistent with the Division of Human Resource Management classification. Offsetting adjustments to correct position attributes would result in a net zero expenditure and revenue adjustment. The agency concurs with the recommended adjustments.

8. Lieutenant to Captain Position Reclassification (E277, PUBLIC SAFETY-23): The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursements of $24,461 in FY 2026 and $23,065 in FY 2027 to reclassify one DPS Lieutenant position to a DPS Captain position. According to the agency, a DPS Lieutenant acts as chief of the Office of Professional Responsibility, and reclassification of the position to DPS Captain would align the agency's command structure with the job duties performed. The reclassification of the position is recommended at a Grade 46, whereas the correct grade for the position is a Grade 47, which results in a funding shortfall for this recommendation. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to correct the grade for the reclassification of the position from a Grade 46 to a Grade 47, consistent with the Division of Human Resource Management classification, which would result in additional costs of $20,315 over the 2025-27 Biennium. The agency and the Governor's Finance Office concur with the recommended adjustments.

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - EVIDENCE VAULT **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-26, **Volume III**
Account: 201 - 4701

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	891,841	981,024	10.00	1,180,884	20.37	1,214,562	2.85
Total Revenues	891,841	981,024	10.00	1,180,884	20.37	1,214,562	2.85
Total FTE		7.00		8.00		8.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Evidence Vault is a dedicated program that supports all divisions within the Department of Public Safety by providing secure locations to store regularly seized property, money, and contraband from individuals for evidentiary, safekeeping, or destruction purposes. Evidence technicians receive specific training regarding monitoring, storing, and the release and destruction of evidence. Furthermore, the Evidence Vault serves the public by ensuring the integrity and chain of custody for successful prosecution and final disposition of evidence. Evidence Vaults are in Las Vegas (Southern Command), Elko (Central Command), and Reno (Northern Command). The Evidence Vault budget account is fully funded through cost allocation reimbursements.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	INFLATION	Utility inflation. (M104, PUBLIC SAFETY-27)	$ 1,450	$ 1,450
2	POSITION	New Management Analyst position to support evidence vault workload. (E275, PUBLIC SAFETY-28-29)	$ 75,348	$ 93,389
3	VEHICLE LEASE	One new vehicle lease. (E276, PUBLIC SAFETY-29)	$ 4,368	$ 4,368
4	INFORMATION SERVICES	Digital evidence management system. (E277, PUBLIC SAFETY-29)	$ 13,791	$ 13,791
5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Computer hardware and software. (E710, PUBLIC SAFETY-30)	$ 1,950	$ 7,027

6. Additional Funding for a New Office Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-28): The Governor recommends cost allocation reimbursements of $91,829 in FY 2026 and $95,553 in FY 2027 to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the Department of Public Safety's relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - FORFEITURES - LAW ENFORCEMENT **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-41, **Volume III**

Account: 101 - 4703

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	22,135	54,844	147.77	67,229	22.58	67,229	
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	150,000	150,000		150,000		150,000	
BALANCE FORWARD	8,314	338,653	3973.29	343,457	1.42	294,423	(14.28)
Total Revenues	180,449	543,497	201.19	560,686	3.16	511,652	(8.75)
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

This budget account is supported by federal and state forfeitures proceeds. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 179.1187, the DPS Forfeitures-Law Enforcement budget account records forfeitures received by the Investigation Division, the Nevada Highway Patrol, and the Division of Parole and Probation. Revenue for this budget account is based on estimated forfeiture activity, and expenses are budgeted for the pass-through to local governments and to divisions within the Department of Public Safety. Generally, all remaining forfeiture funds are placed in reserve. As equipment and training needs are identified, the Department of Public Safety may present its requests for forfeiture fund allocations to the Interim Finance Committee for approval.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Item	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Reserve[1]	FY 2027 Reserve[1]
1	TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT	Training, travel, software, and equipment. (E287, PUBLIC SAFETY-42)	$ (66,405)	$ (46,855)

[1]Recommendations to fund expenditures in whole, or in part, with reserve funds will display as a negative dollar value as the reserve level would be reduced. Alternatively, recommendations to decrease expenditure levels with an offset to reserve will display as a positive dollar value as the reserve level would be increased.

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - DIGNITARY PROTECTION **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-44, **Volume III**

Account: 101 - 4738

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
GENERAL FUND	1,731,629	1,793,042	3.55	2,380,893	32.79	2,405,101	1.02
INTERIM FINANCE							
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	4,536	75,513	1564.75				
BALANCE FORWARD	35,814	14,364	(59.89)				
REVERSIONS	(52,921)						
Total Revenues	1,719,058	1,882,919	9.53	2,380,893	26.45	2,405,101	1.02
Total FTE		8.00		8.00		8.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Dignitary Protection detail provides security to the Governor and members of the first family and provides 24-hour, 7-days a week security at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. Agency staff provide security for the Governor when he attends meetings, conferences, and events. In addition to the eight positions included in this budget account to provide security to the Governor and the first family, funding is transferred to the Capitol Police budget account to pay the salary expenses for four positions that patrol the buildings and property encompassing the Governor's Mansion around the clock. The Dignitary Protection budget account is funded entirely with General Fund appropriations.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 General Fund	FY 2027 General Fund
1	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-46)	$ 2,703	$ 2,735
2		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-47)	$ 22,818	$ 23,592
3	TRAINING	Dignitary protection training. (E290, PUBLIC SAFETY-46)	$ 10,704	$ 10,704
4	TRAVEL/ OPERATING	Increases to in-state and out-of-state travel and operating expenses. (E298, PUBLIC SAFETY-46-47)	$ 74,185	$ 74,185

5. Budget Amendment A257604738: The amount budgeted to transfer to the Capitol Police budget account to fund four positions assigned to the Governor's Mansion detail does not provide sufficient authority to support associated budgeted expenses. On March 31, 2025, the Governor's Finance Office submitted Budget Amendment A257604738 to correct the error and align the transfer amounts between the Dignitary Protection budget account and the Capitol Police budget account (BA 4727) to include all costs associated with the Governor's Mansion detail. The budget amendment results in additional General Fund appropriations of $231,339 in FY 2026 and $243,652 in FY 2027. This item should be closed consistent with the closing actions taken in the Capitol Police budget account.

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	Description	Reason for Adjustment	FY 2026	FY 2027
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - NHP K-9 PROGRAM **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY - 73, **Volume III**
Account: 101 - 4705

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	56,434	44,911	(20.42)	28,440	(36.67)	28,440	
Total Revenues	56,434	44,911	(20.42)	28,440	(36.67)	28,440	
Total FTE		0.00		0.00		0.00	

Overview
Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Department of Public Safety's K-9 Program is budgeted for eight K-9 teams comprised of one Nevada Highway Patrol Officer and one canine per team. The salaries and benefits for the officers assigned to the program are funded in the Nevada Highway Patrol budget account. Program operating expenses, including canines, equipment, training, dog food, and veterinary care are funded with forfeiture funds, which are transferred to this budget account.

Major Closing Issues
None

Other Closing Items
None

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary
None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Title: DPS - HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN & ADMIN **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-176, **Volume III**
Account: 101 - 4688

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
HIGHWAY FUND	435,255	439,602	1.00	448,341	1.99	453,091	1.06
FEDERAL FUND	86,424	269,900	212.30	9,489,854	3416.06	9,475,863	(0.15)
INTERAGENCY TRANSFER	2,349,683	2,864,467	21.91	5,501,494	92.06	5,501,494	
REVERSIONS	(97,058)						
Total Revenues	2,774,304	3,573,969	28.82	15,439,689	332.00	15,430,448	(0.06)
Total FTE		12.00		13.00		13.00	

Overview

Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Office of Traffic Safety is responsible for the state's highway safety plan, pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 223.200. The plan details how long-range federal and state goals comply with the program standard adopted pursuant to the Highway Safety Act of 1966. The Office of Traffic Safety's mission is to reduce the number and severity of motor vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities on Nevada's roadways. The Office of Traffic Safety administers grant awards through the Traffic Safety budget account for overtime, equipment, and training to state and local safety agencies. This budget account is primarily funded with Highway Funds, federal funds, and fund transfers from the Traffic Safety budget account.

Major Closing Issues

None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Highway Fund	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 Highway Fund	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-179)	$ 7,136	$ -	$ 7,211	$ -
2	COST ALLOCATION	Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-182)	$ 35,149	$ -	$ 36,400	$ -
3	CONTRACT CONVERSION	New Business Process Analyst position to replace a contracted position to support the statewide citation and crash system. (E225, PUBLIC SAFETY-179)	$ 7,573	$ 30,873	$ 8,169	$ 20,340

4. Additional Funding for a New Office Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-180): The Governor recommends $18,854 ($3,772 Highway Fund) over the 2025-27 Biennium to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the Department of Public Safety's relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

5. Elimination of the Traffic Safety Budget Account and Adjustment (E500, E501, and E900, PUBLIC SAFETY-180-183): The Governor recommends transferring all revenues and expenses totaling a net $24.4 million, inclusive of revenue adjustments, over the 2025-27 Biennium from the Traffic Safety budget account (BA 4687) to the Highway Safety Planning and Administration budget account and eliminating the Traffic Safety budget account. This recommendation is contingent upon the Subcommittee recommending approval of the associated Major Closing Issue in the Traffic Safety budget account (BA 4687).

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary

None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

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Title: DPS - MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM **Budget Page:** PUBLIC SAFETY-190, **Volume III**
Account: 101 - 4691

Revenues	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 WP	% Chg	FY 2026 GOV REC	% Chg	FY 2027 GOV REC	% Chg
OTHER FUND	515,518	536,681	4.11	715,665	33.35	875,435	22.32
BALANCE FORWARD	799,782	747,649	(6.52)	688,935	(7.85)	585,539	(15.01)
Total Revenues	1,315,300	1,284,330	(2.35)	1,404,600	9.36	1,460,974	4.01
Total FTE		2.00		2.00		2.00	

Overview
Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for this budget account. The Subcommittee has not previously reviewed this budget account.

The Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders, branded as Nevada Rider, was established in 1991 pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 486.372 for the purpose of planning and administering a safety program to educate/train motorcycle riders and increase general public awareness of motorcycles by other road users. The program is self-supporting, and funding for the operations of the program is provided primarily through a $6.00 fee on new motorcycle registrations and annual registration renewals with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The program also receives operating revenues from training class registration fees, excess property sales, and interest.

Major Closing Issues
None

Other Closing Items

Other Closing Items	Category	Description of Decision Unit	FY 2026 Other Funds	FY 2027 Other Funds
1	COST ALLOCATION	Maintenance cost allocation. (M800, PUBLIC SAFETY-192)	$ 876	$ 885
2		Enhancement cost allocation. (E800, PUBLIC SAFETY-193)	$ 4,677	$ 4,841
3	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT	Replacement of agency-owned motorcycles. (E710, PUBLIC SAFETY-192-193)	$ 75,446	$ 75,446
4	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	Replacement of one truck and fifth-wheel trailer. (E711, PUBLIC SAFETY-193)	$ 49,995	$ 91,934

5. Additional Funding for a New Office Location in Las Vegas (E249, PUBLIC SAFETY-192): The Governor recommends fee revenue of $4,609 in FY 2026 and $4,796 in FY 2027 to fund additional non-state-owned office rent due to the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) relocation to a new office location on Bermuda Road in Las Vegas. This recommendation is contingent upon the recommended approval of the associated Major Closing Issue 4 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706).

Closing recommendations for this budget account are included on the summary page in the closing packet.

Additional Information – No Action Necessary
None

Adjustments to Revenue & Expenditures				
Cat	**Description**	**Reason for Adjustment**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
			Gov Rec	Gov Rec
Sub-total Revenues			0	0
Sub-total Expenditures			0	0
Total Revenue Adjustments			0	0
Total Expenditure Adjustments			0	0
Total Change in FTE			0.00	0.00
Grand Total General Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0
Grand Total Highway Fund Impact of Closing Changes			0	0

Summary

As previously noted, Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations for the following budget accounts. To assist with the closing, Fiscal staff has identified the budget accounts that are recommended to be closed as recommended by the Governor, along with identified technical adjustments that are recommended below.

Fiscal staff recommends the following budget accounts be closed as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustments noted, and requests authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary:

- **201-4707: DPS – Office of Professional Responsibility, with closing Other Closing Item 6 consistent with the Subcommittee's action on Decision Unit E249 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706), closing Other Closing Item 7 with the noted technical adjustment to correct the position grade in Decision Unit 275, and closing Other Closing Item 8 with the noted technical adjustment to correct the position grade in Decision Unit;**
- **201-4701: DPS – Evidence Vault, with closing Other Closing Item 6 consistent with the Subcommittee's action on Decision Unit E249 in the DPS Director's Office budget account (BA 4706);**
- **101-4703: DPS – Forfeitures – Law Enforcement;**
- **101-4738: DPS – Dignitary Protection, including Budget Amendment A257604738 in Other Closing Item 5 to align the transfer amounts between the Dignitary Protection budget account (BA 4738) and the Capitol Police budget account (BA 4727) to include all costs associated with the Governor's Mansion detail;**
- **101-4705: DPS – Nevada Highway Patrol, K-9 Program;**
- **101-4688: DPS – Highway Safety Planning and Administration; and**
- **101-4691: DPS – Motorcycle Safety Program.**