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May 13, 2025

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno at 8:16 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 2 of the Nevada Legislature Hearing Rooms, 7120 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [Exhibit A], the Attendance Roster [Exhibit B], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025. Link to Executive Budget.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair
Assemblymember Shea M. Backus, Vice Chair
Assemblymember Natha C. Anderson
Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May
Assemblymember Jill Dickman
Assemblymember Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblymember Brian Hibbetts
Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui
Assemblymember Gregory S. Koenig
Assemblymember Erica Mosca
Assemblymember PK O'Neill
Assemblymember Selena Torres-Fossett
Assemblymember Howard Watts
Assemblymember Steve Yeager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Assembly Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Joi Guthrie, Committee Manager
Natalia Jordan, Committee Manager
Richard Jacobs, Committee Secretary
Lisa McAlister, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelsey McCann-Navarro, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services
A'Keia Sanders, Director, Office of Federal Assistance, Office of the Governor
Miles Dickson, Chief Executive Officer and President, Nevada Grantlab
Bachera Washington, Administrator, Division of Human Resource Management, Department of Administration
Tiffany Greenameyer, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor
Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General
Cassie Charles, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Ryan Beaman, District Vice President, Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada
Kent M. Ervin, Director of Government Relations, Nevada Faculty Alliance

Chair Monroe-Moreno:
[Roll was taken. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] We have three bill hearings this morning. First, we will hear Assembly Bill 552 followed by Assembly Bill 554 and ending with Assembly Bill 356 (1st Reprint). We also have 20 bill draft requests to introduce today that will be heard at the end of the meeting, before public comment. We will now open the hearing on Assembly Bill 552.

Assembly Bill 552: Revises provisions relating to the Trust Fund for Child Welfare. (BDR 38-1124)

Kelsey McCann-Navarro, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services:
Assembly Bill 552 implements a budgetary measure for the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and the Trust Fund for Child Welfare and eliminates the requirement for the Division to deduct from a child's separate account and fund any services to the child provided by public money. This practice to use a child's benefit to offset the cost of foster care began in 1993 when the Child Welfare Trust account, budget account 3242, was created in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 432.037. This proposed change reduces the budget by $97,153 in payments to the Rural Child Welfare budget account in each year of the biennium and uses reserves rather than State General Fund. The Title IV-E Social Security Act does not require

states to claim the cost of care or offset it. Therefore, states can choose the financial practice to opt in or opt out of this budgetary policy. This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:
It appears this is a budget implementation bill that relates to decision unit Enhancement 260 which was approved by the money committees on May 5, budget account 3229, for the Rural Child Welfare budget account. Members, any questions? Not seeing any, is there any testimony in support of A.B. 552? [There was none.] Is there any testimony in opposition to A.B. 552? [There was none.] Is there any testimony in neutral on A.B. 552? [There was none.] We will ask the sponsors if there are any closing remarks. Not seeing any, we will close the hearing on A.B. 552.

Members, for the next two bills I will be assisting on the presentation. I am going to turn the gavel over to our Vice Chair, Assemblymember Backus.

[Assemblymember Backus assumed the Chair.]

Vice Chair Backus:
I will go ahead and open the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 554, which revises provisions relating to the Grant Matching Account. I welcome Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno as our presenter and anyone else she has with her today. We can begin with the bill presentation.

Assembly Bill 554: Revises provisions relating to the Grant Matching Account. (BDR 18-1227)

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, Assembly District No. 1:
I am here to present A.B. 554, and I have a friend from the Office of Federal Assistance, Office of the Governor with me here at the table. I will have her introduce herself and then we will go over the bill.

A'Keia Sanders, Office of Federal Assistance Director, Office of the Governor:
I am here to support Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno with any questions.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno:
Assembly Bill 554 revises provisions relating to the Grant Matching Account. The bill provides that any money remaining in the Grant Matching Account at the end of the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund. We would also like to propose an amendment. There is currently $897,603 in the Grant Matching Account, budget account 1334. With the amendment, this bill will become effective upon passage and approval and the current funding that is in the account would be carried forward into the next fiscal year. This bill has no fiscal impact on our state budget.

Vice Chair Backus:
You covered the amendment and there is no fiscal impact. Members do we have any questions regarding this bill? I will ask a question; with respect to this bill, why did you bring it forward? Why is it going to be helpful for the funds to continue forward into the next biennium?

A'Keia Sanders:
This is important and is a small shift, especially with what is happening at the federal level. You heard Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno talk about the funds we have remaining—there is about $290,000 that is uncommitted. The issue is that we do not receive our notice of awards from the federal level timely, and with everything that is happening at the federal level, it was already taking a long time and is now even slower. That money will go back to the General Fund and is not helping Nevadans to match those dollars. When we do the math, every $1 from our grant match is bringing in $4 of federal funds. This is a step in the right direction to ensure that the funds are supporting our state and what the funds are supposed to do.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno:
When I initially sponsored the bill for the Grant Matching Account, I came before this Committee—a lot of you were not here—and asked for $5 million, which was a big ask even at that time. The Chair said, no, I will give you $1 million and see what happens. That first $1 million—the first grant that was able to be awarded had a 10 to 1 match—was with the North Las Vegas Fire Department. Leaving the money with the program brings even more opportunity to bring in additional funds that are not our General Fund to do the good work that we want to do in our communities. By allowing the funds not to revert will ensure that the matching funds are there when grants are available for Nevada's residents.

Vice Chair Backus:
We do not have any further questions. Is there any testimony in support of A.B. 554?

Miles Dickson, Chief Executive Officer and President, Nevada Grantlab:
I am in support of A.B. 554. This simple change will make the Nevada Grant Matching Account an even more effective tool supporting state agencies, nonprofits, tribes, and local governments as they acquire federal grants to benefit Nevadans. I want to briefly acknowledge and thank Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno as well as Director Sanders for their respective work in continuing to move this program, and other tools that we are trying to use here in Nevada, to get our fair share of federal funding; especially as things change.

Vice Chair Backus:
Is there any further testimony in support of A.B. 554? [There was none.] Is there any testimony in opposition to A.B. 554? [There was none.] Is there any testimony in neutral on A.B. 554? [There was none.] We will close the hearing on A.B. 554 and open the hearing on Assembly Bill 356 (1st Reprint). I will invite Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, our bill sponsor, back to present A.B. 356 (R1).

Assembly Bill 356 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining agreements. (BDR 23-935)

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, Assembly District No. 1:
Assembly Bill 356 (1st Reprint) revises provisions relating to collective bargaining agreements (CBA). As amended, A.B. 356 (R1) revises Nevada statutes related to public employees, collective bargaining, and state budgeting, including a Governor's budgeting requirement in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 288.510. The Governor must include, when practical, funding agreed upon in CBAs in the biennial proposed The Executive Budget. If deemed impracticable, the Governor must submit a written explanation to the Legislature the same day the budget is submitted.

As far as the CBA timeline changes, which are included in NRS 288.565, 288.570 and 288.575, negotiations between the Executive Department and the employee representatives must begin by April 1, which was previously October 1. Mediation may be requested after six meetings or by September 5 of an even numbered year if an agreement already exists. After 8 meetings or 90 days of negotiation, for first time agreements, arbitration must start by September 15 of an even numbered year and a decision must be rendered by December 5 of an even numbered year, which was moved up from March 5 of an odd numbered year. It will remove the ability to extend the arbitration deadline by mutual agreement.

As far as the Economic Forum reporting deadline, which is included in NRS 353.228, the Forum must submit its economic projections and revenue estimates by November 15 of an even numbered year, which was previously December 3, to provide earlier fiscal data to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill impacts how the state incorporates labor agreements into the budgeting process and ensures early access to economic forecasts for better fiscal planning. The bill will become effective October 1 of this year.

As far as the fiscal impact, the Department of Administration's Division of Human Resource Management (DHRM) submitted a fiscal note of $144,474 in fiscal year (FY) 2026 and $189,623 in FY 2027 for a new position to assist in the expedited negotiations of the 13 bargaining agreements. All of you know that as we have been here, our unions are still negotiating while we are in session. The funds are not included in the proposed budget from the Governor. We are oftentimes trying to find the dollars if the CBAs are ratified, and they often do not get ratified until the end of our session. If it happens after session, then we cannot act on those. This moves the timelines up for the Governor so he or she can better work with those numbers. This will also give the Governor an opportunity and the unions an opportunity, by moving the Economic Forum dates up, to see what that economic forecast is for the state. This will also help us with our budgeting as we are going through the legislative process. This will be a win-win for everyone by moving the dates up. With that, I will stand for questions.

Vice Chair Backus:
Does anyone have any questions for Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno regarding this bill?

Assemblymember Anderson:
Changing the dates and asking for a clarification as to why something did not go through the way it was stated, or asking for clarifications around the bargaining information, are incredibly important to update. My questions are more about the fiscal notes that were added from two different departments and whether or not that is the current practice. I do not know if this is the proper place, or when those departments come up, to ask the questions of both of those that have put in the fiscal notes since this is not a departure from the current practice, with the exception of asking for that report. I do not know how the Vice Chair and our Chair would like to handle those questions.

Vice Chair Backus:
I want to make sure if anyone has any questions for Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno concerning the bill; if not, if we can have someone from the Department of Administration as well as the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor (GFO) come up. A couple of us may have questions regarding the fiscal notes. Assemblymember Anderson, please go first and I will follow you, and if anyone else has any questions for the administration, we can do that as well.

Assemblymember Anderson:
My first question has to do with DHRM. You state in your fiscal note there are current negotiations that are taking approximately seven months, and this is taking up the entire day. How would this bill make a change to this? How would this bill make a change to what the current practice is in order to create this significant fiscal note?

Bachera Washington, Administrator, Division of Human Resource Management, Department of Administration:
The fiscal note was to add a chief negotiator position to the DHRM to provide the responsibility of negotiating for all of the CBA contracts.

Assemblymember Anderson:
Is that in the bill itself or is this a decision made by the Division to submit this unsolicited fiscal note?

Bachera Washington:
It is not in the bill at the moment. I am the chief negotiator for the state. We did seven months of all-day negotiating with all of the CBAs, and there is a need to have a chief negotiator that is separate from the DHRM Administrator to be able to perform those functions.

Assemblymember Anderson:
How is that relative to this bill? The current practice is what you are reflecting upon; that is not asked for in this bill. If you could please clarify how the current practice is now making an impact on possible legislative changes.

Bachera Washington:
Can you repeat that please?

Assemblymember Anderson:
I am trying to figure out what your current practice is? What is the state currently doing that is making an impact to the possible change that is being spoken of in this bill? Why exactly is this creating a fiscal note to a change of what the current practice is?

Bachera Washington:
The bill has no change other than the dates to when we start our negotiating. Because this change came into play and after seven months of negotiating with the CBAs, this was an important fiscal note to add while we are making these changes to this bill.

Assemblymember Anderson:
Thank you for that answer. I feel that this is a way to take away the collective bargaining rights of the employees. Why is there such a hefty fiscal note for the Office of Finance as well?

Tiffany Greenameyer, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor:
The reason I put a fiscal note on this bill is due to the time of the dates that have changed. This will require an executive branch budget officer to be a part of the negotiations to determine the fiscal impacts for each one of the CBAs. This position will be in all the hearings when negotiating, and they complete fiscal impacts at that time and when the negotiations have been settled. It takes months as we are going through this process, and we do that through the session. Taking an executive branch budget officer to do it with the current dates is not a problem. However, to move the dates through agency request and the Governor's recommended budget phase creates a problem because the Executive Branch budget officer has duties already of working on the Governor's recommended budget—this position cannot do both. The time that it takes to be in the negotiations and hearings and doing the fiscal impacts for each one of the collective bargaining groups, we need the extra position to manage this.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno:
By moving the dates up, I do not know if any of you have watched the whole budget making process—how the sausage is being made. This process starts months in advance, long before we ever get a piece of paper called a budget. No offense to the ladies sitting at the table with me; if you saw the budget we got this session, it was a little messed up. By moving the dates, we are adding another duty onto this office, and taking this position away from budget building to negotiate a union contract is time consuming.

I do not know if any of you have ever negotiated a union contract; I have. It is not only the meeting when they are sitting face to face; it is all of the research and everything that goes on behind the scenes. With the current staff at the GFO, we would be asking this position to do all of the research for the CBAs along with doing all of the work to get the budget together. By creating this other position—I did not think I would defend the fiscal note—we would

have a dedicated position that is working for the 13 negotiating units in the state. This position would be concentrating on that; doing the research and doing their due diligence to work with the unions to make sure we get to the best contract for both the state and the bargaining unit. The position that is currently in the budget office would be able to focus on the budget being presented to this legislative body—the two coming together and giving us a budget that hopefully does not have 200 amendments when we come back next session.

Vice Chair Backus:
I had the opportunity to find out more about the overlapping of the time of the budgets being made and if we move up the collective bargaining negotiations dates, which is important given where we are sitting right now, waiting for arbitration awards for our collective bargaining units and closing the budgets before the end of session. My question for the GFO is if all of this is happening during the year and it comes to a point that the budget is being submitted—all the numbers have been finalized for the negotiations and the arbitrations are all concluded—what do you anticipate the position to be doing outside of the time period when collective bargaining is completed? What do you foresee this position doing outside of the collective bargaining time period?

Tiffany Greenameyer:
There are duties that I can utilize this position for; the biggest duty would be training. We need to get training out to the agencies on developing their budgets and training on work programs. This is something we do not have. The current budget officers conduct the training plus their current duties. Adding this extra position to work with the agencies and provide the work program training that is needed and to provide budget building training is essential. I do have plans if I can get this position.

Vice Chair Backus:
It is tough when you are looking for positions when you do not have a part-time position to make full-time; however, it sounds like this position could be used in other capacities. Likewise, to Administrator Washington, it sounds like you are busy with the hats you wear. When outside of the collective bargaining time period, how would you foresee the use of this additional position during the off years and other times outside of the collective bargaining process?

Bachera Washington:
Outside of the collective bargaining process, this position would be going to all of the state agencies across the state, providing training on each individual contract. This position would be training supervisors on how to interpret the contract; also dealing with many of the grievances that come in. This position would be working continuously with the unions in regard to any type of concerns or grievances that come in.

Vice Chair Backus:
Do we have any other questions for the bill presenter or our agency heads? Seeing none, we will now open up testimony in support of A.B. 356 (R1).

Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General:
I am in support of the sections that impact our office: section 1.5, section 2, and section 3—these are the timelines through the CBA process. As Chief of Staff with operations for the Office of the Attorney General, our biggest concern is if we have the amount of hours available for the two attorneys to do this work, to be able to accomplish this in this time frame. The bill sponsor was great in working with us to make sure that we are going to be able to comfortably manage this workload within these time frames. We are in support.

Cassie Charles, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees:
This is a win-win policy. This will not only help our members in the bargaining process, it will also help the state, legislative budgeting, and funding our agreements. Our members fight hard for their agreements every other year, and this is a good sense policy to help those agreements be implemented.

Ryan Beaman, District Vice President, Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada:
I appreciate the bill sponsor for bringing this important piece of legislation to help our state firefighters with their contract negotiations and bringing the timelines in line with the budget process. It is a great policy bill for us as firefighters.

Kent M. Ervin, Director of Government Relations, Nevada Faculty Alliance:
I am in support of A.B. 356 (R1). The bill does not directly affect professional employees at the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE); however, it does help our classified staff colleagues with an earlier timeline for bargaining and making state budgeting more predictable, which is good for all of us. Since this is a shift in the timeline for bargaining, there is a relatively modest fiscal impact. For the record, A.B. 356 (R1) would have no effect on Assembly Bill 191—collective bargaining for NSHE professionals—because that bill does not impose negotiation timelines but rather follows the regular state budgeting process.

Assembly Bill 356 (1st Reprint) might need to be harmonized with two other bills that change the processes for the Nevada Economic Forum; Senate Bill 419, which moves the spring forecast date earlier and Assembly Bill 508, which adds the state education fund to the forecast, both of which are good ideas and help the overall budgeting process.

Vice Chair Backus:
Is there any testimony in opposition to A.B. 356 (R1)? [There was none.] Is there any testimony in neutral on A.B. 356 (R1)? [There was none.] We will close the hearing on A.B. 356 (R1).

[Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno reassumed the Chair.]

Chair Monroe-Moreno:
When we started the meeting, we had 20 bill draft request (BDR) introductions, and we now have 8 more. I am going to go through all of the BDRs and as I list them out if you have any questions on any of them, please note that down. If there are not any objections, I will take one vote at the end.

BDR S-1171—Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account, the Emergency Account and the Contingency Account. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 558.)

BDR S-1172—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Extradition Coordinator within the Office of the Attorney General for an unanticipated shortfall related to extradition costs. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 559.)

BDR S-1174—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for an unanticipated shortfall related to the Rural Child Welfare budget account. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 560.)

BDR S-1180—Makes appropriations to the Office of the Secretary of State for costs associated with the voter registration and elections management system and connectivity of automatic voter registration agencies. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 562.)

BDR S-1183—Makes an appropriation to the Fleet Services Division of the Department of Administration for the replacement and purchase of vehicles. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 564.)

BDR S-1182—Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Controller for the costs of certain consulting services. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 563.)

BDR S-1185—Makes an appropriation to the Supreme Court of Nevada for the costs of the implementation of a statewide trial court electronic filing system. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 565.)

BDR S-1188—Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs for certain vehicles, tools, and repairs. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 566.)

BDR S-1192—Makes appropriations to the Department of Veterans Services for certain vehicles and equipment. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 569.)

BDR S-1194—Makes appropriations to the Department of Education for certain surveys, professional development costs, information technology projects, programs, grants and studies. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 571.)

BDR S-1196—Makes an appropriation to the Department of Education to carry out the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 573.)

BDR S-1199—Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for safety and security equipment and enhancements. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 567.)

BDR S-1206—Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement and purchase of certain equipment and furniture. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 572.)

BDR S-1209—Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the purchase and replacement of equipment and furniture at High Desert State Prison. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 574.)

BDR S-1213—Makes appropriations to the Department of Public Safety for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software, vehicles and furniture, and for information technology projects and a recruiting campaign. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 575.)

BDR S-1214—Makes appropriations to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety for the purchase and replacement of motorcycles, vehicles and equipment. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 576.)

BDR S-1220—Makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for the replacement of the information technology system for educator licensure. (Later Introduced as Assembly Bill 579.)

BDR S-1222—Makes an appropriation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services for certain costs related to the provision of indigent defense services. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 580.)

BDR 31-1226—Revises provisions relating to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 582.)

BDR S-1230—Establishes for the 2025-2027 biennium the subsidies to be paid to the Public Employees' Benefits Program for insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 583.)

BDR S-1224—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Corrections for an unanticipated shortfall related to operating, travel, information services, maintenance, utilities and inmate-driven expenses. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 581.)

BDR S-1217—Makes appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement of computer and information technology equipment,

vehicles and other equipment and for certain projects. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 578.)

BDR S-1215—Makes appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a certain new website and database and for the replacement of vehicles and computer hardware and associated software. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 577.)

BDR S-1204—Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for various purposes relating to certain technology, training, and equipment. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 570.)

BDR S-1201—Makes appropriations to the Nevada System of Higher Education for cost-of-living adjustments for certain personnel. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 568.)

BDR S-1176—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for an unanticipated shortfall related to firefighting costs. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 561.)

BDR 32-1131—Revises provisions relating to the Department of Taxation. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 557.)

BDR 38-1117—Revises provisions relating to Medicaid. (Later introduced as Assembly Bill 556.)

Are there any questions on any of the BDRs as introduced? I will remind you, your vote today on these BDRs is not your agreement to the policy but simply voting to get them moving and to the BDR process to become a bill that we will hear at a later date, where you will have an opportunity to vote on the policy measure. Not seeing any questions, I will accept a motion to accept.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MADE A MOTION FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BDR S-1171; BDR S-1172; BDR S-1174; BDR S-1180; BDR S-1183; BDR S-1182; BDR S-1185; BDR S-1188; BDR S-1192; BDR S-1194; BDR S-1196; BDR S-1199; BDR S-1206; BDR S-1209; BDR S-1213; BDR S-1214; BDR S-1220; BDR S-1222; BDR 31-1226; BDR S-1230; BDR S-1224; BDR S-1217; BDR S-1215; BDR S-1204; BDR S-1201; BDR S-1176; BDR 32-1131; AND BDR 38-1117.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

This takes us to our last item and that is public comment.

Kent M. Ervin, Director of Government Relations, Nevada Faculty Alliance:
I want to state our appreciation that bill draft requests are being introduced for two of our highest priorities; campus safety at Nevada System of Higher Education campuses—after the December 6 incident—and also an adjustment to the cost-of-living adjustments. We will wait and see what that is. We heard in the news this morning what seemed like fairly good news on inflation at 2.3 percent year over year. If you look at the first four months of this year, it is over 6 percent on an annual basis. We are still seeing inflation which will affect all state employees and their cost-of-living.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:
Seeing no further public comment, that concludes our meeting. This meeting is adjourned [at 9:04 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Richard Jacobs
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster