

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2020  
MEETING OF THE  
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Maggie Carlton called a regular meeting of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) to order at 9:40 a.m. on June 25, 2020, via videoconference. There was no physical location for the meeting pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Directive 006.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Vice Chair  
Senator Chris Brooks  
Senator Yvanna Cancela  
Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Ben Kieckhefer  
Senator David Parks  
Senator James Settelmeyer  
Assemblywoman Shea Backus  
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson  
Assemblyman Jason Frierson  
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblyman Al Kramer  
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno  
Assemblywoman Connie Munk  
Assemblywoman Dina Neal  
Assemblyman Tom Roberts for Assemblyman Hambrick  
Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel  
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank  
Assemblywoman Robin Titus  
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Assemblyman John Hambrick

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:**

Brenda Erdoes, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Cindy Jones, Fiscal Analyst, Assembly  
Mark Krmpotic, Fiscal Analyst, Senate  
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel  
Cheryl Harvey, Fiscal Analysis Division Secretary  
Carla Ulrych, Fiscal Analysis Division Secretary

**EXHIBITS:**

- [\(Exhibit A\)](#): Meeting Packet – Volume I
- [\(Exhibit B\)](#): Meeting Packet – Volume II
- [\(Exhibit C\)](#): Meeting Packet – Volume III
- [\(Exhibit D\)](#): Public Comment – Richard Zemke
- [\(Exhibit E\)](#): Public Comment – Detelin Georgiev, Correctional Officer, Nevada Department of Corrections
- [\(Exhibit F\)](#): Public Comment – Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer
- [\(Exhibit G\)](#): Public Comment – Chris Daly, Nevada State Education Association
- [\(Exhibit H\)](#): Public Comment – Robin Reedy, Executive Director, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Nevada
- [\(Exhibit I\)](#): Public Comment – Nevada Psychiatric Association
- [\(Exhibit J\)](#): Public Comment – Steve Zuelke, CPM, UI Manager 2, Retired
- [\(Exhibit K\)](#): Public Comment – Jason Jackson
- [\(Exhibit L\)](#): Public Comment – Sasha Ball
- [\(Exhibit M\)](#): Public Comment – Marie Baxter, M.Ed. CFRE, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada and the St. Vincent's Programs
- [\(Exhibit N\)](#): Public Comment – Joshua Collins, Correctional Officer, Nevada Department of Corrections
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- [\(Exhibit T\)](#): Public Comment – Hywel Gwyn Davies, Department of Motor Vehicles
- [\(Exhibit U\)](#): Public Comment – Tracy Brown May, Director of Advocacy, Board and Government Relations, Opportunity Village

**A. ROLL CALL.**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) called the roll; all members were present except Assemblyman Hambrick, who was excused.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Directive 006, there was no physical location for the June 25, 2020, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee. The meeting was broadcast on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us). Public comment was accepted live via telephone. Written comments were also accepted by e-mail, facsimile, and mail before, during, and after the meeting.

Richard Zemke, Family Services Specialist, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and member of the American Federation of State County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 4041, said for almost four months he had been helping Nevadans navigate state programs that were available to those struggling financially, especially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said, although the programs were always available, the caseload had increased significantly over the last four months. Mr. Zemke said he had proudly served the state for the last ten years. He and other state employees continued to work during the pandemic to ensure communities had the necessary resources. He urged the Committee to collaborate with state employees as well as the community to minimize the stress and the caseloads.

Mr. Zemke submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit D](#)).

Alonzo Thornton, Psychiatric Nurse, Desert Regional Center (DRC), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), DHHS, said he was a member of AFSCME Local 4041 and a former U.S. Army medic.

Mr. Thornton said the DRC was a residential center for severely disabled adults. He said DRC staff helped some of the most vulnerable people with basic tasks, including hygiene and eating. He said the DRC was a 24-hour facility; therefore, it was and would continue to be an essential service. The DRC depended on a fully staffed team to ensure residents received quality care, and that it was a safe environment for residents and staff. Furloughs would put a strain on the facility, which was already understaffed, and compromise the quality of care for residents. As essential employees, DRC staff should not be disrespected by receiving pay cuts. Everyone in the state was on the same road to recovery from the pandemic, and it was not an appropriate time to inflict more harm on the most vulnerable people in the community by cutting services, furloughing workers, or cutting pay. Mr. Thornton indicated that the DRC had already eliminated lunch breaks and compensation time. He said furloughs and pay cuts would place an undue burden on state employees and should be discouraged. In addition, he thought state employees should have a say in how to address the current state of emergency.

Adrian Castellon, Compliance Auditor Investigator 2, Office of the Attorney General, and member of AFSCME Local 4041, said state employees had been on the frontlines fighting the pandemic for almost four months. He said, during that time, the state should have been preparing for the budget crisis. Instead of talking to state employees about solutions to address the crisis, the Governor went to the extreme by recommending cuts to public services on the backs of dedicated state workers. Mr. Castellon said he experienced the previous round of furloughs and pay cuts, and he was in a worse financial position now than when he began working for the state in December 2012. For the last decade, state employees made do with less resources and received less compensation for their time and skills. After gaining experience, many state employees left state service for local government jobs that offered better pay and resources. That much staff turnover greatly impacted the ability to provide Nevadans with the best possible services. He said state employees were being asked to endure another round of furloughs and pay cuts,

which would increase the number of people requiring state services and programs. Mr. Castellon said the state could not recover from the pandemic and the resulting economic impact if the state forced more Nevadans to struggle to provide for their families.

Detelin Georgiev, Correctional Officer, High Desert State Prison, Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), and member of AFSCME Local 4041, said as an essential employee, he had continued to work during the pandemic. He said NDOC staff were already performing their duties with minimal staffing and resources. Additional cuts would increase the risk to staff and cause the prison facilities to become even more understaffed. Mr. Georgiev said many NDOC staff believed that implementing 12-hour shifts would alleviate staffing issues and reduce the need for unplanned overtime. He said there were other ways to address the budget shortfall beyond cuts to agencies that were already struggling.

Mr. Georgiev said state workers wanted to be part of the discussion and provide input about the budget crisis. Cuts to public services and the workers that provided those services would only make the recovery process worse. He urged the Committee to let state employees have a say about prospective budget changes.

Mr. Georgiev submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit E](#)).

Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, Quality Assurance for Early Intervention Services and the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP), ADSD, DHHS, and member of AFSCME Local 4041, spoke about the financial impact of furloughs and merit freezes. Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer indicated that since 2009, state workers had lost between \$60,000 and \$70,000 due to furloughs and frozen merit increases. She said state employees never recouped the lost years of merit increases, and they had continued to lose money over the last decade. She thought that spoke louder than a letter of appreciation from the Governor. She said she did not feel appreciated after hearing that state employees would take another financial hit. Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer said during the Great Recession, state employees were not included in discussions; however, now that a union was in place, state employees wanted a say in the decisions that affected their livelihoods.

Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer said, like many other state employees, she was the only member of her household who remained employed during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, she noted that she lost her secondary employment due to the pandemic. She said a pay cut would hurt entire families, including children, the elderly, the disabled and the unemployed, all of whom relied on the income of state employees. Tens of thousands of Nevadans would be impacted, which would cause more damage to the state's economy.

Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer urged the Committee not to throw state employees under the bus again, because no one would win in that situation. She understood that everyone was suffering from the impact of the pandemic, but it was not the time to inflict more harm

on communities. She urged the state to find solutions other than furloughs and merit freezes, and she requested that state employees be included in discussions concerning the budget crisis. Lastly, Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer stated that Governor Sisolak had broken his promises to state employees.

Ms. Ruedenauer-Plummer submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit F](#)).

Chris Daly, Nevada State Education Association (NSEA), said the NSEA opposed Agenda Item N related to the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and Senate Bill (S.B.) 543 (2019 Legislature). Although the NSEA supported the previous authorization in October 2019, the NSEA thought the only appropriate path forward was an indefinite delay of the implementation of S.B. 543 given the COVID-19 crisis. While the NSEA believed the school funding plan should be updated to reflect the changing needs of Nevada, it would be irresponsible to implement a radical shift during these turbulent times. In addition to the NSEA'S previous concerns with S.B. 543, the new economic reality not only undermined school funding generally, but also the work of the Commission on School Funding, specifically.

Continuing, Mr. Daly said the main charge of the Commission on School Funding was to model the new funding plan, running it alongside the Nevada Plan in FY 2020, and make recommendations based on the data. However, data from FY 2020 would most likely need to be discarded, because Nevada's economy hit a wall toward the end of the third quarter. Even with all those considerations, the Commission on School Funding and the NDE had continued as if nothing had changed. Meeting after meeting, the numbers in the formula varied and fluctuated. For example, between the May and June meetings of the Commission School Funding, budget projections provided by Applied Analysis varied wildly for Nevada charter schools under the new funding plan. The May numbers indicated charter schools would take \$68.0 million from public schools. By the June meeting, those numbers shifted dramatically by \$50.0 million. The NSEA failed to see how adjusting \$299,000 from a previous authorization would address any of those issues. Mr. Daly said the new funding plan was impracticable before without new revenue; however, it was even more impracticable when faced with decreased revenue and Draconian budget cuts. In addition, schools would incur additional costs to implement the guidelines outlined by the state to reopen safely. The NSEA believed any available monies should be invested to keep students and educators safe and healthy.

Mr. Daly submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit G](#)).

Priscilla Maloney, representing AFSCME Local 4041 Retiree Chapter, said the Retiree Chapter supported and joined the ongoing requests by AFSCME Local 4041, as well as the entire state workforce, to have a meaningful seat at the table concerning ongoing budget discussions. She thought it was critical to the spirit of S.B. 135 (2019 Legislature). Ms. Maloney said she hoped the Legislative and Executive Branches continued to hear the requests.

Robin Reedy, Executive Director, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Nevada, shared the views of NAMI Nevada regarding the severe impact of the health care crisis and the resulting economic crisis, which was of extraordinary significance to Nevadans. As a former state finance employee, she recognized and sympathized with the tough decisions that had to be made, and the feeling that there were few positive options available.

Ms. Reedy cautioned the Committee about reducing funding to departments that could help transition the state out of the health care crisis. She understood that elected officials wanted to provide relief to those suffering from anxiety, depression, and feelings of hopelessness. In fact, it was likely that those same elected officials had experienced similar feelings over the last several months. Ms. Reedy asked the Committee to imagine feeling that way every day for the rest of their lives, with no control over feelings of hopelessness and no way to get help.

Ms. Reedy suggested that even though state employees might say they could still perform their mission despite a static percentage of across the board cuts, the loss of funds to perform that mission meant the mission would inevitably suffer. She noted that according to a recent audit, the health care facilities inspection backlog had only been partially implemented (page 504, [Exhibit C](#)).

Ms. Reedy commended the efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer money to mitigate impacts. Rather than across the board cuts, she suggested the state use a more surgical process for other state departments, including those that were not General Funded. In addition, she suggested that the state reassess the various boards in Nevada that accumulated funds through fees and created relatively lofty balances, to ensure that the one department that could save Nevada did not fail an estimated 400,000 citizens in the state who were suffering. If it did, all the gains that Nevada had made over the last several years would be lost, and Nevada would remain 51<sup>st</sup> in the nation for mental health services. Ms. Reedy said the reversion increase from the Graduate Medical Education program funds would ultimately result in the loss of psychiatric residencies. She said individuals who had to seek their medical residency out of state were unlikely to return to Nevada.

Ms. Reedy submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit H](#)).

Cedric Williams thought the proposed budget cuts were disrespectful to state employees. During the 2019 Legislative Session, he had encouraged the Legislature to pass S.B. 135, and he attended the bill signing by the Governor. He said S.B. 135 was a significant step forward for state employees, but the proposed budget cuts would undermine that progress.

Mr. Williams said state employees were not included in discussions about the proposed budget cuts, which defeated the purpose of S.B. 135. He said state employees had continued to serve their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they would play an important role in Nevada's recovery. He said the Legislature had heard from

many people over the years that Nevada balanced the budget on the backs of state employees, which needed to end. State employees were on the frontlines, and they knew their jobs best. Mr. Williams said state employees wanted to be included in discussions concerning the state's budget crisis.

Valerie Padovani, on behalf of the Nevada Psychiatric Association (NPA), shared the following statement as the state considered budget solutions related to COVID-19 and the resulting economic shutdown.

Ms. Padovani said the primary mission of the NPA was to educate the public on psychiatric and mental health issues and promote the best interest of patients and those accessing mental health services. Nevada was in a period of great turmoil and change, and the state's mental health system was stressed at many levels. The NPA urged the state to seriously consider and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the mental health system without cutting essential public mental health services. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 1 in 5 adults lived with mental illness, and 1 in 25 lived with a serious mental illness, including 16% of African American communities, who along with indigenous people and people of color had historically faced disparities in all aspects of health care. It was uncertain how mental health would be impacted after COVID-19, but early indications suggested that rates of anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder would increase significantly. Also of great concern were increases in suicide, domestic violence and child abuse.

Ms. Padovani said Nevadans were collectively sharing many new and traumatic events all at once. Everyone was dealing with their own personal crises, and for some, those crises may trigger new or underlying mental health issues. For people with severe mental illness, the current crisis amplified challenges they already faced. Consequently, Nevada needed to establish support and expand programs that would help build resilience to avoid the negative mental health effects of trauma. She said it was not an appropriate time to cut essential mental health services. Ms. Padovani said Nevada must tailor its resources to respond to the crisis, increase access to services, and maintain continuity of care in the future. She said robust mental health services and programs would help address the harmful effects of current and historical events.

Ms. Padovani submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit I](#)).

Bailey Watkins said she currently worked with underserved children in the community. Previously, she was a substitute teacher for the Washoe County School District (WCSD). Ms. Watkins noted that she had lived in Reno all her life, and she had attended school in the WCSD. She said schools needed more funding. The students she worked with needed and deserved a better education. Ms. Watkins recalled that some of the fifth-grade students she had worked with were behind in reading and math. However, that was not the fault of the teachers. She said it was difficult for teachers to provide individual attention to every student in a class of 30. Ms. Watkins said Nevada needed to provide more funding to the state's education system, as well as additional resources outside of school to keep children away from drugs and out of the juvenile justice system.



She thought a more effective way of keeping communities safe would be to redirect some of the funding for law enforcement to education and mental health.

Steve Zuelke, CPM, UI Manager 2, Retired, submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit J](#)).

Jason Jackson submitted written testimony for the record ([Exhibit K](#)).

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**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2020, MEETING.**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE  
THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2020, MEETING.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**D. WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220(5)(a).  
INFORMATIONAL ONLY – APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE OF**



**AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN NRS 353.263 OR FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE OR PROPERTY**

**Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public and Behavioral Health** – Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment – Acceptance of \$654,640 in Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program grant funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management to support the rapid expansion of existing crisis counseling services.  
**RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM Q.**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, said Agenda Item D was informational only. Agenda Item D related to Agenda Item Q, which was also informational only. Staff did not have concerns with either item.

**E. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND POSITION CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 353 OF NRS.**

The following items were held for further discussion: Agenda Items E-37, Governor's Office of Economic Development; E-41, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD); E-44, DHHS, ADSD; E-65, DHHS, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS); E-66, DHHS, DWSS; E-67, DHHS, DWSS; E-101, Department of Agriculture; E-104, Department of Agriculture; E-105, Office of the Military; E-106, Department of Education; E-107, Department of Education; E-108, Budget Reduction Work Programs FY 2020; and E-109, One-Time Appropriations Budget Reduction Work Programs FY 2020.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, noted that Agenda Items E-108 and E-109 included the work programs and one-time appropriations that were part of the budget reduction plan for FY 2020, which was approved by the Committee at the May 21, 2020, meeting.

Ms. Jones noted that the DHHS, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy would revise Agenda Item E-47 on the record.

Senator Kieckhefer requested further testimony on Agenda Item E-3, Office of the Governor, Governor's Finance Office.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson requested further testimony by the DHHS on Agenda Items E-108 and E-109.

Assemblywoman Neal requested further testimony by the Nevada Department of Education on Agenda Item E-109.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Jones noted that more than 100 agency staff had joined the videoconference, which made it difficult for staff to queue up the appropriate agency personnel to testify before the Committee. She encouraged agencies to monitor the meeting online if possible, which would allow the meeting to run more efficiently.

Chair Carlton noted that the Committee would take each item in order, which would help agencies determine when their item would be heard.

**1. Office of the Governor - FY 2021**

Addition of \$158,257 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds transferred from the CARES Act 2020 Account to support two positions and associated operating costs to coordinate the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50741**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**2. Office of the Governor - Nuclear Projects Office - FY 2020**

Addition of \$312,474 in Western Governors Association (WGA) funds and deletion of \$243,441 in WGA Reimbursement funds to support emergency response preparations, training, and operational oversight for shipments of transuranic waste through Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the WGA Funds category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50219**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**3. Office of the Governor - Governor's Office of Finance - Special Appropriations - FY 2020**

Addition of \$5,827,281 in Prior Year refunds and transfer of ~~\$1,896,084~~ from the Graduate Medical Education grant *program* category to the Reserve for Reversion category in order to return funds to the General Fund which should have reverted in a previous year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred **added to the Reserve for Reversion** from the Graduate Medical Education grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50653. REVISED 6-15-20.**

Senator Kieckhefer understood the reversion was part of the state's effort to balance the FY 2020 budget; however, he asked why there was such a large balance remaining in the account. He said the state had been focusing on graduate medical education for several years in an effort to increase the number of doctors in the state. Senator Kieckhefer said \$5.8 million was a significant balance to have not been deployed.

Brian Mitchell, Director, Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT), said since the beginning of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program, GME grantees were given two years to build their programs. The programs could not be completed in less time due to several timeline restrictions. For example, accreditation visits only occurred at certain times of the year, and fellows began in July. Since the beginning of the GME program, every grantee was given two years in which to expend the funds.

Mr. Mitchell said in the fall of 2019, LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff asked OSIT why the agency was spending funding from previous fiscal years. He noted that OSIT was unaware that outstanding funds must be reverted at the end of each fiscal year. In order to correct the error, the agency was reverting current fiscal year funds to make up for the funding that should have been reverted in prior fiscal years. Mr. Mitchell said OSIT was using FY 2020 funding for GME programs in progress, rather than building new GME programs. The agency was also using FY 2020 funding to reimburse GME grantees so the programs could be completed by the end of the 2019-21 biennium.

Senator Kieckhefer asked if there were outstanding liabilities to GME programs that would not be met because of the reversion.

Mr. Mitchell said the reversion was only for excess funding beyond the obligations for current grantees, which were awarded in previous fiscal years.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM E-3.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE  
MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education - Loans and Stipends -  
FY 2020**

Addition of \$40 in Penalties, \$22,834 in Interest Income, \$64,809 in Loan Repayment, deletion of \$40 in Fines, \$22,834 in Interest Income Student Grant Loan and \$64,809 in Loan Repayment, and transfer of \$50,000 from the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) category to the Health Care Access Program category to align revenues and expenditures to assist the agency

and the Controller's Office create the year-end reports needed for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the PSEP category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50641**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**5. Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education - Loans and Stipends - FY 2021**

Addition of \$40 in Penalties, \$23,055 in Interest Income, \$65,436 in Loan Repayment, deletion of \$40 in Fines, \$23,055 in Interest Income Student Grant Loan and \$65,436 in Loan Repayment, and transfer of \$13,436 from the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) category to the Health Care Access Program category, \$77,000 from the PSEP category to the Geriatric Training S.B.102 category and \$112,500 from the PSEP to the Transfer to Health category to align revenues and expenditures to assist the agency and the Controller's Office create the year-end reports needed for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the PSEP category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50658**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**6. Office of the Governor - Office of Workforce Innovation - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$469,673 in federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds transferred from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to align funds with the reduced subaward. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deleted from the WIOA grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50687**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**7. Office of the Lieutenant Governor - Lieutenant Governor - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$103,183 from the Personnel category to the Reserve for Reversion category, \$88 from the Operating category to the Reserve for Reversion category, \$6,250 from the Small Business Advocate Marketing category to the Reserve for Reversion category, \$393 from the Information Services category to the Reserve for Reversion category and \$1,666 from the Training category to the Reserve for Reversion category due to the non-passage of Senate Bill 495. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50573**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

8. **Office of the Attorney General - Extradition Coordinator - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$160,266 in General Fund appropriation from FY 2021 to pay FY 2020 extradition claims. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 33 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 9. Work Program #C50547**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

9. **Office of the Attorney General - Extradition Coordinator - FY 2021**  
Deletion of \$160,266 in General Fund appropriation from FY 2021 to pay FY 2020 extradition claims. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 33 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 8. Work Program #C50695**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

10. **Office of the Attorney General - Administrative Budget Account - FY 2020**  
Transfer of \$98,365 from the Personnel Services category to the Operating category and \$6,472 from the Personnel Services category to the In-State Travel category to support unanticipated projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50674**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

11. **Office of the Attorney General - Grants Unit - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$109,423 in federal Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse Later in Life (EALL) grant funds to continue providing education and services to victims age 50 plus of violence, neglect and exploitation. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Abuse in Later Life category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50002**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

12. **Judicial Discipline Commission - FY 2020**  
Transfer of \$6,883 from the Personnel Services category to the Operating category, \$1,047 from the Out-of-State Travel category to the Operating category, \$7,742 from the In-State Travel category to the Operating category, \$1,162 from the Training category to the Operating category, and \$938 from the Training category to the Information Services category to cover projected budget shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50643**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**13. Department of Administration - Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records - State Library - FY 2020**

Addition of \$278,318 in federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds allocated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist museums, libraries and tribal partners in expanding digital network access, purchasing Internet-accessible devices, and providing technical support services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the LSTA CARES Act category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50642**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**14. Department of Administration - Purchasing - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$164,092 from the Reserve category to the Operating category to refund Administrative Fees overpaid to the division in FY 2019. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50302**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**15. Department of Administration - State Public Works - Marlette Lake - FY 2021**

Addition of \$206,914 in Raw Water Sales to cover a third-party water rate analysis, master plan contract, filing of temporary and permanent water right applications, a water rights services agreement, and places additional revenue in reserve. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000 or more cumulative for the category. **Work Program #C50605**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**16. Department of Education - Department Support Services - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$49,848 from the Personnel category to the Operating category, \$2,412 from the In-State Travel category to the Operating category and \$1,760 from the Information Services category to the Operating category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50594**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**17. Department of Education - Assessments and Accountability - FY 2020**

Addition of \$43,331 in Prior Year Refunds of federal National Assessment of Educational Progress grant funds to correct the FY 2015 closing error and repay the National Cooperative Statistics System grant and fund additional National Assessment of Educational Progress expenditures. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the National Coop Statistics category exceeds

10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50593**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**18. Department of Education - Data Systems Management - FY 2021**

Addition of \$737,486 in federal Statewide Longitudinal Data System grant funds to support two new classified positions and improve the existing kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade data collection infrastructure including security authentication, operational data storage, and automation of data movement. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Statewide Longitudinal Data category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50352**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**19. Department of Education - Office of Early Learning and Development – FY 2020**

Reduction of \$1,290,780 in federal Child Care Development Funds transferred from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to realign the subgrant. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount reduced from the Child Care Development Funds Quality Aid category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50422**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**20. Department of Education - Safe and Respectful Learning - FY 2021**

Addition of \$150,309 in funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services for two contract positions that would work to improve mental health and wellness in the student population. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Health Partnership category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50351**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**21. State Public Charter School Authority - Loan Program - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$62,500 from the Reserve category to the Charter School Loan category to fund a loan to assist with start-up costs for a newly sponsored charter school. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Charter School Loan category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50635**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**22. Nevada System of Higher Education - University of Nevada, Reno - FY 2021**

Addition of \$26,209,695 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on



performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50364. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**23. Nevada System of Higher Education - University of Nevada, Las Vegas – FY 2021**

Addition of \$36,326,527 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50365. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**24. Nevada System of Higher Education - Great Basin College - FY 2021**

Addition of \$2,654,842 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50367. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**25. Nevada System of Higher Education - Western Nevada College - FY 2021**

Addition of \$2,922,991 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50353. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**26. Nevada System of Higher Education - College of Southern Nevada - FY 2021**

Addition of \$20,644,951 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50373. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**27. Nevada System of Higher Education - Truckee Meadows Community College - FY 2021**

Addition of \$7,208,934 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50368. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**28. Nevada System of Higher Education - Nevada State College - FY 2021**

Addition of \$4,163,789 in Budgetary Transfers from the Nevada System of Higher Education Performance Funding Pool budget to distribute funding based on performance outcomes. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50366. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 29.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**29. Nevada System of Higher Education - Performance Funding Pool - FY 2021**

Deletion of \$100,131,729 in Budgetary Transfers to distribute funding based on performance outcomes to the universities, state colleges and community colleges. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 64 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **Work Program #C50384. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**30. Department of Agriculture - Consumer Equitability - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$45,350 from the Reserve category to the Operating category to provide temporary clerical support for the Las Vegas Weights and Measures team. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50385**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**31. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program – FY 2020**

Transfer of \$80,641 from the Reserve category to the Department Cost Allocation category to align funds that support the budgeted cost allocation. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Department Cost Allocation category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50539**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**32. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program – FY 2020**

Addition of \$99,728 in federal Emergency Food Assistance Program grant funds to support the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Emergency Food Assistance category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50558**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**33. Department of Business and Industry - Administration - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$91,642 from the Reserve category to the Operating category and transfer of \$4,489 from the Information Services category to the Licensing category to properly align information technology charges and a cost allocation budget adjustment. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50335**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**34. Department of Business and Industry - Private Activity Bonds - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$84,132 from the Reserve category to the Personnel Services category, \$88 from the Reserve category to the Operating category, \$3,854 from the Reserve category to the Affordable Housing Private Activity Bond category, and \$393 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to continue the funding of a Management Analyst position and associated costs to implement Assembly Bill 476 of the 2019 Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50471**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**35. Department of Business and Industry - Insurance Division - Insurance Regulation - FY 2020**

Addition of \$397,325 in Examination Fees to support unanticipated insurance company examinations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Insurance Company Exams category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50418**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**36. Department of Business and Industry - Insurance Division - Self Insured - Workers Compensation - FY 2021**

Addition of \$246,994 in Examination Fees to fund review of financial solvency of self-insured employers. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Self Insured Company Exams category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50572**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**37. Governor's Office of Economic Development - Rural Community Development - FY 2020**

Addition of \$2,049,574 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the CARES Act-COVID-19 Response category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50760**

Bonnie Long, Director of Administration, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), said Work Program #C50760 was a request to accept \$2.0 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus and other infectious diseases in Nevada. She said the \$2.0 million award would be expended by eligible entities within 12 months for non-construction projects and up to 24 months for construction projects.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked how GOED planned to ensure that its efforts were coordinated with other state and local entities in providing COVID-19 prevention and response efforts. She thought that GOED had already revised the master plan to acknowledge receipt of the funds. She asked the agency to provide more details.

Patricia Herzog, Rural Director, GOED, replied that GOED was participating in the recovery support function with the Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management, and coordinating efforts across the state. She noted that the money was intended for non-entitlement communities, which included communities with populations below 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000. Ms. Herzog said the money would be allocated through a competitive application process, which opened on June 1, 2020, and would close on August 13, 2020. She said the money would subsequently be awarded by the CDBG Advisory Committee.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked if GOED expected to receive applications for new housing developments for vulnerable populations such as HIV-positive or the homeless community, or if the projects would primarily support existing programs.

Ms. Herzog replied that most of the construction projects would be focused on broadband service. In addition, because the funds had to be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus or other infectious diseases, potential construction projects might also include converting hotel rooms into medical care facilities. She noted that GOED staff was providing technical assistance for cities and counties that were eligible for the funding. Ms. Herzog said GOED anticipated that most of the funding would be used for public service projects rather than construction projects.

In response to a question from Senator Goicoechea, Ms. Herzog said GOED had been working with Brian Mitchell and JoJo Myers at the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology to improve broadband service in rural areas, particularly in Ely. She said the CARES Act CDBG funds would not be needed for that job due to an NDOT project in the area, which would free up funds to provide broadband service and construction in other parts of the community. Ms. Herzog noted that GOED was coordinating with the tribe in Ely to install fiber optic cable, either overhead through a partnership with Wheeler Power, or by digging a trench. She said the project was still under definition and an application had not yet been submitted.

Senator Goicoechea said \$2.0 million could be used up quickly in downtown Ely without much to show for it.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM E-37.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**38. Governor's Office of Economic Development - State Small Business Credit Initiative - FY 2021**

Transfer \$110,000 from the Reserve category to the Program Administration category to fund ongoing contract payments through FY 2021. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Program Administration category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50620**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**39. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Grants Management Unit - FY 2020**

Addition of \$1,372,494 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to provide additional support to community action agencies for essential assistance to low-income individuals and families, including those with disabilities and seniors, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the CSBG CARES grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50838**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**40. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$283,140 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 64. Work Program #C50431**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**41. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$225,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 66. Work Program #C50482**

Agenda Items E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 and E-67 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-67.

**42. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Communication Access Services - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$95,992 from the Reserve category to the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Cost Allocation category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ADSD Cost Allocation category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50493**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**43. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Autism Treatment Assistance Program - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$557,000 from the Personnel Services category to the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Cost Allocation category to fund a projected

shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ADSD Cost Allocation category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50450**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**44. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Sierra Regional Center - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$450,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session.

**RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 66. Work Program #C50481**

Agenda Items E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 and E-67 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-67.

**45. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Desert Regional Center - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$250,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session.

**RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 66. Work Program #C50472**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

Chair Carlton announced that the vote for Agenda Item E was no longer correct due to the unexpected withdrawal of Agenda Item E-45. She asked Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, to explain further.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, said the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services indicated that Agenda Item E-45 was withdrawn after the Committee voted to approve the remaining work program revisions and position reclassifications under Agenda Item E, which included Agenda Item E-45. Therefore, the Committee would need to rescind the motion for approval for Agenda Item E-45.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO RESCIND  
THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL FOR AGENDA ITEM E-45.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (Assemblyman Wheeler  
was not present for the vote.)



**46. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Administration - FY 2021**

Deletion of \$2,816,412 in federal Title XIX grant funds and transfer of \$821,652 from the Operating category to the Fiscal Agent category and \$974,473 from the Utilization Review category to the Fiscal Agent category to fund increased contractual costs for fiscal agent services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Fiscal Agent category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50767**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**47. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Nevada Medicaid, Title XIX - FY 2020**

Addition of \$323,607 in federal Title XXI funds, \$72,836 in federal Money Follows the Person grant funds, \$90,157,497 in federal Title XIX funds, transfer of \$3,973,881 from the Parents and Children category to the Newly Eligible category and \$3,305,655 from the Parents and Children category to the Medical Aid Aged Blind and Disabled (MAABD) category to cover higher than expected program increases due to increased caseload and cost-per-eligible and to align federal funds with the additional Federal Medical Assistance Percentages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the MAABD category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50757**

Melissa Laufer-Lewis, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), DHHS, provided the following revisions to Work Program #C50757.

Revisions:

- Revenue GL 3501 – Revised from \$323,607 to \$0
- Revenue GL 3506 – Revised from \$72,836 to \$0
- Revenue GL 3511 – Revised from \$9,157,497 to \$50,081,659
- Category 12 – Reduction of \$7,279,539 revised to a reduction of \$14,512,569
- Category 13 – Revised from \$38,256,863 to \$14,840,158
- Category 14 – Revised from \$44,650,512 to \$0
- Category 18 – Revised from \$12,313,669 to \$2,950,156
- Category 20 – Revised from \$2,463,888 to \$2,394,531
- Category 29 – Revised from \$148,547 to \$0

Additions:

- Revenue GL 4103 – \$337,374
- Category 7 – \$1,129,138
- Category 28 – \$43,617,519

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENTS NOTED ON THE RECORD FOR AGENDA ITEM E-47.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**48. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Women, Infant, and Children Food Supplement - FY 2021**

Addition of \$424,132 in Women, Infants and Children Breastfeeding Support, Learn Together, Grow Together Campaign Program funds from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to provide expanded outreach, education and support to income-eligible Nevada women. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the UNR Breastfeeding category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50254**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**49. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Women, Infants and Children Food Supplement - FY 2020**

Addition of \$222,201 in federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Breastfeeding Peer Counselor grant funds to support improving the health and nutrition of eligible new mothers and their infants. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the WIC Breastfeeding Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50283**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**50. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Women, Infants and Children Food Supplement - FY 2020**

Addition of \$50,834 in federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - State Agency Model grant funds to pay for the planning, design, implementation, enhancement and maintenance of the WIC electronic benefit transfer system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the WIC State Agency Model category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50313**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**51. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Communicable Diseases - FY 2020**

Addition of \$7,512,569 in federal Ryan White Care Act grant funds and transfer of \$44,750 from the Indirect Cost Allocation category to the Comprehensive Care category to continue to improve the quality, availability and organization of HIV health care and supportive services. Requires Interim Finance approval since

the amount added to the Comprehensive Care category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50442**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**52. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2020**

Addition of \$41,677 in Radiation Materials and X-ray Fees transferred from the Radiation Control Program to cover the cost of administrative support personnel. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 53, 54 and 56. Work Program #C50307**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**53. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$132,394 from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness category to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital (HOSP) Preparedness (PREP) Program (PROG) category to align state authority with federal funding availability. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ASPR HOSP PREP PROG category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 52, 54 and 56. Work Program #C50404**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**54. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2020**

Addition of \$95,171 in Cost Allocation Reimbursement funds transferred from the Health Administration Account to fund the cost of the division's Public Information Officer. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 52, 53 and 56. Work Program #C50419**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**55. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Biostatistics and Epidemiology - FY 2020**

Addition of \$84,802 in federal HIV Surveillance grant funds to continue to provide guidance on prevention care efforts and monitoring HIV trends in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to HIV/AIDS Surveillance category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50240**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**56. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Office of Health Administration - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$95,171 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Budget Account 3218 category to fund the cost of the division's Public Information Officer. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Transfer to Budget Account 3218 category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 52, 53 and 54. Work Program #C50398**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**57. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Emergency Medical Services - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$40,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 64. Work Program #C49917**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**58. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$85,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 64. Work Program #C49947**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**59. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2021**

Addition of \$330,000 in federal Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion grant funds to divert adults with serious mental health illness from the criminal justice system to community-based services prior to arrests and bookings. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Early Diversion category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50542**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**60. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Rural Clinics - FY 2020**

Deletion of \$175,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 64. Work Program #C49937**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**61. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$38,418 from the General Medicine Service category to Southern Nevada Psychiatric Residency Program category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the General Medicine category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50331**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**62. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2021**

Addition of \$150,000 in National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) funds to provide incentives to increase patient compliance with their follow-up appointments after being discharged from an acute psychiatric hospital. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NASMHPD Agreement category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50640**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**63. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$550,000 from the Community Triage Center category to the Professional Service category and \$65,448 from the General Medicine Services category to the Professional Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Professional Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50330**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**64. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Facility for the Mental Offender - FY 2020**

Addition of \$583,140 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 40, 57, 58 and 60. Work Program #C49847**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**65. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2020**

Addition of \$1,239,837 in General Fund appropriation from FY 2021 to fund a projected salary shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 33 of the

2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 66 and 67. Work Program #C50393**

Agenda Items E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 and E-67 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-67.

**66. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2020**

Addition of \$925,000 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected salary shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 49 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 41, 44, 45, 65 and 67. Work Program #C50473**

Agenda Items E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 and E-67 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-67.

**67. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2021**

Deletion of \$1,239,837 in General Fund appropriations to fund a projected salary shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 543, Section 33 of the 2019 Legislative Session. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 65 and 66. Work Program #C50474**

Agenda Items E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 and E-67 were discussed jointly.

Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), DHHS, noted the following work program revisions. He stated that each work program would fund a projected salary shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year in the Welfare Field Operations budget.

- Agenda Item E-41 – Revised from \$225,000 to \$603,000
- Agenda Item E-44 – Revised from \$450,000 to \$240,000
- Agenda Item E-65 – Revised from \$1,239,837 to \$1,321,837
- Agenda Item E-66 – Revised from \$925,000 to \$843,000
- Agenda Item E-67 – Revised from \$1,239,837 to \$1,321,837

Senator Cancela asked how the division would fund an additional shortfall in FY 2020 should the fourth quarter cost allocation update result in an increase to the General Fund shortfall.

Mr. Fisher replied that the third quarter cost allocations were complete and there were no significant changes to the General Fund shortfall. However, he said the projections may not hold true, because some of the caseloads could increase due to COVID-19. He said there was an increase in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program caseload, which required a 50/50 match (General Funds and federal funds). The DWSS recently ran preliminary numbers, which indicated

small percentage changes in the division's favor, but the quarter was not finished; therefore, the division may require additional General Funds.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson understood that some of the revisions and cuts would result in program balances that would be difficult to accept. She said, if the transfer from the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to the DWSS was approved, there would only be a balance in the Personnel category of \$42 in the Home and Community-Based Services Program and \$909 in the Sierra Regional Center budget. She asked how that would impact service delivery.

Robin Hager, Administrative Services Officer, ADSD, DHHS, said she did not have those figures available; however, she thought Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson was referring to the General Fund portion remaining in Category 1 in those budget accounts. She said the remaining balance related to salaries. Ms. Hager noted that adequate funds were available when taking into account other revenue sources, including Medicaid.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said it was likely the state would not be hiring additional staff and may even have to consider reducing personnel. As she understood it, there would be adequate funding in the Home and Community-Based Services and Sierra Regional Center budgets. Ms. Hager confirmed that was correct.

Senator Kieckhefer noted that some of the transfer amounts were significant. He said, later in the agenda, the Committee would discuss transfers for budget reductions for FY 2020. He asked if any of the DHHS division transfers would undercut the ability to make the transfers for reversions.

Ms. Hager said the primary reversion related to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) changes. She noted that the federal government increased the FMAP rate, which reduced the need for General Funds. She said the other reversions related to caseload. Ms. Hager assured the Committee that the ADSD would still be able to meet the FY 2020 budget reductions after the transfers to the DWSS were complete.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Mr. Fisher confirmed there were some modifications to the public assistance cost allocation methodology and the random moment sampling time study process, both of which contributed to the budget shortfall.

Ms. Jones said it was staff's understanding that Work Program #C405472 for the Desert Regional Center was reduced from \$250,000 to \$0.

Dena Schmidt, Administrator, ADSD, DHHS, confirmed that the work program was adjusted to \$0.



SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS E-41, E-44, E-65, E-66 AND E-67.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**68. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Children, Youth and Family Administration - FY 2020**

Addition of \$267,839 in federal Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive Payments Program grant funds to provide incentives for finding permanent homes for children in foster care through adoption or legal guardianship. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Adopt/Legal Guard Incentive category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50438**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**69. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Children, Youth and Family Administration - FY 2020**

Addition of \$35,801 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Title IV-B, Subpart 1 grant funds to provide emergency funds to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal CARES Act Title IV-B grant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 71, 72 and 73. Work Program #C50830**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**70. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Children, Youth and Family Administration - FY 2021**

Addition of \$318,726 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Family Violence (FV) Prevention and Services grant funds to provide essential services to victims of family violence, domestic violence and dating violence, as well as their dependents in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal CARES Act FV Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50888**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**71. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Washoe County Child Welfare - FY 2021**

Addition of \$82,028 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Title IV-B, Subpart 1 grant funds to provide emergency funds to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires

Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal CARES Act Title IV-B grant category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 69, 72 and 73. Work Program #C50829**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**72. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Clark County Child Welfare - FY 2021**

Addition of \$287,097 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Title IV-B, Subpart 1 grant funds to provide emergency funds to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal CARES Act Title IV-B grant category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 69, 71 and 73. Work Program #C50839**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**73. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Rural Child Welfare - FY 2020**

Addition of \$41,013 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Title IV-B, Subpart 1 grant funds to provide emergency funds to prevent, prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal CARES Act Title IV-B grant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS E. 69, 71 and 72. Work Program #C50847**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**74. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Nevada Youth Training Center - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$82,702 from the Personnel Services category to the Contract Services category to fund a temporary contracted teacher position through FY 2021. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Contract Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50261**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**75. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Administration - FY 2020**

Addition of \$62,468 in federal Administrative Review Training (ART) grant funds transferred from the Department of Agriculture for repayment of funds performed in support of the Direct Certification of Medicaid project. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Federal Funds category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50417**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**76. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Rural Child Welfare - FY 2020**

Addition of \$36,100 in federal Title XX Social Services grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office to continue support of child welfare services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Title XX category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50428**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**77. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - FY 2020**

Addition of \$100,000 in federal Community Mental Health grant funds transferred from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to provide children's mental health services by psychiatric fellows through the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Children's Mental Health Services grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50433**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**78. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation - Vocational Rehabilitation - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$39,538 from the Case Services category to establish the Phone System category to support the ongoing cost of the new phone system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Phone System category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50790**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**79. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Workforce Development - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$595,881 from the Reserves category to the Operating category to fund a projected shortfall in operating costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50663**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**80. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Workforce Development - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$60,496 from the Reserves category to establish the Phone System category to support ongoing costs of the new phone system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Phone System category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50802**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**81. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2021**

Addition of \$855,901 in federal Unemployment Insurance Administrative grant funds and transfer of \$365,174 from the Operating category to the Phone System category to establish the Phone System category to support ongoing costs of the new phone and Interactive Voice Response systems. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Phone System category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50780**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**82. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Administrative Services - Information Development and Processing - FY 2021**

Addition of \$1,340,723 in Cost Allocation Reimbursement to support ongoing costs of the new phone and Interactive Voice Response systems. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Phone System category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50785**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**83. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Administrative Services - Information Development and Processing - FY 2021**

Transfer of \$87,460 from the Reserves category to the Personnel Services category to reinstate an Information Technology Technician position. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50858**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**84. Department of Corrections - Prison Industry - FY 2021**

Addition of \$388,747 in Miscellaneous Sales, \$880,086 in Reimbursement Revenue and \$60,000 in Rental Income to provide funding for three Correctional Officer positions and associated contract costs in support of a cooperative venture to provide on-the-job training and skills development opportunities for inmates. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C49829**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**85. Department of Motor Vehicles - Automation - FY 2020**

Transfer of ~~\$179,665~~ **\$76,690** from the Personnel category to the EITS Facility Charges category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the EITS Facility Charges category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50013. REVISED 6-5-20.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**86. Department of Motor Vehicles - Compliance Enforcement - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$32,900 from the Personnel Services category to the Equipment category to fund the purchase of 16 new tasers and 2 replacement tasers. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50449**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**87. Department of Public Safety - Forfeitures - Law Enforcement - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$171,493 from Reserve category to the Polygraph Training category to equip, train, and certify additional polygraph examiners. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Polygraph Training category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C49768. WITHDRAWN 6-2-20.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 88. Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$127,581 in Highway Traffic Safety grant funds transferred from the Office of Traffic Safety Account to provide continued support to the Joining Forces program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Joining Forces grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50275**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 89. Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$18,503 in Sales of Equipment funds to pay for service weapon replacements. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Service Weapon Replacement category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50427**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 90. Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2020**  
Transfer of \$71,000 from the Personnel Services category to the Forensic Services Contracts category and \$6,800 from the Personnel Services category to the Lab Services category to cover projected budget shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50592**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 91. Department of Public Safety - Highway Safety Grants Account - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$827,673 in federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Program (MCSAP) grant funds, deletion of \$34,361 in federal MCSAP Badge on Board grant funds, \$25,000 in federal MCSAP High Priority grant funds, \$110,317 in federal MCSAP - Commercial Vehicle Information System Management grant funds, \$41,735 in federal MCSAP Performance Registration Information System Management grant funds and transfer of \$58,216 from the MCSAP Program category to the Information Technology category to provide ongoing support of the agency's commercial vehicle enforcement and inspection activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50122**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 92. Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$350,000 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - COVID-19 Pandemic 2020 funds transferred from the Disaster Response and Recovery Account to support state and local governmental agencies/entities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since

the amount added to the FEMA COVID-19 Pandemic 2020 category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C49813**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**93. Department of Public Safety - Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$240,000 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50475**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**94. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2020**

Addition of \$2,571,658 in Highway Safety funds, \$1,140,567 in federal Alcohol Incentive funds, \$37,597 in federal Motorcycle Incentive funds, \$288,116 in federal Occupant Protection Incentive funds, \$318,073 in Traffic Records Incentive funds, and \$175,832 in federal Pedestrian Safety Incentive funds to align federal and state budget authority and support the agency's ongoing traffic safety programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Impaired Driving grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50135**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**95. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division – Fire Suppression - FY 2020**

Addition of \$369,466 in Fire Equipment Reimbursement funds, \$1,205,725 in Prior Year Refunds and deletion of \$304,867 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Assistance grant funds and \$603,070 in Forest Fire Reimbursements to realign projected revenue authority and pay the amount of known fire bills for wildfires from previous years. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Prior Year Claims category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50627**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**96. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Environmental Protection - Industrial Site Cleanup - FY 2020**

Transfer of \$28,997 from the Black Mountain Industrial (BMI) Companies category to the Personnel Services category and \$10,010 from the BMI Companies category to Indirect Cost category to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the BMI Companies category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50338**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.



97. **Department of Transportation - Transportation Administration - FY 2021**  
Addition of \$72,690 in Highway Fund Authorizations to fund the addition of one Program Officer position to address increased workload demand within the Over Dimensional Vehicle Permits section. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50097. WITHDRAWN 6-3-20**

98. **Department of Veterans Services - Southern Nevada Veterans Home Account - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$912,671 in federal Veterans Affairs Reimbursement funds, \$165,935 in federal Medicare funds and \$66,001 federal Title XIX funds to support a projected shortfall in medical services, food services, pharmaceutical, and operational costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Medical Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50869**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

99. **Public Employees' Benefits Program - Active Employees Group Insurance - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$13,067,642 in Receipts - Active Employee Insurance Premiums and a transfer of \$1,238,667 from the Reserve category to the Active Employee Group Insurance category to align projected state contribution revenue and expenditure authority for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Active Employee Group Insurance category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50540**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

100. **Office of the Governor - CARES ACT 2020 - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$26,477,349 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) grant funds to provide local educational agencies, institutions of higher education and other education-related entities with emergency assistance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the GEER Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50849. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-2-20.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

101. **Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2020**  
Addition of \$29,381,362 in federal Child Nutrition Program grant funds under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support the increased costs in the child nutrition programs to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount

added to the CARES Child Nutrition Block grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50960. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-5-20.**

Chair Carlton called a recess at 11:09 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

Jennifer Ott, Director, Department of Agriculture, said Work Program #C50960 was a request for authority to accept CARES Act funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address the child nutrition programs. She said the funds would be used to reimburse child care centers for meal costs through the Summer Food Service program, and to reimburse school districts for meal costs through the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs. Ms. Ott said meals were provided through “grab-and-go” models since the schools were closed in March 2020.

Chair Carlton said the drive-through and pick-up models were essential for families in Southern Nevada. She asked if the department expected the waiver to be extended beyond June 30, 2020, so that meal delivery services could be continued.

Ms. Ott said the waivers were extended through the end of August. Currently, all of the summer distribution program models had congregation waivers and nutrition waivers in place. Ms. Ott said the department was working at the federal level to extend the waivers beyond August. As soon as each of the school districts determined which model they would employ in the fall of 2020, the department would adjust its food service model to meet the needs of students.

Chair Carlton said the child nutrition programs were especially important to families in mid-March when the world changed due to COVID-19. She was happy to hear that the waivers were extended through the summer so that children would continue to receive meals.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM E-101.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE  
MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**102. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program – FY 2020**

Addition of \$206,000 in federal Trade Mitigation Food Purchase and Distribution Program grant funds to support food bank partners in the storage and disbursement of food. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Trade Mitigation Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50812. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-5-20.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**103. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program – FY 2021**

Addition of \$642,000 in federal Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) grant funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support food bank partners for increased costs of TEFAP food distribution, replace foods previously distributed or increased administrative expenditures due to changed procedures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the TEFAP CARES Act category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50910. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-5-20.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**104. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program – FY 2021**

Addition of \$8,490,756 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds transferred from the CARES Act 2020 Account to partner with community organizations and public entities to promote innovative distribution models that complement existing food assistance resources, promote safe food assistance models and provide food to underserved populations and communities and support regional distributing agencies to expand existing food relief efforts to alleviate food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the CARES Act 2020 category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C50998. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-5-20.**

Chair Carlton noted that she worked for a nonprofit organization that occasionally partnered in some of the initiatives that would be discussed under Agenda Item E-104; therefore, she would not participate in the discussion or the vote. Chair Carlton turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Woodhouse.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno noted that she was a board member for two local nonprofit organizations, which may participate in the initiatives that would be discussed under Agenda Item E-104; therefore, she would abstain from the vote.

Jennifer Ott, Director, Department of Agriculture, said Work Program #C50998 was a request to accept authority for funding to support the Commodity Foods Distribution Program. She said the funds would be used in direct response to efforts by community organizations to assist their communities and respond to the COVID-19 crisis in the form of providing services and food distribution.

Continuing, Ms. Ott said the department used CARES Act funds to establish a program to assist its two existing food bank partners, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square in Southern Nevada, as well as new partners

that were doing excellent work in the community. The program would support the organizations in their efforts to address food distribution and availability in the community.

Ms. Ott said the work program would also address food sourcing and supply issues in Nevada. The funds would be used to support the state's agriculture industry and assist businesses in finding new markets. She stated that many businesses struggled after the closure of restaurants and casinos.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she was impressed by the number of providers that were helping with food distribution in the local communities. Despite the pandemic, communities were coming together to obtain resources, and the state was working with local partners to provide those resources as quickly as possible. She was pleased that the department was partnering with other community-based organizations. Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson commended the department and the community partners for their efforts.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, Ms. Ott said the project timeline was very short. The department had been working in advance so that it would be prepared to award funding as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the organizations to expend the funds before the December 30, 2020, deadline. She said the department was using the request for application process to spread the word about the program. Ms. Ott said funding would be distributed as early as next week pending the Committee's approval.

Vice Chair Woodhouse called a recess at 12:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked how applicants would be selected and the amount of each award.

Ms. Ott said \$1.5 million was set aside for Agriculture Industry Relief projects. Projects would be selected through the application process to ensure equity amongst those in the industry.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, Ms. Ott said the timeline for industry response would not be as short as the timeline for community nutrition. She noted that the department wanted to address community nutrition as quickly as possible. Ms. Ott said the timeline for industry response would be longer, because the department wanted to have discussions with those in the agriculture industry to determine where the funds were most needed, and to avoid an overlap with current funding.

Vice Chair Woodhouse asked how much funding was anticipated to be available to reimburse schools that had offered meals seven days a week prior to the issuance of the USDA waiver.

Ms. Ott said funding was available for reimbursement. Schools that served meals seven days a week prior to the issuance of the waiver in April would be reimbursed for the full seven days, although the department had only received reimbursement equivalent to five days. She said reimbursements to schools would be paid out of the \$1.5 million set aside. The department anticipated total reimbursement would be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The exact figure would be determined after information was provided by the schools.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM E-104.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (Chair Carlton and  
Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno abstained from the vote.  
Assemblyman Wheeler was not present for the vote.)

**105. Office of the Military - State Active Duty - FY 2021**

Addition of \$2,520,000 in federal Emergency Management Agency and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management to continue anticipated state active duty personnel costs to support ongoing COVID-19 response activities for the period of August through December 2020. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C51069. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-11-20. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM R.**

Justin Luna, Chief, Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Department of Public Safety (DPS), said the DEM was the administrative agency responsible for coordinating disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As part of the major disaster declaration for the COVID-19 pandemic, the DEM, in coordination with the Nevada National Guard (NNG) and the Office of the Military, was requesting additional FEMA grant authority to continue response and recovery efforts.

Mr. Luna noted that the work program under Agenda Item E-105 would bring in a portion of the FEMA funds.

Senator Parks asked for a more detailed overview of the proposed expenditures, and how those expenditures would align with the state's overall strategy to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Luna replied that Work Program #C51069, submitted by the Office of the Military, would provide for continued statewide response efforts by the NNG

through December 2020. For the past couple of months, the NNG had been activated under Title 32 of the *United States Code*, and paid for with federal assistance; however, that assistance would be discontinued at the end of July. He said Work Program #C51069 would activate the NNG under State Active Duty and provide for the NNG's continued efforts through the end of the calendar year. Additional support would be provided in an accompanying work program through a non-Executive budget account managed by the DEM.

Continuing, Mr. Luna said the funding would also be used to build a stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) and testing materials to prepare for an anticipated surge of cases in the fall of 2020 during the regular flu season.

Mr. Luna said the Office of the Military work program would provide authority to pay NNG soldiers that were on State Active Duty. The DEM would subsequently reimburse the Office of the Military for those costs through the Disaster Response and Recovery Account. Agenda Item R was a request to accept federal authority to bring in the funds for that purpose. In addition, the DEM would use a portion of the state's CARES Act funds to pay the cost share for eligible expenses.

Senator Parks noted that it would cost approximately \$8.0 million to build a stockpile of test equipment. He recalled that the United States and European press indicated that test kits could have a false reading of 30% to 40%. He asked how the DEM would ensure that the state did not purchase faulty polymerase chain reaction test kits.

Mr. Luna replied that the division was working closely with representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services as well as Dr. Mark Pandori at the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to research and vet testing supplies to ensure the state received quality products.

Senator Parks said 48 NNG members would be supported at a cost of \$2.5 million. He asked how the NNG would be used throughout the state.

Lieutenant Colonel Brett Compston, NNG, replied that 48 positions was the minimum number of position required to continue the current level of testing in laboratories and communities, and to assist the DEM with the acquisition of the large PPE stockpile. He said the positions would be used to manage the warehouses in which PPE and testing kit stockpiles were housed, assist the logistics section of the state's Emergency Operations Center, and assist with laboratory procedures at the state public health laboratory. In addition, a small contingent would be retained to assist with planning and providing training-the-trainer capabilities for community-based testing. Lieutenant Colonel Compston said the NNG had been heavily involved with community-based testing sites throughout the state during the COVID-19 response. The NNG did not want to lose that capacity during the transition to its civilian partners. He said the NNG would continue to assist, plan and set up test sites.

Assemblywoman Jauregui noted that CARES Act dollars could be used for the 25% FEMA match. She asked if the DEM had received formal documentation confirming that CARES Act funds could be used for that purpose.

Mr. Luna said the DEM initially received an email from its federal partners regarding the use of CARES Act funds as matching dollars. He said documentation stating that CARES Act funds were eligible for use as matching dollars had since been posted on the FEMA website.

Assemblywoman Jauregui asked if PPE and testing kits had a shelf life.

Mr. Luna replied that some of the items had an expiration date. The DEM was working with the State Purchasing Division and the Emergency Operations Center to ensure a long-term plan was in place to turnover any inventory that was not used before the expiration date.

Assemblywoman Jauregui said the total expenditure authority was approximately \$83.0 million. If the item was approved, the Committee would request that the DEM report to the IFC all COVID-19 related expenditures by funding source in a single comprehensive report until all the funds had been utilized or reverted to the original source.

Mr. Luna said, at an IFC meeting in April, the Committee directed the division to provide quarterly reports regarding the funds that had been received by the division as well as related expenditures. He asked if those quarterly reports would meet the requirement.

Assemblywoman Jauregui asked if the quarterly reports would continue until all of the funds had been utilized or reverted to the original source. Mr. Luna confirmed that was correct.

Chair Carlton clarified that the Committee would like one comprehensive report addressing all of the issues. The Committee did not want to piece multiple reports together to determine how the funds were used and how much was reverted to the original source.

Mr. Luna replied that the division could provide a corollary report for the funding that was managed by the DEM. He thought the Governor's Finance Office was responsible for managing the overall CARES Act funds received by the state. The DEM received a certain portion of those funds, as well as FEMA funds that were being used to assist with response efforts.

Chair Carlton asked the DEM to work with LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff to determine the correct format for the reports. She understood that some funds crossed over into different areas. She said it was important for the Committee to

see the details clearly and succinctly. Chair Carlton said the IFC Subcommittee to Review and Advise on Coronavirus Federal Aid would likely request a similar report; therefore, it would be helpful to have the report available for both committees.

Assemblywoman Titus thanked the DEM for recognizing the importance of stockpiling supplies. She had been concerned about the availability of supplies in the event of a resurgence.

Assemblywoman Titus asked what the role of the NNG was in the laboratories. Lieutenant Colonel Compston replied that the NNG provided administrative support, such as sorting and data entry.

Assemblywoman Titus asked if the NNG was responsible for contacting the local jurisdictions when there was a positive test result. She said there were times when she had received incorrect information, because the test was collected in a different county.

Lieutenant Colonel Compston replied that the NNG predominantly sorted samples and performed data entry tasks. He said the NNG did not perform contact tracing duties.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Titus, Lieutenant Colonel Compston said the quantities listed in the Pre-COVID Stock and SNS PPE Received table on page 247 in Volume III of the meeting packet included the state's stockpile as well as supplies received from FEMA and through pushes ([Exhibit C](#)). He noted that those quantities reflected the initial starting point in the state.

Continuing, Lieutenant Colonel Compston said the state discovered early on that it was unprepared for an unprecedented event like the COVID-19 pandemic. The comprehensive stockpile would not only replace the state's original stockpile, it would also account for the hospitals at the peak burn rate in April, as well as the public health system, which included federally qualified health centers, tribal health centers, local health districts, and skilled-nursing facilities. Lieutenant Colonel Compston said, although it was a robust package, it would only cover 60 days. Funding for an additional 60-day stockpile would be requested at a future IFC meeting. He said a lot of work had gone into determining how much of a stockpile would be required in the event of a resurgence. The state did not want to find itself in the same position again.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Titus, Lieutenant Colonel Compston said the overall intent was to build a 120-day stockpile to get through the spring of 2021. He said the figures that were reported were for the first 60-day stockpile, which would be the 25/75 cost share with FEMA.



Lieutenant Colonel Compston said if Nevada was successful, the state would have a combination of local stockpiles acquired by the counties, the individual hospitals, and the state. He said the federal government was also replenishing its own stockpile. Collectively, those stockpiles should help the state survive the fall and winter when every flu case would have to be treated as a COVID-19 case, which would be taxing.

Assemblywoman Titus asked if the counties, the state, and the individual hospitals would each have a 120-day stockpile.

Lieutenant Colonel Compston confirmed that was correct. He said the intent of the state was to build a 120-day supply based on the maximum burn rates experienced in March and April 2020.

Assemblywoman Titus asked where the stockpile would be housed, and if there was enough storage capacity.

Chair Carlton noted that the discussion was public record; therefore, the agency did not have to reveal the locations of the stockpiles.

Lieutenant Colonel Compston replied that the stockpiles would be housed in warehouses located in Northern and Southern Nevada; however, he could not reveal the exact locations. He said the current storage capacity would be expanded to accommodate the larger stockpiles.

Assemblywoman Titus said she appreciated the security concern related to the stockpile locations. She asked if a stockpile would be located in the rural counties.

Lieutenant Colonel Compston confirmed that there was a storage facility in Elko County. He noted that the facility in Elko County did not need to be expanded.

Assemblywoman Titus wanted to ensure supplies would be accessible during an emergency. She said it was important for the entire state to be protected in the event of a resurgence.

In response to a question from Senator Kieckhefer, Lieutenant Colonel Compston said a declaration of emergency was not required to retain NNG on State Active Duty.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked for clarification about the public health system stockpile. She understood the stockpile was available to non-hospital public health systems, such as skilled-nursing facilities and long-term care facilities. She asked if it was also available to home health care workers that treated Medicaid patients.

Lieutenant Colonel Compston said the public health system stockpile was available to federally qualified health centers, state facilities, state facility inspectors, local health authorities, tribal health clinics and behavioral health rural clinics.

Assemblywoman Spiegel noted that home health care workers were excluded from that list.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM E-105  
AND AGENDA ITEM R.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**106. Department of Education - Office of the Superintendent - FY 2020**

Addition of \$31,000 in federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds transferred from the Department of Education - CARES Act ESSER Funds account to administer the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funds and address emergency needs related to COVID-19. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ESSER SEA Reserves category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C50673. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-16-20**

Agenda Items E-106 and E-107 were discussed jointly. Refer to testimony and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-107.

**107. Department of Education - Office of the Superintendent - FY 2021**

Addition of \$11,387,504 in federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds transferred from the Department of Education - CARES Act ESSER Funds account to administer the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funds and address emergency needs related to COVID-19. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ESSER SEA Reserves category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C51089. RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, 6-16-20.**

Agenda Items E-106 and E-107 were discussed jointly.

Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, Nevada Department of Education (NDE), said Work Programs #C50673 and #C51089 pertained to the federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds received by the department through the CARES Act. Work Program #C50673 (FY 2020) established revenue and expenditure authority totaling \$31,000, which would allow the department to update e-page capacity so

that grant applications could be submitted electronically. It would also allow the department to expend funds for additional cleaning supplies and work space reconfiguration as employees returned to work.

Ms. Haartz said Work Program #C51089 (FY 2021) included a portion of the remaining administrative funds as well as the funds that would be available to applicants through a competitive process for statewide priorities.

Senator Denis asked for additional information about the process, including eligibility requirements and updates.

Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE, said the allocation was separated into three main areas of focus – professional development, high-quality instructional materials, and wraparound services. She stated that professional development and high-quality instructional materials were high priorities for the school districts during the pandemic. She noted that both resources assisted educators in the classroom. Ms. Ebert said entities that were eligible to apply for ESSER funds included community-based organizations, school districts, charter schools, private schools, and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Ms. Ebert said the third area of focus was wraparound services for students, families and communities.

Ms. Ebert said a portion of the funds would be used to implement the application system. If the request was approved by the Committee, the system would be live as early as next week. She said applicants would have approximately 30 days to submit an application. Funds would be awarded after the applications were reviewed and approved.

In response to a question from Senator Denis, Ms. Ebert replied that the NDE would follow the normal grant process, which meant that a rubric would be developed, and a committee would rate the applications based on that rubric. The funds would be awarded to the highest-ranked applicants.

Senator Denis asked if the department would provide assistance with the application process, particularly for the smaller school districts.

Ms. Ebert replied that the department held videoconference meetings with eligible entities in preparation of the grant application process. In addition, technical assistance was provided via telephone.

Chair Carlton said there were true needs throughout the state. She asked why the department chose to implement a competitive application program rather than funding each county at a pro rata rate for each student or teacher. She asked if resources were available for counties that were not awarded funds.

Ms. Ebert replied that approximately \$105.0 million was made available directly to school districts during the pandemic. The school districts were permitted to make decisions concerning the use of the funds in collaboration with the local school boards and the community. She was hopeful the federal government would provide additional funding.

Ms. Ebert said, as the state entered the pandemic in March, it became evident that targeted, strategic assistance related to professional development, high-quality instructional materials, and wraparound services was needed throughout the state. She said the department had been in discussions with the district superintendents. By combining resources and leveraging statewide ability, which included people as resources, there would be a greater impact across the state.

Ms. Ebert said there were several areas of focus related to educating students in phase two. The department and the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) were working together to address the need for devices and Internet connectivity, as well as high-quality digital content. She noted that the state had been leveraging funds for two decades to decrease the cost of materials. Lastly, Ms. Ebert stated there was a need for professional development and support. She said it was important to have resources in each of those areas, because each area relied on the others to be effective.

Chair Carlton stated that her question about why the department chose to implement a competitive application program was not answered. She asked if the federal government required the use of a competitive grant process.

Ms. Ebert said the federal government did not require a competitive grant process.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Ebert replied that the department chose to implement a competitive application program, because resources were limited. In addition, it was important that the funds were used to provide resources such as professional development.

Chair Carlton understood that professional development was funded in a number of different ways. She did not think it was necessary to use a competitive grant process to allocate the funds.

Assemblywoman Spiegel inquired about the eligibility requirements to apply for the grant funds.

Ms. Ebert replied that entities such as school districts and charter schools were eligible. She was uncertain whether there was a list of ineligible entities.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked for the specific eligibility criteria in terms of categories and performance indicators.

Ms. Ebert replied that the specifics would be included in the grant application process when it was published on e-page. She said she would provide the information to the Committee when it became available.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked if the department planned to fund support staff, as well as temporary employees, with ESSER grant funds to administer and support the competitive application program in FY 2021.

Ms. Haartz said when the ESSER funds were first made available, the department hoped to bring on additional temporary staff. However, in light of the state's financial crisis, the department was investing in programs and services rather than additional staff. She said existing staff would assist with the ESSER-related workload.

Assemblywoman Neal stated that her district was a high-poverty community. Although most students had access to a device, many did not have access to the Internet. Assemblywoman Neal said she recently spoke with a school principal who indicated that only seven students were without a device; however, many families did not have Internet access due to poor credit history with providers such as Cox Communications. She asked how that issue was being addressed.

Ms. Ebert agreed that the pandemic had exposed inequities. She said the department was working with the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company to change those components under the E-Rate Program. She said funding through the E-Rate Program was traditionally made available to schools and libraries. It was not contemplated that schooling transpired in the home. Ms. Ebert said the department and OSIT had meetings scheduled with Internet providers that had processes in place that disenfranchised those in need. She noted that the first meeting was with Cox Communications.

Continuing, Ms. Ebert said there were remote areas across the state where broadband connectivity was not available. The department was working with entities such as the Department of Health and Human Services to discuss telehealth services. She said it was important to collaborate with other agencies and break down silos so that broadband connectivity was available to constituents.

Regarding professional development in the digital setting, Assemblywoman Neal asked if entities such as Nevada State College (NSC) were being utilized for their expertise. She noted that many NSHE institutions had been running online classes for a long time. In fact, 50% to 60% of the courses at NSC were online classes. She thought the expertise of NSHE institutions might help reduce costs and help educators become better versed in distance learning. Assemblywoman Neal thought it might be beneficial for the state to adopt some of the platforms used by NSHE. Those platforms may be more simplified and allow the school districts to deliver quality content to students.

Ms. Ebert said the department was collaborating and leveraging knowledge across the state. For example, entities, school districts and teachers had been asking for a single learning management system similar to the learning management tool used by NSHE. She said the NDE was working toward that goal.

Continuing, Ms. Ebert said combining a learning management system with professional development would accelerate access and support to educators. To that end, the NDE had utilized other federal funds to establish Digital Engineers, which were administrators and teachers across the state with expertise in distance learning. Prior to the pandemic, many teachers did not have experience with distance learning; thus, the department used federal funds to provide training. Ms. Ebert said the NDE would launch a website that would include those resources as well as other educational resources from NSHE and other states. She said the department was collaborating with Dr. Dennis Potthoff, Dean of the School of Education at NSC, and his professor. The department was also collaborating with community-based organizations that provided successful online learning opportunities.

Chair Carlton requested that the NDE provide follow-up information regarding the distribution of funds related to the competitive application program. She expressed concern about the use of a competitive grant process when there was significant need throughout the state. Chair Carlton said she did not want to delay the allocation of funds, but she did want to monitor the program.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS E-106 AND E-107 AND REQUIRE THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROGRAM TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Carlton called a recess at 12:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:16 p.m.

#### **108. Budget Reduction Work Programs – FY 2020**

Agenda Items E-108 and E-109 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-109.

#	FY	WP #	Division	BA	Budget Account Description
1	2020	20BR1000	010	1000	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
2	2020	20BR1001	010	1001	GOVERNOR'S MANSION MAINTENANCE
3	2020	20BR1007	010	1007	OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS
4	2020	20BR1005	012	1005	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE
5	2020	20BR1003	014	1003	OFFICE OF SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

6	2020	20BR1301	015	1301	GOVERNOR'S OFC OF FINANCE - SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
7	2020	20BR1340	015	1340	GOVERNOR'S OFC OF FINANCE - BUDGET DIVISION
8	2020	20BR1342	015	1342	GOVERNOR'S OFC OF FINANCE- DIV OF INTERNAL AUDITS
9	2020	20BR1325	015	1325	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE - SMART 21
10	2020	20BR2681	017	2681	WICHE LOANS & STIPENDS
11	2020	20BR2995	017	2995	WICHE ADMINISTRATION
12	2020	20BR1004	018	1004	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - OFFICE OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION
13	2020	20BR3270	018	3270	NEVADA P20 WORKFORCE REPORTING
14	2020	20BR1020	020	1020	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
15	2020	20BR1030	030	1030	AG - ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET ACCOUNT
16	2020	20BR1031	030	1031	AG - SPECIAL LITIGATION FUND
17	2020	20BR1040	030	1040	AG - GRANTS UNIT
18	2020	20BR1042	030	1042	AG - VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
19	2020	20BR1038	030	1038	AG - CONSUMER ADVOCATE
20	2020	20BR1051	040	1051	SOS - HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) ELECTION REFORM
21	2020	20BR1080	050	1080	TREASURER - STATE TREASURER
22	2020	20BR1130	060	1130	CONTROLLER - CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
23	2020	20BR1560	082	1560	ADMINISTRATION - SPWD - FACILITY COND & ANALYSIS
24	2020	20BR1337	087	1337	ADMINISTRATION - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
25	2020	20BR1345	087	1345	ADMINISTRATION - MERIT AWARD BOARD
26	2020	20BR1341	088	1341	ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF GRANT PROCUREMENT COORD
27	2020	20BR1484	090	1484	JUDICIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DIVISION
28	2020	20BR1490	090	1490	STATE JUDICIAL ELECTED OFFICIALS
29	2020	20BR1494	090	1494	SUPREME COURT
30	2020	20BR2600	101	2600	TOURISM - INDIAN COMMISSION
31	2020	20BR1526	102	1526	GOED - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEV
32	2020	20BR1528	102	1528	GOED - RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
33	2020	20BR1008	111	1008	DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES
34	2020	20BR2361	130	2361	DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
35	2020	20BR1343	150	1343	ETHICS - COMMISSION ON ETHICS
36	2020	20BR1010	161	1010	DEPARTMENT OF SENTENCING POLICY
37	2020	20BR2560	240	2560	NDVS - OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
38	2020	20BR2698	300	2698	NDE - SCHOOL SAFETY
39	2020	20BR2704	300	2704	NDE - BULLYING PREVENTION ACCOUNT
40	2020	20BR2706	300	2706	NDE - PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
41	2020	20BR2709	300	2709	NDE - OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
42	2020	20BR2712	300	2712	NDE - STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT
43	2020	20BR2713	300	2713	NDE - LITERACY PROGRAMS
44	2020	20BR2715	300	2715	NDE - INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
45	2020	20BR2721	300	2721	NDE - SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING
46	2020	20BR2612	300	2612	NDE - EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS
47	2020	20BR2675	300	2675	NDE - STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
48	2020	20BR2699	300	2699	NDE - OTHER STATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS
49	2020	20BR2697	300	2697	NDE - ASSESSMENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
50	2020	20BR2941	331	2941	TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HISTORY

51	2020	20BR1052	332	1052	ADMINISTRATION - NSLA - ARCHIVES & PUBLIC RECORDS
52	2020	20BR2891	332	2891	ADMINISTRATION - NSLA - STATE LIBRARY
53	2020	20BR2979	333	2979	TOURISM - NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL
54	2020	20BR4205	334	4205	DCNR - OFFICE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
55	2020	20BR2988	350	2988	NSHE - INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS - UNLV
56	2020	20BR2977	350	2977	NSHE - SPECIAL PROJECTS
57	2020	20BR2980	350	2980	NSHE - UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
58	2020	20BR2983	350	2983	NSHE - INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS - UNR
59	2020	20BR2985	350	2985	NSHE - STATEWIDE PROGRAMS - UNR
60	2020	20BR2986	350	2986	NSHE - SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
61	2020	20BR2987	350	2987	NSHE - UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS
62	2020	20BR2990	350	2990	NSHE - COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
63	2020	20BR2991	350	2991	NSHE - SYSTEM COMPUTING CENTER
64	2020	20BR2992	350	2992	NSHE - UNLV LAW SCHOOL
65	2020	20BR2994	350	2994	NSHE - GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
66	2020	20BR2996	350	2996	NSHE - UNIVERSITY PRESS
67	2020	20BR3001	350	3001	NSHE - STATEWIDE PROGRAMS - UNLV
68	2020	20BR3002	350	3002	NSHE - UNLV DENTAL SCHOOL
69	2020	20BR3003	350	3003	NSHE - BUSINESS CENTER NORTH
70	2020	20BR3004	350	3004	NSHE - BUSINESS CENTER SOUTH
71	2020	20BR3010	350	3010	NSHE - DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE
72	2020	20BR3011	350	3011	NSHE - COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
73	2020	20BR3012	350	3012	NSHE - WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE
74	2020	20BR3015	350	3015	NSHE - 2017 UNR ENGINEERING BUILDING DEBT SERVICE
75	2020	20BR3016	350	3016	NSHE - SILVER STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
76	2020	20BR3018	350	3018	NSHE - TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
77	2020	20BR3221	350	3221	NSHE - HEALTH LABORATORY AND RESEARCH
78	2020	20BR2982	350	2982	NSHE - UNR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
79	2020	20BR3005	350	3005	NSHE - NEVADA STATE COLLEGE
80	2020	20BR2989	350	2989	NSHE - AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
81	2020	20BR3014	350	3014	NSHE - UNLV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
82	2020	20BR3155	400	3155	HHS-DO - FAMILY PLANNING
83	2020	20BR3209	402	3209	HHS - ADSD- AUTISM TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
84	2020	20BR3167	402	3167	HHS-ADSD - RURAL REGIONAL CENTER
85	2020	20BR3266	402	3266	HHS-ADSD - HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
86	2020	20BR3279	402	3279	HHS-ADSD - DESERT REGIONAL CENTER
87	2020	20BR3280	402	3280	HHS-ADSD - SIERRA REGIONAL CENTER
88	2020	20BR3243	403	3243	HHS-HCF&P - NEVADA MEDICAID, TITLE XIX
89	2020	20BR3178	403	3178	HHS-HCF&P - NEVADA CHECK UP PROGRAM
90	2020	20BR3158	403	3158	HHS-HCF&P - HCF&P ADMINISTRATION
91	2020	20BR3645	406	3645	HHS-DPBH - FACILITY FOR THE MENTAL OFFENDER
92	2020	20BR3648	406	3648	HHS-DPBH - RURAL CLINICS
93	2020	20BR3219	406	3219	HHS-DPBH - BIOSTATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY
94	2020	20BR3153	406	3153	HHS-DPBH - NEVADA CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY
95	2020	20BR3161	406	3161	HHS-DPBH - SO NV ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
96	2020	20BR3162	406	3162	HHS-DPBH - NO NV ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SVCS
97	2020	20BR3168	406	3168	HHS-DPBH - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION



98	2020	20BR3200	406	3200	HHS-DPBH - PROBLEM GAMBLING
99	2020	20BR3216	406	3216	HHS-DPBH - HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REG
100	2020	20BR3223	406	3223	HHS-DPBH - OFFICE OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
101	2020	20BR3224	406	3224	HHS-DPBH - COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
102	2020	20BR3170	406	3170	HHS-DPBH - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREV & TREATMENT
103	2020	20BR3220	406	3220	HHS-DPBH - CHRONIC DISEASE
104	2020	20BR3238	407	3238	HHS-WELFARE - CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
105	2020	20BR3259	409	3259	HHS-DCFS - NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER
106	2020	20BR3281	409	3281	HHS-DCFS - NORTHERN NV CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES
107	2020	20BR3143	409	3143	HHS-DCFS - INFORMATION SERVICES
108	2020	20BR3229	409	3229	HHS-DCFS - RURAL CHILD WELFARE
109	2020	20BR3148	409	3148	HHS-DCFS - SUMMIT VIEW YOUTH CENTER
110	2020	20BR3179	409	3179	HHS-DCFS - CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER
111	2020	20BR3646	409	3646	HHS-DCFS - SOUTHERN NV CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES
112	2020	20BR3142	409	3142	HHS-DCFS - CLARK COUNTY CHILD WELFARE
113	2020	20BR3263	409	3263	HHS-DCFS - YOUTH PAROLE SERVICES
114	2020	20BR3650	431	3650	MILITARY
115	2020	20BR4204	480	4204	TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
116	2020	20BR4540	550	4540	AGRI - PLANT HEALTH & QUARANTINE SERVICES
117	2020	20BR4550	550	4550	AGRI - VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES
118	2020	20BR4554	550	4554	AGRI - AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATION
119	2020	20BR4600	550	4600	AGRI - PREDATORY ANIMAL & RODENT CONTROL
120	2020	20BR1362	550	1362	AGRI - COMMODITY FOODS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
121	2020	20BR4557	550	4557	AGRI - LIVESTOCK ENFORCEMENT
122	2020	20BR4061	611	4061	GCB - GAMING CONTROL BOARD
123	2020	20BR4067	611	4067	GCB - GAMING COMMISSION
124	2020	20BR3775	650	3775	DPS - TRAINING DIVISION
125	2020	20BR4704	650	4704	DPS - NEVADA OFFICE OF CYBER DEFENSE COORDINATION
126	2020	20BR3740	652	3740	DPS - DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION
127	2020	20BR3743	653	3743	DPS - INVESTIGATION DIVISION
128	2020	20BR4709	655	4709	DPS-CENTRAL REP FOR NV RECORDS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY
129	2020	20BR4710	655	4710	DPS - CHILD VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS TRUST ACCT
130	2020	20BR3816	656	3816	DPS - FIRE MARSHAL
131	2020	20BR3800	660	3800	DPS - PAROLE BOARD
132	2020	20BR4150	700	4150	DCNR - ADMINISTRATION
133	2020	20BR4151	701	4151	DCNR - CONSERVATION DISTRICTS PROGRAM
134	2020	20BR4466	702	4466	WILDLIFE - DIVERSITY DIVISION
135	2020	20BR4162	704	4162	DCNR - STATE PARKS
136	2020	20BR4171	705	4171	DCNR - WATER RESOURCES
137	2020	20BR4195	706	4195	DCNR - FORESTRY
138	2020	20BR4198	706	4198	DCNR - FORESTRY - CONSERVATION CAMPS
139	2020	20BR4166	707	4166	DCNR - NEVADA TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
140	2020	20BR4173	707	4173	DCNR - STATE LANDS
141	2020	20BR4180	710	4180	DCNR - DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION
142	2020	20BR4677	740	4677	B&I - OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND PLANNING

143	2020	20BR4681	740	4681	B&I - BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATION
144	2020	20BR3823	748	3823	B&I - REAL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
145	2020	20BR3900	752	3900	B&I - LABOR COMMISSIONER
146	2020	20BR4735	810	4735	DMV - FIELD SERVICES
147	2020	20BR4741	810	4741	DMV - CENTRAL SERVICES
148	2020	20BR3254	901	3254	DETR - SERVICES TO BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED
149	2020	20BR3265	901	3265	DETR - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
150	2020	20BR4883	015	4883	BOE - GENERAL FUND SALARY ADJUSTMENT

**109. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET REDUCTION WORK PROGRAMS –  
FY 2020**

#	FY	WP #	Division	BA	BA
1	2020	20OS3238	407	3238	HHS-WELFARE - CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
2	2020	20OS3740	652	3740	DPS - DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION
3	2020	20OS4205	334	4205	DCNR - OFFICE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
4	2020	20OS4550	550	4550	AGRI - VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES
5	2020	20OS4557	550	4557	AGRI - LIVESTOCK ENFORCEMENT
6	2020	20OS2666	360	2666	DETR - COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
7	2020	20OS2361	130	2361	DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
8	2020	20OS4660	800	4660	NDOT - TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
9	2020	20OS3161	406	3161	HHS-DPBH - SO NV ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
10	2020	20OS3228	407	3228	HHS-WELFARE - ADMINISTRATION
11	2020	20OS4730	650	4730	DPS - PUBLIC SAFETY ONE-SHOTS
12	2020	20OS3800	660	3800	DPS - PAROLE BOARD
13	2020	20OS4162	704	4162	DCNR - STATE PARKS
14	2020	20OS4171	705	4171	DCNR - WATER RESOURCES
15	2020	20OS4195	706	4195	DCNR - FORESTRY
16	2020	20OS4198	706	4198	DCNR - FORESTRY - CONSERVATION CAMPS
17	2020	20OS3714	440	3714	NDOC - ONE-SHOT APPROPRIATIONS
18	2020	20OS1340	015	1340	GOVERNOR'S OFC OF FINANCE - BUDGET DIVISION
19	2020	20OS1356	084	1356	ADMINISTRATION - FLEET SERVICES CAPITAL PURCHASE
20	2020	20OS1366	082	1366	ADMINISTRATION - SPWD - MARLETTE LAKE
21	2020	20OS1301	015	1301	GOVERNOR'S OFC OF FINANCE - SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS
22	2020	20OS3233	407	3233	HHS-WELFARE - WELFARE FIELD SERVICES
23	2020	20OS1040	030	1040	AG - GRANTS UNIT
24	2020	20OS1534	102	1534	UNMANNED SYSTEM SAFETY PROGRAM
25	2020	20OS2580	903	2580	DETR - EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION
26	2020	20OS2712	300	2712	NDE - STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT
27	2020	20OS3162	406	3162	HHS-DPBH - NO NV ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SVCS
28	2020	20OS4061	611	4061	GCB - GAMING CONTROL BOARD
29	2020	20OS3179	409	3179	HHS-DCFS - CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER
30	2020	20OS3259	409	3259	HHS-DCFS - NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER
31	2020	20OS3281	409	3281	HHS-DCFS - NORTHERN NV CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES

Agenda Items E-108 and E-109 were discussed jointly.

Chair Carlton said Agenda Items E-108 and E-109 included work programs and one-time appropriation budget reductions for FY 2020. At the June 12, 2020, IFC meeting, the Committee approved the Governor's plan to reserve General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$66,963,987 for operating appropriations and \$21,575,878 for one-time appropriations, for a total of \$88,539,865 toward addressing the budget shortfall that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Susan Brown, Director, Governor's Finance Office (GFO), said page 399 in Volume II of the meeting packet showed the FY 2020 General Fund reductions that were approved at the June 12, 2020, IFC meeting, as well as adjustments that had occurred since that date ([Exhibit B](#)). Ms. Brown noted the following revisions to the FY 2020 budget reduction work programs:

- Office of the Secretary of State – Ms. Brown noted that the work program was not included in the packet but would be submitted at a future IFC meeting.
- Department of Administration – Revised from \$668,535 to \$649,835. Ms. Brown stated that a work program that did not require IFC approval had been processed, but it was not included in the meeting packet.
- Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs – Revised from \$153,227 to \$277,151 to include the school bus program.
- Department of Business and Industry – Revised from \$170,171 to \$188,326 due to an increase in budget 3823, which was not included in the amount of the original submittal.
- Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Ms. Brown noted that the amount remained the same, but the work program required an adjustment. On Work Program #20BR3265, Category 1 was revised from \$921,651 to \$921,153, and Category 93 was revised from \$212,281 to \$211,783.
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Revised from \$1,770,403 to \$1,780,403 due to a duplication on the one-time appropriation list. Ms. Brown noted the one-time appropriation list was also adjusted.
- Department of Public Safety – Revised from \$2,765,527 to \$2,790,700 due to an adjustment for a Fire Marshal work program that was not included in the original amount.

Ms. Brown stated that the revised total was \$65,381,614. With the addition of \$18,700 that was already processed, the new total was \$65,400,314.

Ms. Brown noted that the General Fund one-time appropriations for FY 2020 began on page 547 in Volume II of the meeting packet ([Exhibit B](#)). She provided the following revisions related to the one-time appropriations:

- Nevada Department of Education, Student and School Support – Revised from \$20,165 to \$20,126.
- Department of Public Safety – Ms. Brown noted that the amount for A.B. 511 was originally listed as \$32,566; however, that amount was for two separate bills. The worksheet was revised to list the bills individually as follows: \$22,197 for A.B. 511 and \$10,369 for A.B. 513.

Ms. Brown said the total for the one-time appropriations reductions was \$21,572,577.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she had general questions related to the budget reductions and the resulting impact on public services. She thought the answers to those questions would be helpful for the public, service providers, and recipients of those services.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson referred to Work Program #20BR3209 for the Autism Treatment and Assistance Program (ATAP) as an example (page 480, [Exhibit B](#)). She noted a reduction of \$4.8 million in ATAP; however, an explanation concerning the reduction was not provided. She asked if the reduction would impact families utilizing the program.

Richard Whitley, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), thought the question regarding ATAP served as a vehicle to provide a broad perspective about how decisions were made concerning the budget reductions.

Mr. Whitley apologized for the lack of context concerning caseload and waitlist. He noted that ATAP was currently serving 890 individuals, with 31 people on the waitlist. Mr. Whitley confirmed that the department would revert \$4.8 million from ATAP. He said several variables contributed to the reversion, the first of which was the program's reliance on Medicaid. During the 2019 Legislative Session, the department's goal was to improve Medicaid billing within the program. He noted that the program had been successful in meeting that goal.

Continuing, Mr. Whitley said the overlay with the pandemic made it challenging to deliver services during the last quarter, which had also contributed to the reversion. He noted that services were not deliberately withheld from program participants.

Mr. Whitley the largest variable that contributed to the reversion was the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) rate, which reduced the need for General Funds. He said the Committee would see that trend throughout several of the DHHS programs that billed Medicaid.

Mr. Whitley said the second largest variable that contributed to the reversion was the CARES Act funds. He said the department was able to utilize the funds for services directly related to the pandemic, which reduced the need for General Funds.

Mr. Whitley said there were other variables that contributed to the reversion, including salary savings. He said the department's total reversion for FY 2020 was not much different from the last couple of years. He thought the Committee would see during the upcoming special session that the department had focused on doing the least amount of harm.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson thought Mr. Whitley's comments were very helpful. She said the takeaway was that none of the department's FY 2020 budget reductions would have a negative impact on public services for the vulnerable populations that relied on those services.

Mr. Whitley confirmed that was correct as it related to the FY 2020 budget reductions; however, the department was still in the process of determining the proposed reductions for FY 2021.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson said she wanted the Committee and the public to have a basic understanding of the impact to services as it related to the budget reductions for FY 2020. She thought there appeared to be minimal impact. She understood there would be a similar discussion related to the FY 2021 budget reductions.

Mr. Whitley said the department was hopeful the FMAP rate would continue to benefit the state in the future. He said the biggest area of concern was Medicaid due to the large dollar amount associated with the program, which impacted a system of care. The DHHS was working on prioritizing within the vulnerable populations, which was not an easy task. Mr. Whitley recalled the concern expressed during public comment, including comments by his own staff. He understood it was a difficult time for everyone. He said the department's primary focus was services for the most vulnerable people in the state. Mr. Whitley said the DHHS was committed to using its limited resources to protect the vulnerable citizens of Nevada.

Mr. Whitley said the Legislature did not ordinarily see the reversions collectively. In doing so, it highlighted them at a time when there was a significant need for funds. He said the reversions typically occurred categorically or programmatically, with a few questions during the budget hearings about why certain funds were not expended.

Chair Carlton said she had hoped that CARES Act dollars could be used to get through FY 2020 and avoid programmatic issues. She was happy that public services were protected for now, especially during a time when those services were needed most.

Senator Kieckhefer asked if the 31 people on the ATAP waitlist could receive services if the \$4.8 million was not reverted.

Dena Schmidt, Division Administrator, ADSD, DHHS, confirmed that the people on the waitlist would be able to receive services. She said one of the division's challenges was a delay in provider enrollment for Registered Behavior Technicians due to COVID-19. She said the division had to shut down the process; however, she noted that enrollment had since been reopened with safety protocols in place. Ms. Schmidt said many families, even those on the waitlist, did not want to receive services in their homes during the pandemic. She explained that most Applied Behavior Analysis services were provided in the home, which people were not willing to do at this time.

Senator Kieckhefer said part of the reversions resulted from lower enrollment in the Community Options Program for the Elderly (COPE) and the Personal Assistance Services (PAS) program. He understood that the division put caps on those programs. He asked if the programs were at maximum capacity in FY 2020.

Ms. Schmidt said the PAS program was capped at 118 and COPE was capped at 95, which was lower than the legislatively approved budget. However, she noted that the programs were operated under budget constraints, so the division served as many people as possible with the available funding.

Senator Kieckhefer asked if either of the programs currently had a waitlist. Ms. Schmidt said she did not have those numbers available, but she would provide them to the Committee.

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, clarified that the total operating reserve for reversion amount under Agenda Item E-108 was \$65,381,614. She noted that the amount indicated by Ms. Brown of \$65,400,314 included the \$18,700 that had already been processed.

Referring to page 557 in Volume II of the meeting packet, Assemblywoman Neal noted that the FY 2020 funding for the mentoring commission was being reverted ([Exhibit B](#)). She asked if the mentoring conference had been cancelled.

Ms. Brown confirmed that the statewide mentoring conference for FY 2020 had been cancelled.

Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, NDE, said she recently had a discussion with the chair of the mentoring commission about the status of the FY 2020 conference. The conference was cancelled; however, Ms. Ebert thought other opportunities may become available.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno asked if the entire budget for the mentoring commission was being reverted in FY 2020.

Ms. Ebert confirmed that was correct. She noted that the mentoring commission and related affiliates could apply for funds through the competitive application program discussed under Agenda Items E-106 and E-107.

Chair Carlton understood that budget cuts would be difficult. She said Committee members would have to find other ways to support programs about which they were passionate.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno said the answer that was provided by the NDE did not explain why the funds were being reverted. She asked why the mentoring commission was not afforded the opportunity to access the funds earlier in the fiscal year.

Ms. Ebert said the department had worked with Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson on the establishment of the mentoring commission. She said the mentoring commission was revamped, so it took some time to appoint members and establish the commission.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Ebert replied that the funds for the mentoring commission were allocated in FY 2020 as a one-time appropriation. She said the department would work with the commission to find additional resources to continue the affiliate component, which was very important, as well as the mentoring conferences.

Chair Carlton understood that the entire appropriation for FY 2020 would be reverted, and the department would seek other funding opportunities for FY 2021. Ms. Ebert agreed.

Senator Kieckhefer asked if the FY 2020 reversions would affect the base year calculations for the 2021-23 biennium budget.

Ms. Jones replied that the base year was calculated based on actual expenditures made during the base year, which, in this case, was FY 2020; however, adjustments may be made for annualized costs or reductions that artificially lowered an agency's expected need for the upcoming biennium. Ultimately, the base budget was based on the adjusted actual as opposed to the original appropriation.

Senator Kieckhefer said, in the case of ATAP, if \$4.8 million of the \$12.2 million budget was being reverted, approximately \$15.6 million would be used for the base amount. Any additions to address caseload needs would have to be submitted as an enhancement unit. Ms. Jones thought that would be the case.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS E-108 AND E-109.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Kieckhefer said he had made many statements at the past few meetings about the Legislature's involvement in the budget reduction process, and he continued to stand by those comments. He thought the Committee was compelled to approve the work programs to ensure that the state maintained a semblance of healthy ending fund balance. Based on the numbers provided to the Committee, if the work programs were not approved, the ending fund balance for FY 2020 would be approximately \$83.0 million.

He thought it was a failure by the state not to reach a 5% ending fund balance for the fiscal year. If the Executive and Legislative Branches had worked collaboratively, that might have been attainable. Senator Kieckhefer said he had voiced his objections to the allocation from the Rainy Day Account and the approval of the reserves during a previous meeting. He said he would vote in favor of the motion today knowing it was essential for the state's fiscal health. Senator Kieckhefer said he hoped the Legislature would have more input when addressing the FY 2021 budget.

Chair Carlton said she did not think she had been on the sidelines during the process. Ultimately, the Committee was responsible for the final decision, so everyone had a say in the matter.

#### THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Carlton understood that the vote was difficult. She said she appreciated the thoughtfulness of Committee members as all the items were considered.

### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

AGENCY	AGENCY/ ACCOUNT NUMBER	POSITION NUMBER	PRESENT CLASS, CODE, GRADE & SALARY	PROPOSED CLASS, CODE, GRADE & SALARY
Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation	902/4770	3197	ESD Programs Specialist 1 Code:12.129 Grade 34/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$49,151.52	Business Process Analyst 1 Code:7.657 Grade 34/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$49,151.52
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection	709-3188	0535	Administrative Assistant 3 Code:2.211 Grade 27/07 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$47,188.80	Management Analyst 1 Code:7.637 Grade 33/3 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$51,281.28
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection	709/3188	0557	Administrative Assistant 3 Code:2.211 Grade 27/10 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$53,598.96	Management Analyst 1 Code:7.637 Grade 33/06 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$58,380.48
Department of Corrections/MIS	440/3710	1013	Digital Communications Specialist I Code:6.967 Grade 33/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$47,188.80	IT Technician IV Code:7.935 Grade 32/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement \$45,142.56

#### **F. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION – STATE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION – Request to modify the scope of CIP Project 17-MO1, Deferred Maintenance, Nevada System of Higher Education, PURSUANT TO NRS 341.145(1)(f).**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, noted that staff did not have concerns with Agenda Item F.



Ward Patrick, Administrator, State Public Works Division (SPWD), Department of Administration, stated that Agenda Item F, CIP Project 17-MO1 Deferred Maintenance Project, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), was a request to modify the project scope, which would support the NSHE General Fund budget reductions. He noted the project related to Higher Education Capitol Construction funding and Special Higher Education Capitol Construction funding.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM F.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (Assemblyman Wheeler was not present for the vote.)

**G. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION – STATE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION – Requests for approval to cancel the following capital improvement projects pursuant to NRS 341.145 (1)(j):**

1. 17-C15 – Complete Planning and Begin Construction of a New Medical School Building, UNLV

Ward Patrick, Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration, stated that Agenda Item G-1 was a request to cancel CIP Project 17-C15, Complete Planning and Begin Construction of a New Medical School Building, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), resulting in a reversion of \$25.0 million in General Fund appropriations. Cancelling the project would allow UNLV to pursue the project through an alternate delivery method.

Chair Carlton asked for an update on the status of the planning and construction efforts by the nonprofit entity to complete the new medical school building.

David Frommer, Associate Vice President of Planning, Construction and Real Estate, UNLV, said that UNLV and NSHE reached an agreement with the donor group, Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation (NHBAC). The plan was approved by the Board of Regents on January 30, 2020. He stated that the NHBAC would fund and manage the planning and construction of the UNLV School of Medicine Building. He said the project was in progress and the schematic design was complete. Mr. Frommer said UNLV had hoped the funds allocated from Senate Bill 553 (2017 Legislative Session) would be available to support the project, but he understood the state was looking at every option to address the budget crisis, and the funding allocation for the UNLV Medical Education Building Project was one of the items under review.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Neal, Mr. Frommer clarified that the \$25.0 million in matching donor funds was applied against the state funding match of \$25.0 million. He said the cancellation of the project would remove the state fund match requirement. Mr. Frommer said the \$25.0 million in donor funds would be returned to the donor group delivering the building. The donor funds would then be redirected to the NHBAC to manage the planning and construction of the building.

Senator Woodhouse said the Legislature had worked on the UNLV Medical Education Building for over five years, but the state had to withdraw from the project due to Nevada's current economic crisis. She was happy the project would continue. Senator Woodhouse said it was essential for the UNLV School of Medicine to grow and develop in order to meet workforce and health care needs in Southern Nevada.

Laura Freed, Director, Department of Administration, clarified that the state currently held \$15.0 million of the non-appropriated donor funds; the UNLV foundation held the remaining \$10.0 million. Upon approval of the cancellation of the project, the Department of Administration would refund \$15.0 million plus interest to the UNLV foundation.

Mr. Frommer stated that Ms. Freed was accurate in that the UNLV foundation held \$10.0 million of the \$25.0 million in donor funds. With the return of the \$15.0 million plus interest, UNLV would redirect the funds to the donor group. He said the donor group would subsequently apply the funds toward the medical education building.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Mr. Frommer clarified that the state appropriation had not been used toward the project. He said the first \$25.0 million of the \$50.0 million was donor funds. UNLV and the donor committed to match the state's \$25.0 million. He said \$15.0 million was transferred to begin the design and preconstruction phase by the SPWD. Upon completion, the intent was to use the remaining \$10.0 million in donor funds, followed by the \$25.0 million state appropriation. Mr. Frommer said the state would revert the full \$25.0 million appropriation, and the donor group would apply their funds toward the project.

Chair Carlton thanked Mr. Frommer for the clarification. She wanted to ensure the record was clear, because there had been many discussions pertaining to the UNLV Medical Education Building project.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM G-1.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE  
MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. 15-M38 – Upgrade Basement Heating and Drainage Improvements, Nevada State Museum, Carson City. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
3. 15-P03 – Advance Planning, Master Plan for Campus Buildings and Welcome Center in Building 2, Stewart Facility. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
4. 17-M19 – Power Panel and Switchgear Infrared Survey Project, High Desert State Prison. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
5. 17-P06 – Advance Planning Project for a Housing Unit, Southern Desert Correctional Center. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
6. 17-S06 – Statewide Indoor Air Quality – Environmental **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
7. 17-P01 – Advance Planning: Central Plant Renovation, State Library and Archives and Public Records. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
8. 17-P02 – Planning Project to Replace Air Handling Units at Building 2, Lovelock Correctional Center. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
9. 17-P08 – Advance Planning Education Academic Building, Nevada State College. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**
10. 19-C18 – Building Demolition, Sierra Regional Center Buildings 16, 17 and 18. **WITHDRAWN 6-5-20**

Assemblywoman Titus asked if Agenda Items G-2 through G-10 were withdrawn because the projects were complete. If not, she asked for the status of those projects.

Chair Carlton said most likely the items were withdrawn by the administration, so she was unsure that an answer could be provided.

#### **H. STATEMENT OF CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT BALANCE.**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB, referred to the Statement of Contingency Account Balance located on page 93 in Volume II of the meeting packet ([Exhibit B](#)). The total unrestricted General Fund balance was approximately \$19.2 million, with Contingency Account requests totaling \$1.6 million, reducing the balance to approximately \$17.6 million. The available balance for the Highway Fund was \$1.6 million, and there were no requests before the Committee. Of the various restricted General Fund amounts within the Contingency Account, the balance was approximately \$50.6 million, with \$6.6 million in requests, which would reduce the balance to \$47.9 million if approved.

#### **I. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO NRS 353.268** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested).

1. Office of the Governor – Patient Protection Commission – Request for an allocation of \$241,065 to cover projected costs related to the Patient Protection Commission created by NRS 439.908 for FY 2021.

Sara Chohlagian, Executive Director, Patient Protection Commission, Office of the Governor, said she started in her position in early FY 2020. She said the

commission met twice before the COVID-19 pandemic. The commission was on a path to make recommendations to improve access and affordability for patients in Nevada; however, the commission paused its work at the onset of the pandemic.

Ms. Cholhagian said the Governor requested that the commission refocus its efforts on Nevada's ongoing response to COVID-19. She said the commission was meeting every two weeks, and would continue to do so through August 2020 in anticipation of providing recommendations to the Governor, given that the commission had the ability to submit three bill draft requests (BDRs) for the 2021 Legislative Session. In addition, the commission anticipated meeting throughout the remainder of the year to further its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in advance of the legislative session.

With regard to the request for an allocation of \$241,065 to cover projected costs associated with the Patient Protection Commission, Ms. Cholhagian noted that the 2019 Legislature passed S.B. 544, which created new duties and responsibilities of the commission, as well as three new positions. She said the Policy Analyst position was currently vacant and would remain so due to the state's economic situation. Ms. Cholhagian stated that the funds would cover projected costs related to the Patient Protection Commission in FY 2021, including two positions.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson asked Ms. Cholhagian to explain the commission's \$40,000 travel budget.

Ms. Cholhagian indicated that the travel budget included funds to allow the commission to contract for services. She said approximately \$25,000 would be used for that purpose. In addition, approximately \$3,000 would be used for travel and related expenses. Ms. Cholhagian said she would provide a more detailed breakdown to the Committee.

Matthew Tuma, Administrator, Administrative Services Division (ASD), Department of Administration, said the ASD provided administrative services for the Patient Protection Commission. He noted that Work Program #C50845 included a breakdown of FY 2021, Category 10 expenditures of approximately \$3,000 for the commission's travel budget. The majority of the \$40,000 was for contractual expenses.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Cholhagian replied that the scope of the commission had not changed. She said the Governor requested that the commission refocus its efforts, keeping in mind that the state needed to work collectively to address Nevada's ongoing response to the pandemic. Ms. Cholhagian said the Patient Protection Commission was focused on responding to the pandemic as well as long-term recovery, in addition to

providing recommendations that would best serve the state and patients in the “new normal.”

Chair Carlton said she was concerned for people who had been admitted to the hospital due to COVID-19, and the resulting hospital bills. She hoped the Patient Protection Commission would be able to protect those people by addressing the matter.

Assemblywoman Neal understood the commission was responsible for focusing on its existing statutory provisions as well as COVID-19 response. She asked if the commission had discussed or tracked co-morbidities that occurred alongside the coronavirus. She explained that many people with the coronavirus had other diseases, which required different care.

Ms. Cholhagian confirmed that the commission was considering co-morbidities. In fact, it was a priority of the commission. She said she would be happy to connect with Assemblywoman Neal offline to ensure the commission addressed her concerns.

Senator Brooks asked if commission activities that intersected with COVID-19 qualified for CARES Act funding reimbursement. He said, even though the scope of work had not changed, the commission’s efforts were now focused on COVID-19 response.

Ms. Cholhagian replied that the matter of CARES Act funding reimbursement had been discussed at commission meetings, and she anticipated the commission would discuss the matter in greater detail. Ms. Cholhagian said she was working with the Governor’s Finance Office and the Department of Administration on the direct funding for the commission, especially as it related to COVID-19 funding for multiple programs. She said she would be happy to have an offline discussion with Senator Brooks to ensure the commission was addressing his concerns and to hear his suggestions.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM I-1.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Department of Business and Industry – Office of the Labor Commissioner – Request for an allocation of \$71,465 to cover costs related to the Task Force on Employee Misclassification created by NRS 607.218 for FY 2021.

Agenda Item I-2 and Agenda Item P were discussed jointly.

Shannon Chambers, Labor Commissioner, Department of Business and Industry, stated that Agenda Item I-2 was a request for \$71,465 to continue to fund a Compliance Audit Investigator 2 position to support the Task Force on Employee Misclassification (S.B. 493, 2019 Legislative Session). Ms. Chambers noted that the members of the Task Force on Employee Misclassification had not been appointed yet due to COVID-19.

Ms. Chambers said the Labor Commission was charged with supporting the Task Force on Employee Misclassification. Thus, the Labor Commission released a guide related to the independent contractor's statute in the State of Nevada. In addition, the Labor Commission was working with the Nevada State Contractors Board, trade and construction unions, and Nevada employers and employees to discuss issues related to independent contractors.

Ms. Chambers said the Labor Commission would be ready to offer its expertise and support on employee misclassification-related cases when the Task Force on Employee Misclassification came online. She noted that the Compliance Audit Investigator 2 position was approved by the IFC at the August 15, 2019, meeting, and filled in December. She reiterated that the request was a continuation of funding for that position.

Senator Cancela noted that a constituent recently alerted her that the link to file a complaint in Spanish on the Office of the Labor Commissioner website was not functioning properly. She said it was important to address the problem as the state continued to see more people entering the workforce, especially at a time when committees that would normally address the issue were not meeting. Senator Cancela said she would follow up with the Office of the Labor Commissioner to ensure the problem was corrected.

Ms. Chambers thanked Senator Cancela for bringing the issue to her attention. She noted that the Office of the Labor Commissioner had Spanish-speaking staff at the Northern and Southern Nevada offices. She said she would ensure the problem was corrected as soon as possible.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM I-2.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Department of Corrections – Request for an allocation of \$1,318,680 to fund projected shortfalls in FY 2020 for the following:
  - a) Prison Medical – \$803,083
  - b) Northern Nevada Transitional Housing – \$203,907
  - c) Casa Grande Transitional Housing – \$311,690

Charles Daniels, Director, Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), said the NDOC was requesting an allocation of \$1,318,680 from the Contingency Account to assist with unanticipated cost increases for inmate medical expenditures as well as reductions in room and board revenues. He said the NDOC had to continue providing appropriate care to inmates while also contending with the pandemic. He noted that the department continued to seek reimbursement for medical expenditures when applicable and available; however, the Contingency Account funds were necessary to ensure the department remained operational until the August 20, 2020, IFC meeting.

Mr. Daniels said the NDOC expected increased inmate medical costs while also experiencing a decline in room and board revenue due to COVID-19. He noted that Northern Nevada Transitional Housing (NNTH) and Casa Grande Transitional Housing (CGTH) were transitional housing centers where inmates paid for their room and board. However, inmates located at the transitional housing centers lost their outside employment when businesses were ordered to close due to the pandemic. He said the pandemic caused the transitional housing centers to enforce modified operations and reduce inmate movement outside the facilities. In addition, the facilities halted outside visitation to mitigate the spread of the virus. Mr. Daniels noted that the department had been relatively successful at keeping the virus at bay.

Continuing, Mr. Daniels said the shutdown prevented inmates from earning wages, which prevented them from paying room and board; therefore, the department was unable to collect revenue to help offset inmate-driven expenditures. The department anticipated the Contingency Account funds would sufficiently address the shortfall until the August 20, 2020, IFC meeting, when the financial position of the department would be reevaluated.

Scott Ewart, Chief of Fiscal Services, NDOC, said there were two revisions for the Committee's consideration related to Agenda Items I-3b, Prison Medical and I-3c, CGTH; however, the total request of \$1,318,680 for Agenda Item I-3 would not be revised. Mr. Ewart said the department requested a revision to the category allocation of Contingency Funds to address the projected room and board revenue shortfall at both transitional centers largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The original request for Agenda Item I-3b was for \$203,907, with the full amount allocated as an expenditure offset to Category 50, Inmate Driven. The department requested to reduce the amount to zero, and instead, delete room and board revenue in GL 3829 for the same amount in budget 3724.

The second revision related to Agenda Item I-3c. Mr. Ewart said the original request was for \$311,690, with the full amount allocated as an expenditure offset to Category 50, Inmate Drivens. The department requested a revised expenditure offset allocation to the Inmate Drivens category equal to the \$8,776, with the remaining difference of \$302,914 as a deletion to room and board revenue in GL 3829 in budget 3760.

Chair Carlton noted that the amounts listed in the meeting packet appeared to be correct. Mr. Ewart replied that the GFO sent the revised work programs to LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff; however, it was the department's understanding that the revisions may not have been included in the documentation provided to the Committee. Therefore, the department wanted to ensure the revisions were on the record.

Chair Carlton confirmed that the information provided to the Committee was accurate.

Ms. Jones said the amounts noted on the agenda were correct. The adjustments referred to by Mr. Ewart were included on the technical work programs that would be processed should the Committee approve the request. She noted that the revisions did not change the agenda item or the amounts to be processed.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno asked for the amount of unbudgeted costs related to COVID-19, including the amount incurred, and if those costs were eligible for reimbursement through the CARES Act.

Mr. Ewart replied that the NDOC was still assessing the overall impact of COVID-19 on the department, and determining which costs were eligible for funding under the CARES Act. The total unbudgeted costs related to COVID-19 ranged between \$3.0 million and \$11.0 million. He said the NDOC was working with the GFO to clarify exactly which expenditures were eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Ewart said the department would submit those expenditures to the GFO next week for consideration.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno asked what the remaining projected shortfall would be in the Prison Medical category if the request were approved by the Committee. She also asked how the department planned to address the shortfall.

Jennifer Bauer, Medical Administrator, NDOC, replied that the Contingency Account request would resolve the FY 2020 shortfall for the Prison Medical inmate driven expenditures. The remaining shortfall projected for the other expenditure categories would be resolved internally. Ms. Bauer indicated that the other shortfall was in the Personnel Services category. She said the shortfall resulted from overtime and additional expenses related to COVID-19. She added that the department would request reimbursement for those expenses through the



Coronavirus Relief Fund to cover the shortfall in the Personnel Services category.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno asked how many inmates and staff had tested positive for COVID-19 in the prison system. She also asked if inmates were provided masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE).

Dr. Michael Minev, Medical Director, NDOC, replied that 15 inmates and 35 staff had tested positive for COVID-19. In total, there were 12,368 inmates and 2,648 employees within the prison system. Of those amounts, 10,637 inmates and 2,363 employees had been tested for the virus.

In response to a question from Senator Settelmeyer, Mr. Ewart confirmed that the amounts before the Committee were the same amounts approved by the Board of Examiners at the June 2020 meeting.

Assemblyman Kramer asked if the request to cover the proposed shortfalls for the transitional housing centers would revert to the Contingency Account if the department received reimbursement from CARES Act funds.

Mr. Ewart said it was his understanding that CARES Act funds would not provide reimbursement for loss of revenue through programs. He said room and board revenue was an offset to the General Fund, and the Contingency Account funds would backfill the loss of that revenue.

Assemblywoman Neal asked if the inmates that were no longer working due to COVID-19 were required to reimburse the NDOC for probation fees, or room and board costs. She also asked if the department was collaborating with workforce agencies to help inmates find employment as soon as work became available.

Brian Williams, Deputy Director of Programs, NDOC, replied that inmates would not have to reimburse the department for room and board fees. He stated that the NDOC collected those fees through the inmates' paychecks. Due to the pandemic, inmates were not allowed into the community to work, which helped reduce the spread of the virus.

Senator Cancela asked when the NDOC anticipated inmates at the transitional housing centers would return to work. She also asked if the department anticipated the Contingency Account funds would be sufficient to cover projected room and board revenue shortfalls.

Mr. Williams replied that the NDOC medical division would indicate when it was safe for inmates to return to the workforce. Until that time, inmates would remain secure at the CGTH and NNTF facilities. When businesses began reopening, the number of COVID-19 cases increased. Mr. Williams stressed that the department could not afford to take a risk; therefore, inmates would not return to work until the NDOC medical division indicated it was safe to do so.

Senator Cancela asked if there were certain benchmarks that had to be met before inmates could return to work.

Dr. Minev noted that he had been on call around the clock since the pandemic began. He said NDOC staff had daily meetings about COVID-19, and the NDOC executive staff had weekly conference calls. However, because of the complex and elusive nature of the virus, he did not have an indication as to when it would be safe for inmates to return to work. Dr. Minev said the department's top priority was keeping inmates and staff safe from the virus.

Senator Cancela asked the NDOC to provide a summary of the shortfalls remaining throughout the agency as projected by the department, and a detailed explanation as to how the department planned to address those shortfalls in FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Mr. Ewart replied that the department communicated with LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff through the GFO on the remaining projected shortfalls for FY 2020. He said the NDOC anticipated further budget reductions and challenges in FY 2021.

Assemblyman Frierson recalled at a previous IFC meeting that the NDOC testified that the prisons were safe with respect to COVID-19. Now that 15 inmates had tested positive for the virus, he asked what internal tracing mechanism was being used to determine how the virus was transmitted.

Dr. Minev replied that 10,637 inmates had been tested within the prison system. Of that amount, 15 tested positive for the virus, which equated to 0.14% of the inmate population. He indicated that the positive test rate within the California Department of Corrections exceeded 5.0%, and the positive test rate within the Arizona Department of Corrections exceeded 11.0%. By comparison, Nevada was doing quite well with regard to the infection rate. Under Mr. Daniel's leadership, the NDOC had created an effective firewall in preventing COVID-19 from entering the institutions. Dr. Minev stated that the virus was mainly coming from inmate transfers from outside detention centers to NDOC facilities. Currently, only one of the 15 inmates who tested positive were in general population.

Assemblyman Frierson clarified that he was not accusing the department of being irresponsible; rather, he was trying to be a partner in prevention. He was told the virus came from outside the prison system; therefore, he wanted to ensure internal measures were in place to trace the virus. He said, even if only 1 inmate in general population tested positive, the department should try to determine who had been in contact with that inmate, and then implement safety protocols to track and limit the spread of the virus. Assemblyman Frierson said it seemed that the 15 inmates who tested positive for the virus were transfers from other detention facilities. He

asked if the NDOC felt confident that the one positive case in general population was isolated, thereby reducing the risk of exposure to staff and inmates.

Dr. Minev replied that procedures were in place at all facilities in the event that an inmate or staff member tested positive for the virus. The NDOC had tracked the one positive case in general population by interviewing the infected person and reviewing camera footage to determine direct contact. He added that quarantine measures were in place if someone tested positive for COVID-19. Dr. Minev said the department had a greater ability to test inmates and staff. Any staff member who tested positive required two negative tests taken at least 48 hours apart, as well as a review of their medical condition, prior to returning to work. He added that a similar procedure was in place for inmates. Dr. Minev stated that he regularly communicated with the wardens and medical personnel at all of the NDOC facilities to ensure staff and inmates remained safe.

Assemblyman Frierson asked how the inmate in general population contracted the virus. Dr. Minev replied that the inmate who tested positive contracted the virus from a staff member.

Assemblyman Frierson asked Dr. Minev to report to the Committee on the background of the other inmates who tested positive but were not in general population to see if something could have been done differently before they arrived in the prison system. He thought that if 14 inmates were transferred to the NDOC that should not have been transferred, thereby exposing staff and other inmates to the virus, then something went wrong prior to the arrival of those inmates. Assemblyman Frierson said he was aware the NDOC was involved in diversion and did not want inmates in the institutions that did not need to be there. Therefore, if there was a breakdown in programming and the 14 individuals that had been transferred to the NDOC made the environment worse, the department should reassess the current procedures.

Dr. Minev said the department would provide that information to the Committee. He said the NDOC was stringent in the screening process during intake. Unfortunately, many local jails throughout the state were not as strict and did not test and screen inmates properly, which meant some inmates were likely infected prior to their arrival at the NDOC. Dr. Minev stated that inmate movement between facilities and for outside medical care was limited to reduce the likelihood of infection.

Assemblyman Frierson agreed there was a problem with pre-screening before inmates arrived at the NDOC. He thought providing a report to the Committee would offer some insight on the matter.

Assemblyman Frierson thought there was a growing mental health problem for inmates who were exasperated by the shutdown. Many inmates in the system were not getting the mental health assessments they needed, because outside

medical care was restricted. He asked if physicians could conduct mental health assessments remotely.

Continuing, Assemblyman Frierson acknowledged and appreciated that Mr. Williams had been responsive in trying to provide answers about the mental health issues within the prison system. He requested that someone contact him to discuss how to better address mental health issues among inmates. He asked if court intervention, a better-coordinated transportation system, or simply the authority to conduct remote mental health assessments would be necessary to address the mental health of inmates. Assemblyman Frierson reiterated that he believed there were inmates with mental health issues that needed to be addressed. Given the restricted access to health care and inability to receive the necessary care, other options needed to be made available.

Mr. Williams said he had been in contact with the NDOC mental health director. Although the department did not have any certified, licensed psychologists to conduct mental health assessments, the NDOC was seeking outside resources to address the need for mental health services within the prison system.

Assemblyman Frierson clarified that he did not think the NDOC needed to do the assessments, but he thought the department should implement measures so that assessments could be done by another source. He believed the court system had positions that conducted such assessments; however, if inmates were not being transported to outside medical centers, then the department needed to find a way to allow doctors within the court system to access inmates remotely to conduct assessments. Assemblyman Frierson said he realized it was an unusual situation due to the limitations of the pandemic.

Dr. Minev stated that despite the pandemic, the NDOC had been able to hire a nurse practitioner in Southern Nevada who was certified in psychiatry. In addition, two NDOC nurses were awaiting their certification in psychiatry. He hoped that with the addition of the nurse practitioner, the department would be able to reduce the backlog of unaddressed mental health issues within the prison population.

Assemblyman Frierson did not think it was acceptable to have a nurse conduct mental health assessments. He said the court system had approved doctors that conducted mental health evaluations; however, those doctors needed to be connected with the inmates to do so. If inmates were waiting several months for a competency determination, the department needed to provide remote access to doctors or allow inmates to be transported outside the prison facilities. He asked the department to communicate with the court system to ensure that mental health assessments were conducted by approved doctors.

Dr. Minev said he would contact the court system and work with the Committee to resolve the issue.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM I-3.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Department of Public Safety – Dignitary Protection – Request for an allocation of \$23,000 to cover costs of providing dignitary protection services to the Governor and first family for FY 2020. **WITHDRAWN 6-8-20.**

**J. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 445, SECTION 16.5 (2019 Legislature)** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested). **Department of Taxation** – Request for an allocation of \$246,593 to cover projected costs associated with the implementation of Assembly Bill 445.

Melanie Young, Executive Director, Department of Taxation, said Agenda Item J was a request for \$246,593 from the Contingency Account. She noted a similar request was presented to the IFC in August 2019 to fund staff and operating resources as part of A.B. 445 (2019 Legislative Session), the Marketplace Facilitator bill. Ms. Young stated that \$1.0 million was set aside for the implementation of A.B. 445; however, due to budgetary shortfalls, the Department of Taxation decided not to request the full funding for the positions at that time, leaving a balance of \$458,355.

Ms. Young said the original request funded eight positions to implement and manage the requirements of A.B. 445. She noted the request before the Committee continued funding for the three filled positions, a Management Analyst 3 and two Tax Examiners, for the call center. She said the Management Analyst 3 was the facilitator liaison for marketplace facilitators and had been very busy since the position began on October 1, 2019. The addition of two Tax Examiners in the call center had allowed the department to expand call center hours to 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate out-of-state taxpayers.

Continuing, Ms. Young said the department was not requesting funding for the remaining five positions at this time. She noted that the Accounting Assistant 2 position was filled for about five months in FY 2020 but was now vacant. The remaining positions, two Revenue Officers and two Auditors, were not budgeted to start until FY 2021. She said the department would do its best to absorb the additional workload.

Ms. Young said, with the implementation of A.B. 445, the department drafted regulations that had been submitted to the Legislative Commission. She noted that the amount of actual sales tax revenue that had been collected as a result of A.B. 445 was impressive. Between the October 1, 2019, implementation date and March 2020, total sales tax revenue received was \$63.0 million. She said \$15.4 million was distributed to the

General Fund, \$27.6 million was distributed to local governments, and \$20.0 million was distributed to the Local School Support Tax.

Chair Carlton said the Committee understood the Department of Taxation's position and the need for funding to complete its mission.

Assemblywoman Neal understood that individuals had the option to file a single tax return or two separate returns. She asked if the department would be able to accommodate the optional tax returns without the two additional Auditor positions. Ms. Young said, after discussions with the department's Audit team, it was determined that existing staff would be able to accommodate the optional tax returns.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM J.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- K. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 508, SECTION 2.7 (2019 Legislature)** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) **State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Forestry Division** – Request for an allocation of \$4,790,120 to match Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company funding to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss to communities and NV Energy's infrastructure in moderate to extreme wildfire risk priority area. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM S.1.**

Agenda Item K and Agenda Item S-1 were discussed jointly.

Kacey KC, Nevada State Forester and Firewarden, Division of Forestry, DCNR, stated that Agenda Item K requested \$4,709,120 from the Contingency Account pursuant to S.B. 508 (2019 Legislative Session) to match Agenda Item S-1, which was an agreement for \$5.0 million with NV Energy. She said the agreement would primarily reduce fuel loads in NV Energy's service territory, mainly around infrastructure and right-of-ways, to help stop fires that may start from NV Energy's infrastructure, and reduce the risk of fires spreading into the wildlands or communities.

Ms. KC said NV Energy had identified 2,100 miles of power lines in high-risk priority areas, with about 50,489 poles for treatment in the tier one area. She said the treatments would be very effective at stopping fires that began from an NV Energy power line or from one of its facilities, but it was not sufficient to stop an established fire from moving into a community or the wildlands. She stated that S.B. 329 (2019 Legislative Session) required an electric utility company to develop and implement a natural disaster protection plan to prevent or respond to a fire. Ms. KC noted that the division, NV Energy, and its staff,

contractors and partners would collaborate on wildfire prevention, restoration and long-term planning.

Ms. KC said the request for S.B. 508 was to expand treatments in NV Energy's service territory to private, federal, state and local government neighboring land so there were effective landscape-scale fuel breaks to slow the spread of fires into communities or the wildlands. She said the division had looked at the high-priority areas, and it was going through a shared stewardship process with its state, federal and local partners. The high-priority areas aligned well with NV Energy's highest priority areas, because the division was aware where most fires typically occurred and the location of vegetation that needed treatment. Ms. KC indicated it was a good partnership that matched the work of the division with NV Energy. Implementing landscape-scale fuel breaks would be highly effective at slowing the spread of fires, giving firefighters a safe area to work, and decreasing catastrophic loss to communities and wildlands in the movement of the fires.

Ms. KC noted the division estimated about 20,000 acres of treatment per year, collectively between both projects, which were statewide. The closest to final project was the South Sugarloaf Fire rehabilitation project to match the incoming money with the federal agencies. The scope of the project included miles of fencing and acres of seeding, planting and herbicide treatment to create a more resilient and natural environment. The division was also working to finalize a 333-acre project in Dayton with the Central Lyon County Fire Protection District, as well as a 2,250-acre project at line 147 in Elko and Humboldt Counties. Additionally, the division was working with East Fork Fire Protection District in Douglas County, Elko, Tahoe-Douglas, Carson City Fire and Mt. Charleston, as well as all of the division's federal, state and local partners to implement the projects collaboratively to build the capacity necessary to assist in fighting wildland fires and reducing the risk of wildland fires primarily to communities and wildlands.

Ms. KC indicated the reason the division was unable to provide a complete list of projects was that most of the projects hinged on Geographic Information System (GIS) data from NV Energy. She stated that many projects were in the planning phase and much of the preliminary work was complete, which was why she could provide some acreage totals. However, because the data was sensitive, the division was unable to obtain the NV Energy GIS data until the Board of Examiners approved the contract. Ms. KC said the division was working to upload most of the data to its GIS system to obtain exact acreage and treatment areas. She indicated the work was critical, because the fire season was already very active. In addition, because COVID-19 was a respiratory disease it was important to slow the spread of fires. She noted that smoke was thick in Douglas County due to an existing fire, and incoming thunderstorms increased the potential for additional fires. Ms. KC said the projects were needed to slow the spread of fires and make it safer for the firefighters to defend high-risk areas.

Chair Carlton thanked Ms. KC for providing detailed information that addressed some of the questions she had after reviewing the division's request. She asked for the anticipated timeline of the projects and the amount of money required to roll out the project.

Ms. KC replied that the project would take about three years. She said the contract with NV Energy was through 2023. The division would begin the state match portion of the project soon. She said the division had discussions with LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff and the GFO about apportioning the funds; however, the fear was that the language in S.B. 508 might not allow the division to request additional funds at a later date, because there might not be a new grant to match. Ms. KC said the division would report annually on the progress of the projects. She said there would be a lot of focus on fuel reduction treatment and fire rehabilitation, but there was also a need to update some community wildfire protection plans to implement some of the work. She added that there was a potential to match some funds for installation of fire cameras for early detection of fires.

Assemblywoman Swank asked for an update on the availability of conservation camp inmate crews to complete S.B. 508 projects. She was aware the pandemic affected the collaborative relationship between the division, and the NDOC and inmate crews.

Ms. KC replied that the division was working closely with the NDOC. Early in the pandemic, inmate crews were not available to help with firefighting. However, in March and April, the division was able to start utilizing fire crews when the fire season started to pick up. She indicated that the division followed strict COVID-19 guidelines that were in place for firefighters. The division was effectively managing those guidelines, and there had been no issues with division staff, NDOC staff, or the inmates assisting with fires. She added that there were fire crews from all of the conservation camps. Ms. KC noted that approximately two weeks ago, the NDOC allowed the division to take resource crews into the field. She stated that the inmates could not be in the city centers, but most of the projects were in remote areas. Ms. KC said the division was excited to start into that realm of work again.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Swank, Ms. KC said the division only had a portion of the NV Energy GIS data. The division was working on the projects that it could identify from the partial data in addition to using Google Earth to estimate where NV Energy power lines were located. She said the division had a good idea of the project areas but needed the NV Energy GIS data to confirm the areas were correct. Ms. KC said the remaining projects would be built when the division received the final data from NV Energy.

Senator Goicoechea thought that more information should be provided concerning the project scope before allocating the entire amount. In addition, the state might require a portion of the funding to cover other costs in the future. He believed that if the grant funding was not expended in FY 2021, the division could return to a subsequent IFC meeting to request the remainder of the funding if available. Senator Goicoechea said he was hesitant to commit the whole \$5.0 million without a better understanding of how the funds would be utilized.

Ms. KC replied that the grant funding would be used for fuel breaks and fire breaks. The \$5.0 million would allow the division to assist NV Energy in clearing right-of-ways and reduce the likelihood that a spark from an NV Energy line would start a large fire. She



added that S.B. 508 extended that project beyond NV Energy's infrastructure and lines and into the protection of communities. Without S.B. 508, it was a small project and would not be effective in stopping the spread of a large fire.

Ms. KC said, after conversations with LCB Fiscal Analysis Division staff, the division was amenable to taking a portion of the funding now for existing projects, such as the South Sugarloaf Fire rehabilitation project, which was time sensitive. She stated that the division had not received funding for that project in over two years and was losing ground every day by not treating the area. The division did not want to wait to request funding for each specific project, because many projects were dependent on the weather. Therefore, the state was paying for a large landscape-scale project that was tied to a smaller project to treat NV Energy's power lines and areas. Ms. KC understood the state's current economic situation. She said the division could take a portion of the funding now. However, she asked that the LCB Legal Division review the language in S.B. 508 to ensure the division was able to request subsequent allocations at a later date.

Senator Goicoechea said he was familiar with the impact of the South Sugarloaf Fire, and he was aware there were areas that needed significant rehabilitation. He expressed his concern again about allocating all of the funding at one time given the state's current economic crisis.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, stated that subsequent allocations could be made under the same grant, S.B. 508; therefore, it was acceptable to allocate a lesser amount at this time.

Chair Carlton understood that S.B. 508 required a state match. Therefore, the Committee could allocate \$2.5 million and NV Energy could contribute \$2.5 million. That would provide the division \$5.0 million to begin the project. The division could return to a subsequent IFC meeting for the remaining portion of the grant funding. Ms. O'Grady concurred.

Senator Goicoechea stated that no specific projects had been approved by the division and NV Energy as of yet, and there were no plans for expending the state match at this time; therefore, he preferred to proceed slowly.

Assemblywoman Swank asked the NV Energy representative to discuss the anticipated timeframe to complete the work on the power lines. She wanted to ensure the division was in coordination with NV Energy on the project timelines. In addition, she thought the Committee needed to keep in mind that the state would be well into the fire season if it delayed some of the funding until after the 2021 Legislative Session.

Chair Carlton did not think the discussion point was beyond the 2021 Legislative Session. She thought the project completion would be within the next six to nine months.

Senator Goicoechea remarked that the state was already in the fire season and burn regulations were in place.

Ms. KC asked for clarification from the LCB Legal Division about the NV Energy contract. She noted that the contract was a three-year agreement with NV Energy for \$5.0 million, which she hoped to be approved at today's meeting. She thought the division would be able to request additional funding at a subsequent meeting.

Ms. O'Grady agreed. She stated that the request for additional funding would be under the same contract.

Chair Carlton asked Ms. KC for clarification that the division would like the entire contract amount of \$5.0 million approved at today's meeting, but with a smaller allocation from the state, which would not be a match.

Ms. KC replied that she did not think the NV Energy contract for \$5.0 million could be changed, because it was a three-year agreement. She said NV Energy would have to come back to a subsequent IFC meeting with a new contract if the dollar amount were changed. Therefore, the division was asking to keep the NV Energy contract as is, and still come to the IFC at a subsequent meeting to request additional funding.

Ms. O'Grady clarified that the NV Energy contract amount was up to a maximum of \$5.0 million; therefore, the full amount did not have to be allocated at once. She confirmed that the division could request additional funding at a subsequent IFC meeting.

Chair Carlton asked Ms. KC if the agreement with NV Energy had to be signed and processed before the division could obtain the GIS information. Ms. KC confirmed that was correct. She clarified that the NV Energy agreement would not provide money to the division in advance. The contract allowed for monthly reimbursements as the division incurred costs. Before the division could begin any projects, both parties had to agree on the projects; therefore, a project description and a plan had to be established before a project could begin.

Chair Carlton said the division should be cautious about changing the agreement, because it could cause problems in the future if the work was not completed within the allotted timeframe. She stated that it was more complicated than just a funding match.

Senator Goicoechea remarked that the state was entering into a contract for up to \$5.0 million, and the timeframe for wildfire prevention projects could exceed two years. He thought the state could enter into the contract, but not commit the money until a plan was in place. He was not opposed to the request, but he did not like making a commitment without a plan.

Chair Carlton said, unfortunately, the full details of the project could not be seen until the contract was signed.

Senator Goicoechea remarked that that the state did not have to commit the \$5.0 million all at once. The contract only needed to be signed, and funding could be allocated in smaller increments.

Mark Regan, Fire Mitigation Specialist/Fire Chief, NV Energy, clarified that the NV Energy contract was for \$5.0 million, and NV Energy wanted to keep the contract at the same amount to perform work in the right-of-ways and provide fuel mitigation in high-risk wildfire areas across the state. He stressed that the S.B. 508 funds were crucial, because the state was currently in fire season and NV Energy had already started mitigation efforts. The goal of securing the full \$4.7 million was to hire and utilize additional staff through the summer in the Tahoe Basin, and in the valley during the winter months. Mr. Regan said there was a similar issue when NV Energy started securing crews with each of the contracted fire agencies while trying to obtain resources, because the demand for fuel mitigation work in California was very high. Therefore, by securing the full funding, NV Energy would perform work in its tier three area, which was Lake Tahoe and Mt. Charleston, and add additional crews to do work during the summer. The crews would then be able to work during the winter months burning piles of vegetation that would be removed during the summer months. Mr. Regan said, without securing the full funding, NV Energy would have to use partial or seasonal crews and would not be able to run crews year round. He noted the two- and three-year projects were for high-risk and moderate-risk areas. NV Energy would also focus on fuel and fire breaks in low-lying areas in Elko and Winnemucca. He noted that one of the high-priority projects was to protect the mines around Winnemucca and Elko.

Mr. Regan said NV Energy could not share all of its GIS data with the division, because the contract was not signed. He noted there was a requirement in the contract pertaining to the security of data. NV Energy was able to share project information from other districts, such as the North Lake Tahoe Fire District, Central Lyon County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, and North Lyon County, because those districts had signed contracts and secured NV Energy infrastructure information in a safe manner. Mr. Regan said, once the contract was signed, NV Energy could fine-tune the areas of work and wildfire prevention activities could begin.

Mr. Regan stated that NV Energy's focus was 2,000 miles of infrastructure in the tier two and tier three areas, which were high-risk and extreme wildfire areas. He added, if the division focused solely on the right-of-ways, the work was approximately 1,500 acres; however, if NV Energy was able to secure the S.B. 508 funds, work would be done outside of the right-of-ways to protect its infrastructure, and also to protect the communities with fuel breaks. He said the S.B. 508 funds would allow NV Energy to treat an additional 4,000 acres by expanding treatment outside of the right-of-ways up to 150 feet, putting fuel breaks in the low-lying areas and at higher elevations. He noted that NV Energy would work with the U.S. Forest Service to get the surveys and permits completed to work in the 150-foot zone outside of the right-of ways.

Mr. Regan said Nevada was seeing fire behavior year-round. Delaying the funding would delay the number of crews that NV Energy could get onboard. The goal was to secure additional hand crews and contractors to perform the work. By securing the full amount of funding, in two years, NV Energy would be ramping up its forces and would be able to focus on the wildfire prevention projects and reduce the timeframe for completion by approximately 18 months. If the full amount of the funds were not secured now, other fire agencies and contractors would postpone hiring additional staff due to the uncertainty that additional funds would be available within eight months, or into the next year. He stated that other fire agencies would not commit to hiring additional staff to perform the work if they thought they would have to lay off staff due to lack of funding.

Mr. Regan stated that NV Energy was focused and committed on performing its work in the right-of-ways and meeting the requirements of S.B. 329 (2019 Legislative Session), while following the code of processes in Nevada, but it was restricted to the right-of ways. The full funding would expand the project and significantly lower the cost of performing the work, because crews would already be established. Therefore, it was cost effective to secure the full funding so NV Energy could focus its efforts on the overall project.

Mr. Regan said, in the last month, NV Energy was able to hire an additional 25 firefighters to respond to fires in Northern Nevada. During the day, firefighters were mitigating the issues in the right-of-ways, but they could also respond to fires, keeping communities safer and protecting infrastructure. Mr. Regan stated that performing the work in and outside the right-of-ways created fuel breaks and a grid system across communities. As a result, if a lightning fire ran into the NV Energy infrastructure where the work was complete, it would slow the fire and give firefighters the opportunity to work off the right-of-ways to secure the fire. In addition, the goal was to use the right-of-ways and infrastructure to create halo effects to protect communities, similar to what had been created in Incline Village.

Mr. Regan understood the current financial situation in Nevada. However, fires did not respect boundaries. Without the full funding, NV Energy could not secure the staffing necessary to perform the wildfire prevention projects in a timely matter. Although the work would eventually be done, the project could be reduced to between 18 months and 2 years with the full funding, because agencies and contractors would be willing to take on the liability and hire additional personnel knowing the funds were available. Mr. Regan reiterated that NV Energy's concern was fire mitigation and maintaining power to customers, but the ultimate goal was protecting communities by creating fuel breaks across the state in the high timber areas as well as the rangelands in Elko and Winnemucca. He said multiple projects were ready, which would be restricted without the full funding.

Mr. Regan reiterated that the NV Energy \$5.0 million grant would double the work and build the forum to have additional firefighters respond to fires to reduce the size and suppress them at a faster rate. He clarified that the funding was not only for fuel mitigation work, but also to purchase additional equipment, such as masticators, movers and firetrucks. He noted that through the contract, NV Energy would be able to purchase

five additional Wildland Type 6 Engines. He said the engines could transport 500 gallons of water, which provided firefighters with water as they performed vegetation management work. In addition, the equipment would also allow firefighters to suppress fires outside of the work area. Mr. Regan noted there were many benefits that would be used across the state with the S.B. 508 funding.

Chair Carlton thanked Mr. Regan for the clarification and for addressing some of the concerns of the Committee.

Senator Goicoechea thanked Mr. Regan for his comments. He was concerned because the 2020 fire season had already begun, but most of the fire prevention projects would not be done during the current fire season. He assumed that some of the work would be done in the winter; however, the majority of the fire prevention work would not begin until the spring of 2021, especially in areas like the Tahoe Basin and Mt. Charleston. Senator Goicoechea said he wanted to be conservative and avoid committing the full funding. He thought it would be helpful to have the ability to shift some of the funding into the next fiscal year.

Chair Carlton said she shared some of Senator Goicoechea's concerns. However, after hearing Mr. Regan's presentation, she did not want to hinder fire prevention activities that were needed around the state. She said she was comfortable approving the full amount of \$5.0 million.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM K and AGENDA ITEM S-1.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Goicoechea said he did not want to delay the work and would support the motion, but he restated his concern about spending the full amount right now.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- L. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 543, Section 75 (2019 Legislature)** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) **State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Forestry Division** – Request for an allocation of \$1,238,890 for expenses incurred in the suppression of fires or response to emergencies charged to the Forest Fire Suppression account.

Kacey KC, Nevada State Forester and Firewarden, Division of Forestry, DCNR, stated that the Division of Forestry was requesting an allocation from the Contingency Account of \$1.2 million for expenses incurred in the suppression of fires, or in response to emergencies charged to the Forest Fire Suppression account. She noted that since the deadline for submittal for today's IFC meeting, the division had collected additional bills

totaling \$1.3 million, which would be submitted at the August 20, 2020, IFC meeting. In addition, because of the increase in fire activity, Category 1 would continue to exceed the needs in the current work program; therefore, the division would request additional funds at the August 20, 2020, IFC meeting.

Ms. KC said, three years ago, the division testified before the Committee that it had changed its policy and procedures due to the turnover in billing staff. She thanked the division's billing staff for their efforts in over collecting projected revenue for FY 2020 by following through, and creating good working relationships with vendors, and state, federal and local government partners. Ms. KC said the division was caught up on most of the bills from previous fires. She said, historically, the division had bills open that were five to seven years old. There were currently two bills that remained open from FY 2017 due to cost shares in California; both were in the process of adjudication. She noted that the current bills were from FY 2019 and FY 2020. She stated that the division had a beginning liability in FY 2020 of \$32.0 million, which seemed daunting; however, the division currently had approximately \$1.8 million in outstanding bills from what had been collected and adjudicated.

Ms. KC thanked the division's billing staff for doing an excellent job of building and implementing a program with amazing follow through. The division was entering a significant fire season with minimal backlog, and she hoped that would be the case in future years.

Ms. KC provided an update on the current fire season. To date, 225 fires had burned approximately 12,000 acres, excluding two large fires that were currently active. She said 200 fires were human-caused, but the majority of the acreage, which was approximately 10,000 acres, was the result of 25 lightening starts. Ms. KC reiterated that currently there were two large active fires, the first of which was the Monarch Fire located in the Pine Nut Mountains in southeast Douglas County. The fire was still active on all fronts with thunder boomers still occurring in the area of the fire. She said four conservation camp crews were assisting with the fire. Overall, approximately 90 personnel, including inmate firefighters, and two division helicopters with full helitack complement were at the fire scene. She noted that an estimated 2,500 acres had been burned to date.

Ms. KC said the second fire was the Brown Fire in Lund, Nevada. The fire had burned approximately 8,300 acres, and it was currently 20% to 30% contained. She stated that the division submitted a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) watchmen as the fire was a direct threat to the Town of Lund. Unfortunately, the division was having the same rural issues it had experienced previously with the watchmen, and the FMAG had not been pushed forward. The division would continue to work with FEMA, the Committee, and constituents to try to rectify the situation for the rural communities in Nevada.

Chair Carlton thanked division staff for working with its vendors to reduce the large amount of outstanding bills. She remarked that fires were expensive. The state needed to be aware of its obligations and pay the fire bills.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM L.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- M. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 501, SECTION 1 (2019 Legislature)** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested). **Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation** – Request for an allocation of ~~\$169,099~~ **\$354,423** for relocation planning and site selection expenses for the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada. **REVISED 6-10-20.**

Brian McAnallen, Vice President of Government Affairs, Porter Group, on behalf of the National Atomic Testing Museum (NATM) and the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation (NTSHF), stated that since he last testified before the Committee, there was a tremendous amount of movement in the effort to relocate the museum to a parcel in Symphony Park in downtown Las Vegas. On May 20, 2020, the NTSHF entered into an exclusive negotiation agreement (ENA) with the City of Las Vegas for a parcel adjacent to a city parking lot. He indicated that the NTSHF was working with the Molasky Company to right size the museum to determine the appropriate amount of square footage. The NTSHF had gone through a honing process the last few months to pare down the size of the museum, which would be beneficial not only to members, but also to welcome more field trips in the future from Clark County students.

Continuing, Mr. McAnallen said the NTSHF worked closely with the City of Las Vegas on a term sheet over the next 180 days, which required a design review. The NTSHF had contracted with a firm to develop the museum design, which was in the early stages. In addition, the NTSHF was negotiating a contract with the environmental firm, NOVA, on geotechnical inspections of the parcel, which was required by the ENA. Mr. McAnallen noted that Symphony Park was a former Union Pacific Railroad hub, so there were significant environmental issues throughout the park. He said testing for the parcel was required and currently in progress. In addition, the NTSHF acquired bombs from the U.S. Air Force for a new artifact display, one of which was the Fat Man, a device that was tested 75 years ago at the Trinity Site in New Mexico.

Mr. McAnallen said he appreciated the support of the Las Vegas City Council as the NTSHF worked aggressively on its capital campaign and fundraising. He was hopeful the project would be underway in a few years. In addition, there were a number of grants in the works, as well as follow-up conversations with some major foundations and individuals.

Mr. McAnallen reiterated that there had been a lot of activity over the last four months, even during the pandemic. However, he noted that some fundraising efforts as well as grant awards had been delayed due to COVID-19.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM M.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Kramer and Senator Settlemeyer opposed the vote. Assemblyman Wheeler was not present for the vote.)

**N. REQUEST FOR REVISION TO PREVIOUS ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 543, SECTION 74.5 (2019 Legislature) – Department of Education – Office of the Superintendent** – Request to revise the purpose of a portion of the allocation approved October 24, 2019.

Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE, said the department was requesting to redirect a portion of the allocation in the resolution from the October 24, 2019, IFC meeting. The resolution awarded the department \$300,000 for a change management contract to allow the NDE to move forward with the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, pursuant to Senate Bill 543 (2019 Legislative Session). The department was seeking authority to redirect the funds from the change management contract so the funds could be used to provide funding for personnel and operating costs associated with the ongoing work related to the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, and to support the Commission on School Funding (Commission). If approved, the request would prevent the need for the department to return to the IFC for additional funds during FY 2021.

Senator Woodhouse asked for a brief update on the work of the Commission and the planned transition to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

Ms. Haartz replied that the Commission had been meeting monthly since its first organizational meeting in September 2019. She noted that the Commission did not meet in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Haartz said the Commission was working diligently to stay on track and review various components of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan; however, the work was ongoing as the Commission looked at various adjustments included in the formula, specifically the cost adjustment factor. The Commission had been very thorough in ensuring the established parameters were correct and resulted in the funds being distributed to the school districts and charter schools in a thoughtful and appropriate way. In addition, the Commission was currently developing recommendations that would be sent to the Governor and the Legislature that would identify changes that may be needed within legislation to ensure the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan could be implemented beginning on July 1, 2021, in an effective and efficient manner. Those recommendations were due to the Governor and the Legislature



on or before July 15, 2020. As it stood, the department believed the recommendations would be submitted on July 15, 2020.

Ms. Haartz said the Commission continued to engage in conversations through the course of its work on the opportunity to provide input and guidance and potential funding opportunities to address optimal funding. She said the Commission continued to identify what optimal funding would look like, establish parameters, and determine how to prioritize those projects and activities, as well as to meet its obligation as it existed in S.B. 543 to identify how the programs and services would be funded within the ten years established in statute. Ms. Haartz said the department continued to work with each of the subject matter experts currently under contract to ensure it was building out the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan model. The department was capturing information on reporting requirements and working with school districts and other partners to identify how it could best develop documentation and training that would allow the department to determine if it was prepared to implement the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, as well as to provide the required reports.

Ms. Haartz said the department was also working with other partners, such as the Department of Taxation (Taxation), to see how the school district budget templates, which were submitted to Taxation each year, would need to be revised to reflect the changes in the method by which school districts would be funded moving into FY 2022. She added that the next meeting for the Commission was scheduled for July 13, 2020.

Chair Carlton explained that the department's request was to revise a portion of the Contingency Account allocation that was approved at the October 24, 2019, IFC meeting for a change management contract to allow the department to move forward with the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, pursuant to S.B. 543.

Senator Goicoechea remarked that funding for the school districts had already been determined for FY 2020. He was concerned how those resources would be impacted by the hit to the Local School Support Tax due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that FY 2020 was the base budget year, and a quarter of the year had been significantly affected.

Ms. Haartz replied that the language in S.B. 543 indicated that appropriations and allocations to school districts in FY 2020 would represent the base amount for the hold-harmless provision. The funding that was reflected in the 2021-23 biennial budget request would be based on the budget building processes as well as the revenue projections from the various sources of revenue that would now funnel through the State Education Fund. In addition, as the Governor built the recommended budget for the 2021-23 biennium, he had the opportunity to add additional funds if the Economic Forum projections proved to be favorable for the upcoming biennium. She said the 2021 Legislature would also have an opportunity to review the funding.

Senator Denis asked about the comparative budget process and the financial impact for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

Ms. Haartz replied that S.B. 543 required each school district to prepare a budget for the current biennium as though the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan was in place. Unfortunately, at that time the department did not have a full biennium of data to use for the comparative analysis. Therefore, the Commission chose to focus solely on FY 2020, because it was the only fiscal year with complete data. She said the Pupil-Centered Funding model was not fully developed at the time school districts needed to begin the comparative budget process. Thus, the department worked with the districts to capture as much information as possible, and updated that information as the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan model was updated, particularly in response to recommendations the Commission made around the cost adjustment factor. Ms. Haartz stated that it was challenging to compare data, particularly when there were moving parts within the development of the formula, because the formula was still in the beta version. She believed that when the model became more robust and FY 2021 data was available, it would help the Commission, school districts and charter schools gain a better sense of how the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan may affect them. Certainly, once the department had the ability to build out the budgets for FY 2022 and FY 2023, more information would be available, and the department could begin to assess the true financial impact.

Senator Denis stated that it seemed that the department was taking into consideration all the various pieces, and the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan would not be delayed.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Haartz said, as the department began its budget building process, it would be able to look at data through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, not only in the comparative analysis for FY 2020 and FY 2021, but also what the budgets may look like for FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Chair Carlton asked if the \$25,000 in travel costs for the Commission and \$22,000 in travel costs for staff were necessary. Ms. Haartz replied that prior to COVID-19, the Commission requested to conduct its business in person, which was more effective and efficient. She indicated that the Commission was struggling to meet in a virtual format. Ms. Haartz noted that in FY 2020, when the department initially developed the travel budget, it budgeted approximately \$40,000 for travel, so FY 2021 represented a reduction in estimated travel costs. She noted that for staff travel, the department learned through its work with the Commission, and through various workgroups and committees, that more than two positions were required to support the Commission. She said one of the positions was a Management Analyst position, which was not budgeted to include travel expenses. In addition, the Commission had meetings that entailed two business days. Therefore, as the department made the transition to the new funding model, it was hopeful the meetings could be reduced to once a month, which would reduce travel costs.

Assemblywoman Neal asked how the department could build the new funding model without knowing actual costs for FY 2021.

Ms. Haartz clarified that the components of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan were already defined within S.B. 543. She said S.B. 543 outlined the establishment of the State Education Fund through which all revenues that pertained to K-12 education would be received. In addition, S.B. 543 outlined the waterfall that was used to disperse funding through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, specifically to support K-12 activities, which included funding for the Department of Education and the State Board of Education for statewide services and administrative costs. It included funding for auxiliary services for school districts, transportation, and food services. The formula also included a distribution of funding on a per-pupil basis to school districts and charter schools. Additionally, S.B. 543 identified four categories of students that would receive additional funding based on a weighted formula. Those categories included at-risk students, English learners, gifted and talented students, and students with special education needs. Therefore, S.B. 543 already outlined how the funding would be distributed. Ms. Haartz said the Commission had been working with subject matter experts to concretely define three adjustments that occurred within the base funding per pupil, which was the cost adjustment factor, which took into consideration the cost of living and doing business in each county across the state. In addition, there was also an adjustment for small schools and school districts. Ms. Haartz reiterated that the formula had already been defined. The department needed to establish the calculations and a series of spreadsheets, so when the revenues were entered into the formula, the distribution amounts would be calculated for the school districts and charter schools.

Continuing, Ms. Haartz said, because S.B. 543 required school districts to develop a budget as though the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan was in place, the department used FY 2020 revenues and expenditures prior to COVID-19. For FY 2021, the department would repeat the same activity and use legislatively approved budgets as well as the school districts' most current budgets for FY 2021. Moving forward into FY 2022 and FY 2023, the revenues that fed into the State Education Fund, and ultimately through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, would be established through the department's normal budget building process. Ms. Haartz stated that the reason the department and the school districts could not complete the comparative analysis for FY 2021 was due to timing. Senate Bill 543 indicated that the comparative analysis information was due to the Commission by May 15, 2020. She said the department was reliant on information from the Department of Taxation to update its projections for the distribution of funds for the school districts in FY 2021; however, the information was not available to the Department of Taxation until March and April 2020. The department then had until May 31, 2020, to provide the equity distribution amount to each school district. Therefore, due to timing, the comparative analysis for FY 2021 was put on hold.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM N.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (Assemblywoman Titus  
was not present for the vote.)

**O. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FROM THE ACCOUNT FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATE PARKS PURSUANT TO NRS 407.0762(4)(b) – State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of State Parks** – Request for approval to spend \$300,000 from the Account for Maintenance of State Parks for fiber optic cable extension project at the Valley of Fire State Park pursuant to NRS 407.0762(4)(b).

Chair Carlton expressed concern about funding the fiber optic cable extension project at the Valley of Fire State Park knowing the budget for the Division of State Parks would be stretched due to the economic situation in the state. She thought the request seemed to be more of a luxury item compared to some of the maintenance necessities that may be needed in the future.

Robert Mergell, Administrator, Division of State Parks, DCNR, stated that NRS 407.0762 established the Account for Maintenance of State Parks. The request before the Committee was for the extension of fiber optic cable at the Valley of Fire State Park. He explained that fiber optic cable was a vital part of communication for the park. Currently, there was no communication between the west and east entrance fee booths, because the radios did not extend that far. He said the fiber optic cable extension project would resolve that issue.

Mr. Mergell said during the COVID-19 pandemic, the division had to close the Valley of Fire State Park, because there was no way to communicate the number of vehicles entering and departing each park entrance. Consequently, there was no way to limit or track the number of people in the park.

Mr. Mergell understood that the project may seem like a luxury; however, the Valley of Fire State Park was one of the two busiest parks in the state. Communication was critical when hikers went missing, which created a need for search and rescue efforts. He stated that the fiber optic cable extension project was needed to communicate effectively, especially during search and rescue efforts.

Chair Carlton thanked Mr. Mergell for his explanation of the project. She said the request centered on public safety and security rather than providing Internet access to campers. She said the clarification eased her concerns with the request.

Mr. Mergell said the project was solely to improve communication within the park. In addition, the request would allow the division to install self-pay kiosks in the future. He explained that the cell signal within the park was currently inadequate to run self-pay fee stations.

Assemblyman Roberts asked if there was an alternative method for communication within the park, such as a radio stack system, or utilizing other agencies' systems to resolve the issues in the park. Mr. Mergell replied that the park currently dispatched through the Nevada Highway Patrol. However, some type of connectivity was required to install

repeaters in the park to improve communication. He said there was no other system in the area that would adequately provide the coverage needed for search and rescue operations. In addition, if there was an alternative to fiber optic, it still would not resolve the issue of the self-pay kiosks. He said automated pay stations would reduce personal interaction during the pandemic. Mr. Mergell clarified that the division's request was the least expensive option that would allow the division to address both issues. He added that building some type of satellite communication would be more costly and would not provide the desired results.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM O.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- P. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FROM THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT FOR FORECLOSURE MEDIATION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO NRS 107.080** – Request for the transfer of \$244,197 from the Account to Home Means Nevada, Inc. for support of the program for foreclosure mediation.

Shannon Chambers, President, Home Means Nevada, Inc. (HMN), Department of Business and Industry, stated that Senate Bill 490 (2017 Legislative Session) moved certain portions of the Foreclosure Mediation Program (FMP) to HMN. Senate Bill 490 removed the Nevada Supreme Court as the FMP Administrator with a process now involving the Nevada District Courts and HMN. Ms. Chambers stated that HMN was required to establish a portal for foreclosure mediation for use by stakeholders during the foreclosure process. The portal was established in FY 2018, and HMN had been monitoring and running the portal since it was implemented.

Ms. Chambers said, with the events related to COVID-19, HMN was monitoring the unemployment situation and reaching out to industry, banks, mortgage servicers, legal aid, homeowners and various stakeholders to develop a plan on how to deal with some of the issues the state would face in the upcoming months.

Pursuant to S.B. 490, HMN requested the transfer of \$244,197 to fund its operations. Ms. Chambers stated that HMN was a lean operation consisting of herself as president, four board members, and three staff members, because no one anticipated that the state would be dealing with another housing crisis. She reiterated that HMN was monitoring the situation and had been working across the spectrum to develop a plan that would address certain issues and avoid a repeat of problems that occurred during the Great Recession. She anticipated presenting the plan to the IFC within the next few months. Ms. Chambers noted that the portal was not mandatory in 2017; however, she thought it may need to be a discussion point in the future.

Ms. Chambers said Nevada was aware that every state would be impacted differently by the pandemic. Given the state's unique economy, the issues might be more protractive in Nevada. She reiterated that she would develop a plan and seek the approval of stakeholders and parties, and then submit that plan to the Committee.

Chair Carlton remarked that there were many people seeking mortgage assistance. She said it was a complicated process, especially when three-month balloon payments came due. She looked forward to HMN developing a plan to help prevent foreclosures. In addition, she hoped that HMN would also be able to assist people who rented rather than owned their residence.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM P.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Q. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND GRANTS PURSUANT TO NRS 353.335(2)(a) – ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN NRS 353.263 OR FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE OR PROPERTY – INFORMATIONAL ONLY. Department of Public Safety – Disaster Response and Recovery Account – Acceptance of federal Crisis Counseling Immediate Services Program grant funding of \$654,640 to provide crisis counseling services to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM D.**

There was no discussion on this item.

- R. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND GRANTS PURSUANT TO NRS 353.335(2)(b) – REQUIRES EXPEDITIOUS ACTION WITHIN 15 DAYS – Department of Public Safety – Disaster Response and Recovery Account – Request for approval to accept Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant authority in the amount of ~~\$85,132,649~~ **\$48,296,324** for personal protective equipment, testing supply stockpiles and continued National Guard mission support under the State Active Duty related to ongoing COVID-19 response. REVISED 6-16-20. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM E. 105.**

Agenda Item E-105 and Agenda Item R were discussed jointly. Refer to testimony and motion for approval under Agenda Item E-105.

- S. REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND GRANTS PURSUANT TO NRS 353.335(2)(c) – State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**
1. Division of Forestry – Request for approval to accept a nongovernmental grant of \$5,000,000 from the Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power

Company to support multiple projects to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss to communities and NV Energy's infrastructure in moderate to extreme wildfire risk priority area. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM K.**

Agenda Item K and Agenda Item S-1 were discussed jointly. Refer to testimony and motion for approval under Agenda Item K.

2. Nevada Natural Heritage Program – Request for approval to accept a grant of \$62,751 from the American Forests, a nonprofit conservation organization, to support efforts to address climate change and provide management, reporting and subawardee management and oversight.

Kristin Szabo, Administrator, Division of Natural Heritage, DCNR, stated that the division was requesting revenue and expenditure authority to accept grant funds of \$62,751 to support Nevada's efforts to address climate change. The division applied for the grant through the U.S. Climate Alliance to help fill data gaps identified in the 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report, which indicated the need for a method to estimate carbon sequestration in different ecological communities. Ms. Szabo stated that the division would be working with the Nature Conservancy to estimate the net amount of carbon stored in the non-native grassland versus perennial grasslands, or estimating the amount of carbon stored in each of those grasslands and the net amount if non-native grasslands were restored to perennial grasslands, and the estimated cost of restoration. In addition, the division would receive an updated annual statewide non-native grassland map. She noted that the Nature Conservancy would do the technical work through computer modeling, and no fieldwork was involved.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM S-2.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Kramer, Assemblywoman Titus, Assemblyman Wheeler, Senator Goicoechea and Senator Settlemeyer opposed the motion.)

## **T. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

### **1. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management – Quarterly report of the agency activity relating to contracting with current or former employees of the state, for the period October 2019 through April 2020, pursuant to NRS 333.705(5).
- b) State Public Works Division
  - 1) Quarterly report on the division's process on construction cost containment efforts, the tracking of budgeted inflationary costs compared to actual

inflationary costs, and the tracking of other construction cost escalations compared to budgeted costs that are impacting legislatively approved CIP projects for the period ending March 31, 2020 (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature).

- 2) Information regarding the Project Status Exception Report pursuant to NRS 341.100(8)(g).

There was no discussion on these items.

2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Quarterly report on Class-Size Reduction variances for the period ending September 30, 2019, of the 2019-2020 school year, pursuant to NRS 388.700(5).

There was no discussion on this item.

3. NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION – Quarterly report on the progress made by the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine in obtaining federal approval for the research program on the medical use of marijuana, as well as the status of activities and information received through the program, for the period ending March 31, 2020, pursuant to NRS 453A.600.

There was no discussion on this item.

4. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
  - a) Quarterly report on travel and training expenses for the period ending March 31, 2020 (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature).
  - b) Livestock Inspection – Report detailing long-term business plan for the Livestock Inspection Program (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature).

There was no discussion on these items.

5. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Quarterly report on the receipt of all cash and non-cash gifts, donations and grants received for the period ending March 31, 2020 (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature).

There was no discussion on this item.

6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – Aging and Disability Services Division – Quarterly report for the Senior Rx and Disability Rx Prescription program for the period ending March 31, 2020, pursuant to NRS 439.630(1)(c).

There was no discussion on this item.

7. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – Director's Office – Quarterly report on the department's retention and recruitment efforts for Correctional Officers at each of



its institutions statewide and inmate population and capacity levels for the period ending March 31, 2020 (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature)

There was no discussion on this item.

8. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
  - a) Division of Emergency Management
    - 1) Emergency Assistance Account
      - i. Quarterly report on the COVID-19 emergency response activity for the period ending March 31, 2020, as requested during the April 7, 2020, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.
      - ii. Quarterly report on the expenditures made from the Emergency Assistance Account for the period ending March 31, 2020, pursuant to NRS 414.135(5).
    - 2) Records, Communications and Compliance Division – Quarterly report on the implementation progress and status of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS) modernization project for the period ending March 31, 2020 (letter of intent, 2019 Legislature).
  - b) The Office of Criminal Justice Assistance – Report on the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding approved at the May 13, 2020, IFC meeting.

There was no discussion on these items.

9. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES – State Parks – Notice to add one new a full-time position to support the Walker River State Recreation Area – Flying M Ranch acquisition. This results in an increase from 130.0 FTE to 131.00 FTE.

There was no discussion on this item.

10. LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR – Six-month reports on agencies' implementation of recommendations made by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to NRS 218G.270.
  - a) Department of Taxation
    - 1) Marijuana Regulation and Enforcement Division
    - 2) Information Security
  - b) Gaming Control Board
  - c) Department of Business and Industry
    - 1) Financial Institutions
    - 2) Industrial Relations
  - d) Department of Health and Human Services
    - 1) Director's Office
    - 2) Aging and Disability Services Division
    - 3) Department of Public and Behavioral Health
      - a) Corrective Action Plan
      - b) Adult Mental Health Services, Community-Based Living Arrangement Homes, Residential Services Payments

- c) Bureau of Health Care Quality Compliance
- e) Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
  - 1) Division of Forestry
  - 2) Division of State Parks
  - 3) Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

There was no discussion on these items.

## **U. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pursuant to Governor's Emergency Directive 006, there was no physical location for the June 25, 2020, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee. The meeting was broadcast on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us). Public comment was accepted live via telephone. Written comments were also accepted by e-mail, facsimile, and mail before, during, and after the meeting.

Adam Barrington, Nevada state employee and member AFSCME Local 4041, said state employees had been among the most economically vulnerable workers in Nevada for far too long. He said the Governor's proposed cuts to health care and education, as well as looming furloughs, were unacceptable and immoral. Nevada could not afford to cut education and health care, and furlough state workers. He said the state was already starved of funds, and state workers were still making do with an emaciated budget that caused state workers to be underpaid. He indicated that the budget cuts would also cause many citizens to become disenfranchised and malnourished. Cutting funding for state workers and inflicting furloughs would only exacerbate the problem.

Mr. Barrington said Nevada's education system was already dysfunctional and underfunded. Teachers struggled to provide sufficient care and compassionate learning environments for students. He indicated that predatory charter schools and private enterprises wanted to exploit the deeply wounded public school system.

Mr. Barrington said many citizens were homeless and suffered from mental health conditions. He indicated that due to the gaunt health care budget, many people could not obtain appropriate treatment and services, and were abused by police or rotted in prison cells, because that was what the state did to its most vulnerable citizens. He indicated that according to sources within the prison system, one quarter or more of the inmate population in Nevada suffered from a mental health condition.

Mr. Barrington said the state was in the midst of a moral crisis. He thought Governor Sisolak should be ashamed for even considering the idea of cutting education and health care. Taxpayers contributed \$750.0 million to a football stadium that was unnecessary, and it would most likely remain unused for the near future. He said Tesla and other predatory corporations were making a large profit off Nevada's tainted structure, and the Governor was looking to state workers and essential programs for money, when corporations and wealthy casino owners had plenty of money. He said the federal government also had plenty of money, and trillions of dollars were given to people

who were not in need. He said the federal government was willing to bail out massive corporations and the wealthy and should do the same for state and local governments.

Mr. Barrington said state workers would not go quietly into another series of assaults on their wallets, communities and dignity, and would fight against furloughs and budget cuts. He said the leaders in Nevada needed to reconsider their priorities.

Angie Sullivan thought it was disappointing that after several years there had been little progress on S.B. 543 (2019 Legislative Session). Like Assemblywoman Neal, she was exasperated that the data the state would use to evaluate the progress of S.B. 543 would be pandemic data. Ms. Sullivan was concerned about the pressure on school districts to reopen, which she thought was impossible right now. Looking at the proposed plans, the \$268.0 million in cuts, and the fact that the education system was struggling, the state was considering closing the schools in the fall of 2020.

Ms. Sullivan was aware that everyone was doing their best, but the situation was heart wrenching. For a decade, she had been asking lawmakers to help Nevada's children, and now there was a crisis on top of a crisis. The reality was that 50 children could not be a classroom while also meeting social distancing guidelines. She was concerned about the \$2.0 billion shortfall in education funding prior the pandemic, which had forced teachers to use their own time and money to make schools effective. Now the state considered teachers to be essential workers, which put them and their families at risk. She said it was stressful watching all the moving parts. She wanted to have more faith in the state's ability to help Nevada students, but the state had repeatedly let her down.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Carlton remarked that the meeting today was the eighth IFC meeting in the last three months compared to the standard six meetings a year. She thanked staff and the agencies for their hard work during these uncertain times. In addition, she thanked the Committee for being available for the lengthy IFC meetings.

Chair Carlton adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Interim Finance Committee

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Brenda Erdoes, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau,  
and Secretary, Interim Finance Committee