# MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2007 MEETING OF THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU Carson City, Nevada

Chairman Morse Arberry Jr. called a regular meeting of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) to order on June 26, 2007, at 9:20 a.m. in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building. Exhibit A is the agenda. Exhibit B is the guest list. All exhibits are available and on file at the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chairman

Senator William J. Raggio, Chairman

Senator Bob Beers

Senator Barbara Cegavske

**Senator Bernice Mathews** 

Senator Dean Rhoads

Senator Dina Titus

Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley

Assemblyman Moises (Mo) Denis

Assemblyman Tom Grady

Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy

Assemblyman Joseph Hogan

Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain

Assemblyman David R. Parks

Assemblyman James Settelmeyer

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Senator Bob Coffin Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert Assemblyman John W. Marvel

# LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF:

Lorne Malkiewich, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel Mark W. Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Assembly Gary L. Ghiggeri, Fiscal Analyst, Senate Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst Larry L. Peri, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst Connie Davis, Interim Finance Committee Secretary Cheryl Harvey, Fiscal Analysis Division Secretary

# A. ROLL CALL.

Lorne Malkiewich, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau and Secretary of the Interim Finance Committee, called the roll, and a quorum of each House was present.

\*B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2007, MEETING.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2007, MEETING MINUTES.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

\*C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2007, MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS SITTING AS THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2007, MEETING MINUTES.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

\*D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2007, MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE SITTING AS THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MAY 17, 2007, MEETING MINUTES.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

\*E. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS, ALLOCATION OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND POSITION CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH Chapter 353, Nevada Revised Statutes.

Chairman Arberry announced that the Committee would consider the following work programs items.

7, 10, 25, 27, 29, 30, 34, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 76 was revised, 77, 83, 101, 106, 107, 111, 125, 126, 152, 153, 179, 189

Work program items 73, 90, 97, and 105 required a public hearing:

Work program items 53, 74, 78, 108, 109, 191, and 194 were withdrawn.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ALL WORK PROGRAMS OTHER THAN THOSE DELINEATED BY CHAIRMAN ARBERRY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

1. Office of the Governor – Office of Energy – Energy Conservation – FY 07 – Addition of \$49,874.00 in petroleum violation escrow funds transferred from the petroleum overcharge rebate account to augment revenue authority to accept projected revenues and augment expenditure authority to allow additional obligations to locals. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the petroleum violation escrow subgrants category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C29718

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

2. Office of the Governor – Office of Energy – Energy Conservation – FY 07 – Addition of \$33,000.00 in geothermal federal grant funds to support the continued publication of the Division of Minerals' geothermal newsletter. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Geothermal Program category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C29715

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

3. Office of the Governor – Office of Energy – Petroleum Overcharge Rebate – FY 07 - Transfer of \$38,320.00 from the reserve category to the petroleum violation escrow account category to augment authority to fulfill planned

obligations in support of the state energy program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the petroleum violation escrow account category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C29717** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

4. Office of the Attorney General – Administrative Account – FY 07 – Transfer of \$12,000.00 from the personnel services category to the High-Tech Crime Board category to purchase computer hardware and software for the reprogramming to support task force activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the High Tech-Tech Crime Board category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C30498

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

5. Office of the Attorney General – Administrative Account – <u>FY 08</u> – Addition of \$31,600.00 in Transfer from the Health Division to support the Criminal History Background Check Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Background Check Program category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33806

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

6. Office of the Attorney General – Workers Compensation Fraud – FY 07 – Transfer of \$19,500.00 from the reserve category to the operating category and \$1,500.00 from the reserve category to the training category to cover anticipated expenditures for the Insurance Fraud and Workers Compensation Fraud Insurance Units. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33803

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

7. Office of the Secretary of State – FY 07 – Addition of \$393,952.00 in transfers from the Secretary of State's Special Services funds to cover estimated personnel and operating expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the information services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C29237

Douglas Perry, Administrative Services Officer, Office of the Secretary of State, identified himself for the record and introduced Nicole Lamboley, Chief Deputy Secretary of State; Kate Thomas, Deputy Secretary of State, Operations; and Lani Smith, Information Technology Manger, Office of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Perry appeared before the Committee to request the transfer of Special Services funds and funds from various expenditure categories to the personnel and information technology categories to fund \$607,037 in information technology equipment and \$47,064 in a projected salary expense shortfall.

Mr. Perry advised that the Secretary of State's (SOS) recent budget presentation to the Legislature for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 requested a minimum of information technology (IT) equipment and software, but at the Governor's request, the SOS reduced the budget, based on a projection of lower-than-anticipated future General Fund revenues.

Mr. Perry stated that corporate filings and renewals, processed through the SOS, continued to increase, and the IT request for equipment and software was necessary to continue to produce revenues at the current level without large staffing increases. Mr. Perry advised that the SOS wanted to shift spending priorities to offset budget reductions and to utilize Special Services funds as part of the funding source. Additionally, Mr. Perry explained that if approved, a portion of the requested transfer would be used to fund a projected shortfall of \$47,064 in year-end personnel service costs.

Specifically the SOS requested a transfer of funds and work program authority from the In-State Travel, Operating, Election Expenses, Microfilm Project, and Training categories to the Personnel and Information Services categories. Additionally, the SOS requested to transfer \$266,315 in Expedite Funds to offset budget reductions in information technology equipment.

Mr. Perry advised the Committee that the efficiency of the SOS office would be improved by the introduction of scanning/retrieval technology in areas of the office where it currently did not exist, and if approved, the work program request would provide \$110,793 in Special Services funds to pay for the equipment.

Assemblywoman Buckley questioned why the SOS would request a transfer of funds to purchase equipment that the 2007 Legislature, on the recommendation of the Governor, recently declined to approve.

Nicole Lamboley, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, told the Committee that the SOS budget was closed in mid-April after having voluntarily complied with a budget reduction request from the Governor. Ms. Lamboley indicated that although there had been no opportunity to appeal the loss of funding, the SOS had requested a reinstatement of funds if the overall financial situation improved.

Ms. Lamboley advised that the SOS had reviewed their budget through the end of the year and requested the Committee's approval to transfer current fiscal year authority to fund the agency's technology requirements.

In response to questions Senator Beers asked relative to the request, Ms. Lamboley provided the following information:

- Approval of the request would allow the SOS to continue to follow the Department of Information Technology's (DoIT) replacement schedule for computer equipment.
- Scanning and retrieval equipment would be placed in areas of the office that currently lacked the technology.
- Service to Nevada citizens would be improved.

In response to questions Senator Beers asked relative to commercial recordings, a major revenue generator for the State, Ms. Lamboley advised that the greatest need for computer equipment replacement occurred within the Election Center and the Business Center through which commercial recordings were processed.

Senator Titus questioned why the SOS did not return to the money committees during the 2007 Legislative Session to request a reinstatement of funds reduced earlier in the legislative budget process.

Ms. Lamboley indicated that the SOS had attempted to work within the system, but once the budget closed decided to look for savings within the budget to offset expenses.

Senator Raggio expressed similar concerns as those previously stated and indicated that approving the request would set a precedent for other agencies to follow suit. Senator Raggio indicated the SOS had not made a clear case to approve the request and asked for criteria that would allow the Committee to authorize a reversal of legislative policy.

As previously stated, Ms. Lamboley testified that the SOS voluntarily complied with the Governor's request to reduce funding in an already "lean budget" that did not request any major program changes. Ms. Lamboley also noted that the Governor's revised budget request substituted funds from the General Fund for transfer funds from the Special Services budget account. Ms. Lamboley said that with fewer General Fund dollars in the base budget, the SOS tried to work within the budget and look for savings to purchase computer enhancements.

Ms. Lamboley advised that the SOS Business Center, through which commercial recordings were processed, needed to maintain a competitive edge to continue its

current corporate filing capability. Additionally, she indicated that the SOS staff worked with the Committee's staff during the legislative session to reduce computer equipment initially proposed in the enhancement budget. However, the SOS budget closed with the Governor's recommendation for a budget reduction with no opportunity at that time to address the agency's needs. Ms. Lamboley requested the Committee's favorable consideration of the request for work program authority to maintain the agency's operations.

Senator Beers stated that since commercial recordings generated significant revenue, the SOS should be placed on an equal footing with other state agencies.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM E.7 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES TO THE PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND TO FUND A PROJECTED SALARY EXPENSE SHORTFALL.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley, Assemblyman Grady, Senator Rhoads, and Senator Raggio voted nay.)

8. Department of Administration – Budget and Planning Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$56,874.00 from the information services category to the special studies category, \$28,847.00 from the information services category to the operating category, \$10,035.00 from the information services category to the personnel services category, \$3,414.00 from the training category to the personnel services category, \$1,289.00 from the out-of-state travel category to the personnel services category and \$1,427.00 from the in-state travel category to the personnel services category to cover projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the information services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94508

9. Department of Administration – Risk Management – Indigent Supplemental Account – FY 07 – Addition of \$459,440.00 in real property taxes, and transfer of \$3,480,894.00 from the transfer to Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability Act (HIFA) holding account to the current claims category and \$187,829.00 from the reserve category to the current claims category. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94490

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

10. Department of Administration – Risk Management – Indigent Accident Account – FY 07 – Addition of \$4,858,407.00 in real property taxes to augment authority for real property tax receipts. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the current claims category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94492

Mary Keating, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, Department of Administration, appeared before the Committee to request approval to increase revenue and expenditure authority for the Indigent Supplemental Account.

Ms. Keating advised that the revenue from real property taxes was miscalculated in the original work program submittal, and after working with the Committee's staff, the miscalculation was corrected to reflect \$1,324,035 rather than \$4,858,407.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF E.10 AS REVISED.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Department of Administration – Risk Management – Insurance and Loss Prevention – FY 07 – Transfer of \$68,159.00 from the reserve - other category to the property claims category to allow payment of property claims through the remainder of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the property claims category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94496

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

12. Department of Administration – Purchasing Division – Commodity Foods Program FY 07 – Addition of \$26,000.00 in federal receipts and transfer of \$3,000.00 from the reserve category to the food distribution on Indian reservations (FDPIR) category to increase revenue authority and to cover anticipated expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance

approval since the amount added to the emergency food assistance (TEFAP) category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. **Work Program #B94497** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

13. Department of Administration – Buildings and Grounds Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$45,145.00 from the reserve category to the maintenance of buildings and grounds category and \$75,000.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to cover increased utility and janitorial costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94506

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

14. Department of Administration – Buildings and Grounds – Mail Services – FY 07 Transfer of \$3,709.00 from the reserve category to the in-state travel category and \$12,609.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to fund motor pool monthly rental charges and operational costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the operating category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #B94510

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

15. Department of Administration – Hearings and Appeals Division – FY 07 – Addition of \$65,000.00 in transfer from industrial relations to increase authority to cover costs for court reporting services for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B94507

16. Department of Taxation – FY 07 – Transfer of \$79,000.00 from the e-payment fees category to the operating category, \$221,000.00 from the information services category to the out-of-state audit category and \$53,000.00 from the information services category to the lockbox program category to cover additional printing and postage costs associated with an increase in billing notices, correspondence and tax returns, increased activity and travel costs to perform necessary out-of-state audits, and increased lockbox transactions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C15846

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

17. Department of Information Technology – Facility Management Division – Computing Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$48,741.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to cover increase in costs due to the expansion of the computer facility and general increase in electricity and fuel costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22005

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

18. Department of Information Technology – Facility Management – Computing Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the personnel services category to the information services category and \$142,065.00 from the reserve category to the information services to cover an increase in principal lease payments. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the information services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22004

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

19. Department of Information Technology – Data Communications Technology – FY 07 – Transfer of \$110,320.00 \$126,719.00 from the personnel services category to the information technology category to cover additional communications line costs associated with an increase in Internet bandwidth and additional DS1 circuit costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the information technology category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22002. REVISED JUNE 14, 2007.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

20. Department of Information Technology – Telecommunications – FY 07-Addition of \$352,697.00 in repair service charges to align authority with anticipated revenue generated by increased customer work orders for telephone

services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the telephone services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22009

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

21. Department of Information Technology – Telecommunications – FY 07 – Transfer of \$7,970.00 from the information technology category to the telephone watts and toll category and \$57,490.00 from the reserve category to the telephone watts and toll category to cover additional costs for DS1 circuits required to accommodate the telephone service provided at the State Emergency Operating Center; cover costs associated with telephone equipment installed at the Bradley Building and Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services; and cover additional lease payments. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the telephone watts and toll category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22008

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

22. Department of Information Technology – Network Transport Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$23,672.00 from the microwave radio system category to the operating category to cover increased costs for rent, vehicle maintenance and fuel. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the microwave-radio system category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C22003

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

23. Department of Information Technology – Mobile Communications – Network Transport Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$25,000.00 from the microwave-radio system category to the personnel services category and \$82,028.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to fund projected salary costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C22007

24. Department of Personnel – FY 07 – Addition of \$72,538.00 in personnel assessments and transfer of \$216,462.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to cover the cost-of-living and step increases, as well as terminal leave for the current fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C16263

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

25. Department of Education – Staffing Services – FY 08 – Addition of \$72,094.00 in cost allocation reimbursement for salaries to establish revenue and expenditure authority to transfer an Administrative Assistant IV (.50 FTE) from student incentive grants and increase it to a 1.00 FTE. This position would be funded 50% from student incentive grants and 50% from Gear Up. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33229. RELATES TO 27 AND 30.

Chairman Arberry announced that the Committee would consider Department of Education work program Items 25, 27, and 30 concurrently.

James R. Wells, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Fiscal Services, Department of Education, identified himself for the record and introduced Charlotte Curtis, Coordinator for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP).

Mr. Wells reported that work program Items 25, 27, and 30 were submitted to establish revenue and expenditure authority for phase 2 of GEAR UP, a 2001 grant program to benefit economically disadvantaged students. Currently, approximately \$6.25 million remained in the scholarship trust fund provided under the original GEAR UP grant, \$5.5 million of which was in scholarship funds and the balance in interest earnings.

Mr. Wells explained that the U.S. Department of Education required the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) to establish a plan to administer the scholarship funds. He said that the existing GEAR UP staff were dedicated to the fiscal year 2007 grant and were technically not eligible to participate in working on the administration of the scholarship program.

Mr. Wells provided the following information:

o Item 27 transferred funding from the GEAR UP Trust Fund to budget account 2678 and provided a 0.50 FTE (full-time equivalent) scholarship coordinator, a mentor program through the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and operations to fulfill the obligations for the distribution of scholarship funds. An additional \$1.5 million would be transferred to provide scholarships for a projected 1,100 eligible students. Mr. Wells pointed out that the NDE revised the work program to correct a \$5,000 error in the original submittal.

- Item 25 placed the 0.50 FTE position in budget account 2719, NDE Staffing Services, and combined it with the current 0.50 FTE scholarship coordinator for the Byrd Scholarship Program and Nevada State Incentive Grant funds in budget account 2606.
- Item 30 proposed to transfer the salaries and benefits in budget account 2606 to budget account 2719.

Senator Cegavske expressed concern regarding GEAR UP expenditures and the lack of an NDE plan to prepare economically disadvantaged students to attend institutions of higher learning.

Charlotte Curtis, Coordinator, GEAR UP, NDE, advised that the work programs under discussion were for the 2001 grant program, but the following design changes for the new grant that was funded in 2006 were submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau:

- Each student would be required to develop an individual learning plan in middle school, which corresponded to recent legislation that authorized individual learning plans in high school.
- Introduction of major school reform changes, such as the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program, had improved the graduation rate in the Clark County School District and at Sparks High School.

Ms. Curtis reminded the Committee that 70 percent of the students served in the first grant program were from the most economically disadvantaged families in Nevada and that GEAR UP was an experiment to provide college preparatory opportunities in secondary school. Ms. Curtis indicated that the State needed to prepare a more diverse group of low-income students for postsecondary experiences and anticipated that more than half or 1,500 of the original group of students, funded through the first grant, were going to graduate.

Senator Cegavske reiterated concern regarding the outcome of the first grant as well as the fact that she had not seen any changes that would indicate the 2006 grant would produce a higher rate of success. Senator Cegavske stated that each student in the program required an analysis during his or her progression through high school, which she indicated required a plan.

In response to Mr. Settlemeyer who asked how much interest was earned from the GEAR UP Scholarship Trust Account, Mr. Wells advised that approximately \$600,000 in

interest earnings were accrued over the last six years, and the balance of funds remained in an account that continued to accrue interest.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised that work program Item 27 should be amended to \$1,601,878, and the authority in category 21, Scholarship Administration should be revised to \$65,831.

Senator Cegavske questioned whether the Committee could approve a motion to allow the Department of Education to receive only a portion of the funding until they returned to the IFC with a plan on how the funding was being expended.

Chairman Arberry questioned how Senator Cegavske's suggestion would affect the NDE.

Ms. Curtis advised that during the 2007 Legislative Session, the NDE was asked to regularly report to the IFC on the number of students that attended NSHE institutions, their progress, and the number of remedial courses they were taking, all of which she indicated was included in the NDE plan. Ms. Curtis said that based on estimates, the NDE would require \$1,500,000 or more in funding for the first year. Additionally, she indicated there were high expectations that the students who had already exceeded percentages for graduation would also exceed percentages for attending college.

Chairman Arberry suggested that the Department of Education provide a quarterly report to the IFC on GEAR UP.

Senator Cegavske recalled the legislative letter of intent that requested the NDE to report to the IFC and reiterated the need for a plan.

Chairman Arberry asked the NDE representatives to be prepared to address Senator Cegavske's concerns in quarterly reports to the IFC.

Dr. Hardy asked that the quarterly reports include the number of students that were granted scholarships and the number of students that retained scholarships.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEMS 25, 27, AND 30 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**26. Department of Education – Support Services – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$50,509.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to provide adequate funds for salaries for the remainder of the fiscal year due to the cost-of-living

adjustment and addition of the 10<sup>th</sup> step. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33219** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

27. Department of Education – Gear Up – FY 08 – Addition of \$1,596,878.00 in funds transferred from the Gear Up scholarship trust account to establish revenue and expenditure authority to administer Gear Up post-secondary scholarship awards. The authority would increase an existing (.50 FTE) Administrative Assistant IV position in student incentive grants to a 1.00 FTE. This position would be transferred to education staffing services and funded 50% from Gear Up and 50% from student incentive grants. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Gear Up scholarship awards category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33228. RELATES TO 25 AND 30.

Refer narrative and motion for approval under Item 25.

28. Department of Education – Discretionary Grants Unrestricted – FY 07 – Transfer of \$7,015.00 from the charter schools program administration category to the personnel services category and \$11,085.00 from the charter schools program administration category to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) task order category to provide adequate funds for salaries and align funding for the NAEP program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NAEP task order category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33216

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

29. Department of Education – Discretionary Grants Unrestricted – FY 07 – Addition of \$425,000.00 in National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices grant funds to align authority with award amount for the Honor States Grant Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NGA-expand advanced placement participation category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33223

Senator Raggio noted that the \$425,000 National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices grant was earmarked to "help build the political and public will for high school redesign and develop and implement strategies for expanding Advanced Placement participation, turning around low-performing schools, and developing a statewide longitudinal K-16 data system to achieve high school improvement."

Additionally, Senator Raggio noted that with funds combined from a previous grant, \$850,000 was available for the following designations:

- \$500,000 for advanced placement expansion,
- \$200,000 for turning around low-performing schools
- \$150,000 for developing the statewide longitudinal K-16 data system

In response to Senator Raggio who commented that all of the schools selected for advanced placement courses were from Clark County, Charlotte Curtis, Coordinator for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) explained that the Turnaround Low Performing Schools grant targeted statewide high schools. There were ten schools in the first year and six were from the Clark County School District, two were from Washoe County, and two from rural counties. In the second year, five schools were selected, four of which were in the Clark County School District and one in the Washoe County School District.

In response to additional questions Senator Raggio asked relative to the Advanced Placement Program and the P-16 Council comprised of members of the education, business, and political communities, Ms. Curtis explained that the Turnaround Low Performing Schools grant was the first grant, and the second grant was the Advanced Placement Grant, which included the following three components:

- Increase the number of students taking advanced placement classes through summer academies and after-school tutoring.
- Provide advanced placement professional development opportunities for school administrators and educators.
- Increase enrollment in advanced placement courses and the number of students who took and passed the College Board advanced placement test.

In response to questions Senator Raggio asked regarding an increase in enrollment for advanced placement courses, Ms. Curtis advised that an increase in enrollment had occurred, but there was hesitancy on the part of students who feared lowering their grade point average.

In response to Senator Raggio who asked if students took advanced placement classes online, Ms. Curtis advised that the classes were "person to person" in the urban areas but online in the rural areas.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF E.29.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Denis commented that the Clark County magnet schools on the selected list already included advanced placement courses in their curricula.

Ms. Curtis confirmed that Clark County magnet schools offered advanced placement classes, but the goal was to increase the enrollment and reach out to students who typically would not take advanced placement courses. Additionally, Ms. Clark advised that Clark County received a national award for their Advanced Placement Program.

Assemblywoman Buckley questioned whether student concern relative to grade point average was related to receipt of the millennium scholarship.

Ms. Curtis responded that some students were concerned about how their grade point average might affect their eligibility for a millennium scholarship while others who wanted to attend out-of-state colleges or universities with high admission requirements were apprehensive about taking classes that might threaten a high grade point average.

## THE MOTION CARRIED.

30. Department of Education – Student Incentive Grants – FY 08 – Transfer of \$35,872.00 from the personnel services category to the transfer to Nevada Department of Education staffing services category, \$50.00 from the operating category to the transfer to Nevada Department of Education staffing services category and \$125.00 from the information services category to the transfer to Nevada Department of Education staffing services category to transfer costs for an Administrative Assistant IV (.50 FTE) to education staffing services to facilitate increasing the position to a 1.00 FTE funded 50% by Gear Up to support the Gear Up grant program for post-secondary scholarships. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the personnel services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33227. RELATES TO 25 AND 27.

Refer narrative and motion for approval under Item 25.

31. Department of Education – Continuing Education – FY 07 – Transfer of \$18,746.00 from the adult literacy-state category to the personnel services category, \$34,046.00 from the adult literacy-state category to the adult basic education-ATS category and \$1,692.00 from the adult literacy-state category to the transfer to education staffing services category to provide adequate funds for salaries and correct a transfer in a prior work program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the adult basic education-aid to schools category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33222

32. Department of Education – Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) – FY 07 Addition of \$31,685.00 in federal Project Promises grant funds, \$136,706.00 in general supervision enhancement grant funds, and deletion of \$136,706.00 in IDEA general supervision enhancement grant funds to align authority based on refunds and move funds to correct revenue general ledger. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Project Promises aid-to-schools category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33211

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

33. Department of Education – Nutrition Education Programs – FY 07 – Addition of \$55,381.00 in federal Summer Food Program grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide continued funding for the Summer Food Service Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Summer Food Program category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33220

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

34. Nevada System of Higher Education – Agricultural Experiment Station – FY 08 -Addition of \$1,028,340.00 in United States Department of Agriculture federal funds to provide one-time Hatch-based formula funding to substitute federal special grant appropriations, which do not flow through the state. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount of the grant exceeds \$100,000.00. Work Program #C30576

Ron Pardini, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$1,028,340 in United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) federal funds. Mr. Pardini advised that approval of the request would provide one-time Hatch-based formula funding in substitution for federal special grant appropriations for the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. Pardini explained that the USDA provided special grant support to fund Nevada arid rangeland initiatives; however, the U.S. Congress eliminated all special grants in the last year. The USDA placed the funding in the Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES) for allocation according to the Hatch Act, which in 1887 established an agricultural experiment station in each state for research relevant to the agricultural sector of the state.

Mr. Pardini advised the Committee that \$465,807 of the \$1,028,340 augmentation related to the loss of federal special grant appropriations and proposed to revise the request for augmentation by requesting the allocation of \$465,807 to the Agricultural Experiment Station for the Nevada arid rangelands research program and to revert \$562,533 to the State General Fund.

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM E.34 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

35. Nevada System of Higher Education – Dental School – FY 07 – Addition of \$35,890.00 in registration fees and \$16,584.00 in non-resident tuition fees to purchase equipment necessary to support the instruction function of the Dental School School of Medicine. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to S.B. 522, Section 8, Subsection 2 of the 2005 Legislative Session. Work Program #C30573

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

36. Nevada System of Higher Education – Great Basin College – FY 07 – Addition of \$7,576.00 in miscellaneous student fees and deletion of \$5,559.00 in non-resident tuition fees to provide for additional part-time instructors/faculty overload required to meet student enrollment demands. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to S.B. 522, Section 8, Subsection 2 of the 2005 Legislative Session. Work Program #C30574

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

37. Nevada System of Higher Education – Western Nevada Community College – FY 07 – Addition of \$28,842.00 in non-resident tuition fees and deletion of \$3,738.00 in miscellaneous student fees to provide for additional part-time instructors/faculty overload required to meet student enrollment demands. Requires Interim Finance approval pursuant to S.B. 522, Section 8, Subsection 2 of the 2005 Legislative Session. Work Program #C30575

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

38. Department of Cultural Affairs – Museums and History – State Museum and Historical Society – Las Vegas – FY 07 – Deletion of \$10,686.00 in budgetary transfers to cover an unanticipated shortfall in the personnel services category of the Nevada State Library and Archives account up to the vacancy savings amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the personnel services category involves departmental transfers. Work Program #C33352. RELATES TO 39 AND 40.

39. Department of Cultural Affairs – Museums and History – State Railroad Museums – FY 07 – Deletion of \$18,000.00 in budgetary transfers to cover an unanticipated shortfall in the personnel services category of the Nevada State Library and Archives account up to the vacancy savings amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the personnel services category involves departmental transfers. Work Program #C33353. RELATES TO 38 AND 40.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

40. Department of Cultural Affairs – Library and Archives – FY 07 – Addition of \$28,686.00 in budgetary transfers to cover an unanticipated shortfall in the personnel services category using funds from other budget accounts. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category involves departmental transfers. Work Program #C33351. RELATES TO 38 AND 39.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**41. Department of Cultural Affairs – Nevada Arts Council – FY 07 –** Addition of \$9,900.00 in registration fees and \$10,100.00 in gifts and donations to accept additional registration fees and donations from the Governor's arts awards and the OASIS conference. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount of the gift exceeds \$10,000.00. **Work Program #C30328** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

42. Department of Agriculture – Plant Industry – Grade and Certification – FY 07 – Transfer of \$10,194.00 from the reserve category to the other seed certification category and \$440.00 from the reserve category to the hay certification category to fund the United States Department of Agriculture national organic program accreditation audit. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount deducted from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33116

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**43. Department of Agriculture – Plant Industry – Registration and Enforcement – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$68,513.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to fund projected personnel costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33145** 

44. Department of Agriculture – Plant Industry – Livestock Inspection – FY 07 – Transfer of \$16,923.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to Elko County category to transfer payments to Elko County based on receipts in fiscal year 2006 for distribution to the Sheep Camp Commission and the Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31498

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

45. Department of Agriculture – Animal Health – Veterinary Services – FY 07 Addition of \$89,683.00 in West Nile surveillance funds transferred from the Health Division to add authority for the collection of suspected West Nile Virus samples, and referral of samples and report of laboratory testing to the Health Division. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the West Nile Virus category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33118

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**46. Department of Agriculture – Measurement Standards – FY 07 –** Addition of \$52,425.00 in device testing fees to add revenue and corresponding expenditure authority based on projections for the remainder of the fiscal year, and to adjust the cost allocation as approved by the 2005 Legislature. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. **Work Program #C33132** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

47. Department of Agriculture – Plant Industry – Pest, Plant Disease and Noxious Weed Control – FY 07 – Transfer of \$19,000.00 from the personnel services category to the University of California-Davis program category to allow the agency to purchase laboratory supplies, diagnostic literature, and a digital imaging system for microscopy. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the University of California-Davis program category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33131

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**48.** Commission on Mineral Resources – Division of Minerals – FY 07 – Transfer of \$16,500.00 from the reserve category to the operating category and \$700.00 from the reserve category to the board travel category to support increased office operation costs and travel due to increased program activities. Requires Interim

Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C14382

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

49. Commission on Mineral Resources – Division of Minerals – FY 08 – Transfer of \$59,561.00 from the reserve category to the abandoned mine land enhancement category to identify and log abandoned mine hazards and research county claims. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the abandoned mine land enhancement category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C14385

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**50.** Commission on Minerals – Division of Minerals – FY 08 – Transfer of \$72,942.00 from the reserve category to the special projects category to contract for a United States Forest Service planning consultant, and to continue work on the maps for county land bills and the United States Forest Service roadless project. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the special projects category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C14384

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

51. Commission on Mineral Resources – Division of Minerals – FY 08 – Transfer of \$200,000.00 from the reserve category to the special projects category to provide support to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology for the Great Basin Science Sample and Record Library and to the University of Nevada Reno's Mackay recruitment and retention fund. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the special projects category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C14383

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**52.** Commission on Mineral Resources – Division of Minerals – <u>FY 08</u> – Addition of \$10,000.00 in gifts and donations and transfer of \$196,872.00 from the reserve category to the MacArthur reclamation category to reclaim the MacArthur Mine near Yerington. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the MacArthur reclamation category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C14386** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**53.** Public Utilities Commission – Regulatory Fund – FY 07 – Transfer of \$14,000.00 from the reserve category to the out-of-state travel category to fund

travel expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #B15068. WITHDRAWN JUNE 19, 2007.** 

Work program B15068 was withdrawn on June 19, 2007.

54. Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Insurance Regulation – FY 07 – Addition of \$77,281.00 in cost allocation reimbursement to cover a projected shortfall in personnel services due to the addition of two unbudgeted positions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C13687

Chairman Arberry announced that Items 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, and 61 would be considered concurrently.

Sally Elloyan, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Insurance, Department of Business and Industry, appeared before the Committee to request a \$77,281 increase in authority for Budget Account 3813, Division of Insurance, Insurance Regulation, to cover a shortfall in the Personnel Services category. Ms. Elloyan explained that a shortfall occurred when vacancy savings funding for two new positions, hired in fiscal year 2006 for the Division's Corporate and Financial section, proved insufficient.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee that if they chose to approve the request, staff recommended the following category adjustments in work program Item 54, Budget Account 3813:

- Cost Allocation Revenue revised from \$77,281 to \$16,611
- o Personnel Expenditures from \$77,281 to \$91,518
- Operating Expenditures would reflect a savings of \$37,031
- Transfer \$30,000 to Attorney General Expenditures
- Transfer \$7.876 to Information Services Expenditures

Additionally, staff recommended the following adjustments in work programs Items 55, 56, 58, 60, and 61:

- o Item 55, Budget Account 3817, Insurance Examiners, from \$56,031 to \$47,693
- o Item 56, Budget Account 3818, Captive Insurers, from \$2,510 to \$2,171
- o Item 58, Budget Account 3824, Education and Research, from \$10,402 to \$8,881
- o Item 59, Budget Account 3828, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, from \$636 to \$526

- o Item 60, Budget Account 3833, Cost Stabilization, from \$1,410 to \$1,184
- Item 61, Budget Account 4684, Self Insured Workers' Compensation, from \$6,293 to \$5,329

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS MOVED APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM ITEMS 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, and 61 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**55.** Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Insurance Examiners – FY 07 – Transfer of \$56,031.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to insurance regulation category to increase the cost allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the transfer to insurance regulation category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C13688

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 54.

56. Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Captive Insurers – FY 07 – Transfer of \$2,510.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to insurance regulation category to increase the cost allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program is related to work programs requiring Interim Finance Committee approval. Work Program #C13689

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 54.

57. Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Captive Insurers – FY 07 – Addition of \$4,800.00 in licenses and fees, \$3,500.00 in application fees, \$75,000.00 in examination fees and \$1,255.00 in insurance premiums to accept projected cash in excess of current authority, and cover shortfalls in personnel services and operating. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C13686

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

58. Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Insurance Education and Research – FY 07 – Transfer of \$10,402.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to insurance regulation category to increase the cost

allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program is related to work programs requiring Interim Finance Committee approval. **Work Program #C13690** 

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 54.

**59.** Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – National Association of Insurance Commissioners – FY 07 – Transfer of \$636.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to insurance regulation category to increase the cost allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program is related to work programs requiring Interim Finance Committee approval. Work Program #C13691

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**60.** Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Insurance Cost Stabilization – FY 07 – Transfer of \$1,410.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to insurance regulation category to increase the cost allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program is related to work programs requiring Interim Finance Committee approval. Work Program #C13692

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 54.

61. Department of Business and Industry – Insurance Division – Self-Insured Worker's Compensation – FY 07 – Addition of \$6,293.00 in allocation from fund to increase the cost allocation transfer to the insurance regulation budget account. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program is related to work programs requiring Interim Finance Committee approval. Work Program #C13693

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 54.

**62. Department of Business and Industry – Manufactured Housing – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$29,000.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category, \$6,100.00 from the reserve category to the in-state travel category, \$9,900.00 from the reserve category to the operating category and \$3,700.00 from the reserve category to the information services category to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C19095

**63.** Department of Business and Industry – Real Estate Division – Common Interest Communities – FY 08 – Transfer of \$60,000.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to allow for a web-based interactive training campaign. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31843

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**64.** Department of Business and Industry – Financial Institutions – FY 07 – Transfer of \$65,103.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to cover a projected shortfall in rent and contract services for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31871

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**65.** Department of Business and Industry – Housing Division – Department of Energy Weatherization – FY 07 – Addition of \$117,450.00 in Department of Energy (DOE) funds to accept additional funding for administrative, health and safety, and program operation expenses. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Department of Energy subgrantees category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C17504

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**66.** Department of Business and Industry – Housing Division – Department of Energy Weatherization – FY 07 – Addition of \$271,580.00 in universal energy charge fees to provide energy conservation, weatherization, and energy efficiency programs to eligible households. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the universal energy charge category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C17506

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

67. Department of Business and Industry – Taxicab Authority – FY 07 – Transfer of \$82,128.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #B13963

**68.** Commission on Economic Development – FY 07 – Addition of \$3,249.00 in transfer from Insurance Division to promote the industry of captive insurance in Nevada. Work Program #C14286

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

69. Department of Health and Human Services – Director's Office – Administration - FY 07 – Addition of \$22,605.00 in federal Head Start grant funds to align 2007 federal grant authority and provide travel for state partners to attend the state collaboration meeting in Washington, D.C. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the federal Head Start category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C32906

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

70. Department of Health and Human Services – Director's Office – Office of Disability Services – FY 07 – Addition of \$51,890.00 in federal technology assistance grant funds to promote life choice programs for people with severe disabilities, and remain free of institutional care. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the technology related assistance category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32905

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

71. Department of Health and Human Services – Director's Office – Fund for a Healthy Nevada – FY 07 – Addition of \$217,076.00 \$79,795.00 in transfer from State Treasurer tobacco settlement funds to support smoking cessation grants per the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the interfund transfer category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32908. RELATES TO 72. REVISED JUNE 19, 2007.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

72. Department of Health and Human Services – Director's Office – Grants Management Unit – FY 07 – Addition of \$217,076.00 \$79,795.00 in Transfer of Tobacco Settlement Funds to support smoking cessation grants per the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Tobacco Prevention and Treatment category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32907. RELATES TO 71. REVISED JUNE 19, 2007.

73. Department of Health and Human Services – Director's Office – Grants Management Unit – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,722,124.00 in federal community services block grant funds to support community services through the Urban League, Martin Luther King Center and the Family Development Care Management Program for low income families. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the community services block grant category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program C32910

Chairman Arberry announced that work program Item 73 for the Department of Health and Human Services' Grants' Management Unit required a public hearing.

Shawna DeRousse, Administrative Services Officer, Director's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, requested that the Committee consider Informational Item M 6.a. in conjunction with work program Item 73. Informational Item M 6.a. related to Work Program Item 73 and to development and submittal of the state plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Ms. DeRousse requested Committee approval for the Grants Management Unit to "book" \$1,722,124 in federal community services block grant funds, which required a public hearing.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 73 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM ITEM 73.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

74. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Medicaid – FY 07 – Deletion of \$614,436.00 in General Fund appropriation and \$719,265.00 in federal Title XIX funds to transfer funds to Nevada Check-Up to cover anticipated caseload increases and retroactive capitation payments. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the waiver category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C27609. RELATES TO 78.

Work Program #C27609 was withdrawn.

75. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Medicaid – FY 07 – Transfer of \$229,889.00 from the

personnel services category to the operating category to continue contract services for compliance with federal requirements including the Medicare Modernization Act, Medicare Part D, and the Deficit Reduction Act. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C27612

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

76. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Medicaid – FY 07 – Transfer of \$1,295,533.00 from the offline category to the temporary assistance to needy families/child health assurance program category, \$33,314,953.00 from the waiver category to the medical assistance to aged, blind and disabled (MAABD) category and \$6,728,460.00 from the offline category to the medical assistance to aged, blind and disabled category to pay provider medical service expenses incurred for Medicaid recipients, which is critical in order to meet June, 2007 provider payment obligations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the MAABD category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C27613

Charles Duarte, Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (HCFP), Department of Health and Human Services, introduced Lynn Carrigan, Administrative Services Officer, (HCFP), Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Duarte advised that the Division of HCFP submitted the original work program to augment expenditure authority in Category 12, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Child Health Assurance Program (CHAP) by \$1,295,533 and Category 14, Medical Assistance to Aged, Blind, and Disabled (MAABD) by \$40,043,413 through deaugmenting authority in Category 15, Waiver, and Category 28, Offline.

However, Mr. Duarte reported that based on recent smaller-than-anticipated provider reports, the expenditure authority for Category 12, TANF and CHAP was zero and the expenditure authority for Category 14, MAABD needed to be augmented by \$38,116,182. Mr. Duarte requested approval to revise the original work program by utilizing expenditure authority of \$30,092,189 in Category 15, Waiver, and \$8,023,933 in Category 28, Offline, to augment expenditure authority in Category 14, MAABD.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, questioned whether the savings in the Category 28, Offline should be corrected to \$8,023,993.

Mr. Duarte confirmed the \$8,023,993 amount in the Offline category.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 76 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

77. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Medicaid – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,430,282.00 in federal Title XIX funds and \$1,211,540.00 in county reimbursements to pay county indigent medical expenses incurred for Medicaid recipients, which is critical in order to meet June 2007 provider payment obligations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the county indigent program category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C27616

Charles Duarte, Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (HCFP), Department of Health and Human Services, requested Committee approval to augment authority in Category 17, County Indigent Program. The Division of HCFP submitted the original work program to augment expenditure authority by \$2,641,822. However, based on recent smaller-than-anticipated provider reports, a revised amount of \$2,334,616 in federal and county receipts was requested.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 77 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN WEBER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

78. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Nevada Check-Up – FY 07 – Addition of \$614,436.00 in General Fund appropriation and \$1,290,792.00 in federal Title XXI funds to provide for projected caseload increases for Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Fee For Service (FSS) costs for the remainder of state fiscal year 2007, and to cover retroactive capitation payments with the Health Plan of Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the program expenditure category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C27608. RELATES TO 74.

Work Program #C27608 was withdrawn.

79. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Inter-Governmental Transfer Account – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,412,568.00 in receipts from local governments, \$1,402,832.00 in

receipts from University of Nevada School of Medicine and \$1,213,587.00 in Treasurer's interest distribution to allow for projected state fiscal year 2007 upper payment limit income, Treasurer's interest income, and receipts from the University of Nevada's School of Medicine contract. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the transfer to Division of Health Care Financing and Policy category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C27606

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

80. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services – Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services – FY 07 - Addition of \$700,617.00 in Medicare medical services charge to cover payment to contractor for preparation of Medicare billing rate adjustment report. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31138

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

81. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services – Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$50,000.00 from the personnel services category to the professional services category to continue providing services to clients by utilizing contract doctors for coverage of vacant positions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the professional services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31139

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

82. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services – Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services – FY 07 – Addition of \$811,984.00 in Federal Housing and Urban Development Shelter Plus Grant funds to provide housing subsidy services to clients in need of residential support. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Housing and Urban Development Shelter Plus category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31164

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

83. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services – Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services – FY - 07 Transfer of \$27,521.00 from the personnel services category to the in-state travel category, \$542,211.00 from the personnel services category to the operating category, \$27,688.00 from the personnel services category to the

maintenance of buildings and grounds category, \$1,164,465.00 from the personnel services category to the professional services category and \$2,825.00 from the personnel services category to the training category to maintain environment of care at a level that enables the agency to maintain accreditation. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C31163** 

Jeff Mohlenkamp, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), Department of Health and Human Services, identified himself for the record and introduced Stuart J. Ghertner, Ph.D., Director, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS), and Lori Judge, Administrative Services Officer, SNAMHS, Division of MHDS, Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Mohlenkamp requested Committee approval to transfer \$1,764,710 from Category 01, Personnel Services, to Category 03, In-State Travel; Category 04, Operating Expenses; Category 07, Maintenance; Category 08, Professional Services; and Category 30, Training, to cover projected expenditure shortfalls in fiscal year 2007.

Mr. Mohlenkamp indicated agency representatives were "fully aware" that requesting a transfer of funds late in the fiscal year was "troublesome" and expressed assurance that future requests would be made prior to obligating expenditures.

Mr. Mohlenkamp advised that opening the new Rawson-Neal Hospital in mid-2006 and a fourth pod later in the year presented operating cost increases that he said the agency did not adequately budget for and did not "fully identify" until the later part of March 2007.

Mr. Mohlenkamp indicated that the agency had reviewed purchasing and encumbrance processes and were in the process of implementing changes that would provide more timely information regarding the occurrence of cost overruns. Additionally, he said that additional fiscal positions, authorized by the 2007 Legislature, at the central office division level would provide an elevated level of oversight over agency operations.

Chairman Arberry asked whether the agency had any options if the Committee voted not to approve the work program request.

Mr. Mohlenkamp indicated that the SNAMHS incurred obligations in many of the previously mentioned categories, and if the Committee chose not to approve the work program request, the SNAMHS could not meet those obligations.

In response to Chairman Arberry who questioned the corrective action the agency was undertaking, Mr. Mohlenkamp provided the following information:

- Agency representatives reviewed the purchasing process and suggested the implementation of centralized functions to ensure the availability of a tracking mechanism.
- The Division's fiscal unit would implement procedures to identify future cost overrun expenditures in a more timely fashion.
- Modifications would be implemented to encumber future expenditures with the ability to restrict funds and to make timely decisions relative to cost overruns.

Although the cost overruns were not excessive, Mr. Mohlenkamp reiterated that changes had to be implemented that would allow earlier identification of problems.

Assemblywoman Leslie expressed displeasure in learning about the cost overruns but indicated that the way the SNAMHS was managing the Rawson-Neal Hospital was of greater concern. Assemblywoman Leslie asked for an update on the status of the hospital receiving its Joint Commission on Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) accreditation.

Dr. Stuart Ghertner, Agency Director, SNAMHS, indicated that the Rawson-Neal Hospital had received a preliminary letter of denial for accreditation from the JCAHO. The SNAMHS appealed the denial, and the current expectation was that the hospital would receive an upgrade to a "conditional" accreditation. Dr. Ghertner advised that a conditional accreditation would require the development of a quarterly corrective action plan for the next twelve months after which the hospital would be upgraded to either full accreditation or continue on conditional status until additional corrections were made.

Assemblywoman Leslie requested that the Committee continue to be regularly informed relative to the status of JCAHO accreditation and the corrective action plan, which she indicated needed to be closely monitored.

Dr. Ghertner agreed to provide the required updates and indicated he shared the Committee's concerns regarding hospital operations, the quality of care provided to patients, and efforts to improve services. Dr. Ghertner indicated he believed that staffing changes, as well as the improvements and the upgrades that were discussed, would resolve the issues.

Assemblyman Parks expressed concern regarding the cost overruns in the Operating and Professional Services' categories and asked whether the SNAMHS projected increased costs to be ongoing.

Lori Judge, ASO, SNAMHS, anticipated that Operating category costs would continue to increase because of the Rawson-Neal Hospital, but projected a decrease in cost over

time for the Professional Services category as professional staff members were hired into permanent positions.

Senator Cegavske expressed concern regarding a recent security issue that occurred on the SNAMHS campus and asked agency representatives whether a secondary security plan had been implemented.

Dr. Ghertner confirmed the implementation of a secondary plan and explained that the recent security breach was a result of keying identification cards for the doors so that there was no secondary backup for individuals to enter the facility. Dr. Ghertner advised that keying for the security cards was changed so that it was currently not possible for the doors to remain open or for individuals to enter the facility without using a security card.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 83.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

84. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services – Management Information Systems – FY 07 – Transfer of \$566.00 from the in-state travel category to the personnel services category and \$50,715.00 from the data infrastructure grant (DIG) category to the personnel services category to cover staff costs for data processing and information system quality improvement. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31170

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

85. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Cancer Control Registry – FY 07 – Transfer of \$100,000.00 from the personnel services category to the cancer prevention & control category to allow contract personnel to provide data entry services to reduce the state's death certificate backlog. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the cancer prevention & control category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33015

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

86. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Cancer Control Registry – FY 07 – Addition of \$92,583.00 in national cancer prevention and control federal funds to collect data for preparation of the Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Report and the Nevada Cancer Fact Sheet. Requires

Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the national cancer prevention and control category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33010** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

87. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Radiological Health FY 07 – Addition of \$186,418.00 in radiological material and x-ray fees to protect public health, safety, and the environment by regulating sources of radiation. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31295

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

88. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Health Facilities – FY 07 – Addition of \$225,000.00 in licenses and fees to fund additional contract staff to meet increased workload for licensing, enforcement and regulation of health care facilities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33018

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

89. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Health Facilities – FY 07 – Transfer of \$22,935.00 from the reserve category to the medical lab inspections category to support ongoing surveys of the state's medical laboratories. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the medical lab inspections category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33017

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

90. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Community Health Services – FY 07 – Addition of \$200,000.00 in social services block grant funds transferred from the Health and Human Services Director's Office to provide support for the Community Health Nursing Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Title XX category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C31244

Chairman Arberry announced that Item 90 required a public hearing.

Amy Roukie, Administrative Services Officer, Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services, appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$200,000 in social services block grant funding transferred from the Department of

Health and Human Services' Director's Office to support the Community Health Nursing Program. Ms. Roukie stated that the addition of the block grant funding required a public hearing.

In response to Assemblywoman Leslie who questioned whether the funding was in keeping with the Health Division's recently approved budget for the Community Health Nursing Program, Ms. Roukie advised that the funding was from a newly acquired subgrant received from the Director's Office. Additionally, she indicated that the Division would submit a work program to bring the authority into fiscal year 2008. Ms. Roukie advised that the funding the Division previously received purchased vaccines in the Immunization Budget Account 3213, which could now be "shifted" to support immunization activities in the rural areas.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 90 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 90.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Raggio was not present for the vote.)

91. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Communicable Disease Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$95,081.00 in tuberculosis elimination and laboratory program federal grant funds to provide support to subgrantees and training to staff in the prevention and elimination of tuberculosis. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the tuberculosis elimination category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33012

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

92. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Communicable Disease Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$56,782.00 in federal tobacco grant funds, \$16,305.00 in federal chronic disease prevention and health promotion-arthritis grant funds and \$67,341.00 in National Cancer Prevention and Control Program federal grant funds to develop programs, and implement regulations to control communicable diseases in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the comprehensive cancer category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31242

93. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Sexually Transmitted Disease Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$640,153.00 in federal HIV/AIDS surveillance grant funds to provide funding for subgrantees to conduct case investigation, quality assurance and database activities related to HIV/AIDS. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the AIDS surveillance category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33020

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

94. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Sexually Transmitted Disease Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$8,085.00 in Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program funds and \$32,135.00 in federal Immunization Program grant funds to support.—immunizations, screening, testing, risk reduction and wellness program activities salary expenses. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount deducted from the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31299

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

95. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Sexually Transmitted Disease Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$2,122,663.00 in federal HIV prevention projects grant funds to provide funding for testing, treatment and disease investigations, as well as HIV/Aids education programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the HIV/AIDS education category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31240

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

96. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Maternal Child Health Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$135.00 from the personnel services category to the operating category and \$13,865.00 from the personnel services category to the University of Nevada Reno primary care category to provide stipends to medical students who complete the clinical rotation at one of the state's rural medical clinics with the goal being that the student will remain in Nevada to establish a medical practice. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the University of Nevada Reno primary care category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33008

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

97. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Early Intervention Services – FY 07 – Addition of \$8,309.00 in federal childcare block grant funding transferred from the Division of Welfare and Supportive

Services to provide early intervention services to eligible clients. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the rural category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C31297

Chairman Arberry announced that Item 97 required a public hearing.

Amy Roukie, Administrative Services Officer, Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services, appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$8,309 in federal childcare block grant funding transferred from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to support the Early Intervention Services Budget Account 3208. Ms. Roukie stated the addition of the block grant funding required a public hearing because the work program request would increase authority for the contract with the Welfare Division for child care block grant funding.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 97 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 97.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

98. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Emergency Medical Services – FY 07 – Addition of \$79,981.00 in federal emergency medical services for children grant funds to evaluate and improve emergency medical care to the pediatric population of Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the emergency medical services for children category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33013

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

99. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Public Health Preparedness Program – FY 07 – Addition of \$40,700.00 in Homeland Security Grant Program award funds to conduct medical surge and mass prophylaxis activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Homeland Security Grant Program category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33014

100. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Public Health Preparedness Program – FY 07 – Transfer of \$200,606.00 from the personnel services category to the bioterrorism preparedness category, \$85,501.00 from the hospital preparedness category to the bioterrorism preparedness category and \$33,430.00 from the hospital preparedness category to the epidemiology and lab capacity category to enhance state and local public health infrastructure, and develop plans for biological, chemical, radiological, nuclear and explosive events. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the bioterrorism preparedness category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33006

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

101. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Public Health Preparedness Program – FY 07 – Addition of \$7,214,277.00 in bioterrorism grant from the Centers for Disease Control to support state and local pandemic influenza preparedness, and response planning efforts. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Centers for Disease Control bioterrorism preparedness category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33007

Amy Roukie, Administrative Services Officer, Health Division, identified herself for the record and introduced Richard Whitley, Deputy Administrator, Health Division, and Heidi Sakelarios, Program Manager, Public Health Preparedness Program, Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services.

The request before the Committee was for the addition of \$7,214,277 in bioterrorism grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control.

Senator Raggio asked agency representatives to discuss how they proposed to use the funding for state and local pandemic influenza preparedness.

Heidi Sakelarios, Program Manager, Public Health Preparedness Program, stated that the pandemic influenza funding was made available to states through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which provided a guide for state and local communities to plan and prepare for a pandemic influenza.

Senator Raggio referenced the expenditure categories (<u>Exhibit E</u>) for CDC Bioterrorism and U. S. Health Resources and Services (HRSA) Hospital Preparedness and asked agency representatives to specifically address how the funds would be used.

Ms. Sakelarios advised that the expenditure categories (<u>Exhibit E</u>) for the Public Health Preparedness Program, Budget Account 3218, listed on page 280 of the Committee's Information Packet, included three federal grants received by the Health Division for public health and hospital preparedness. Ms. Sakelarios advised that the majority of the

funds in categories 22 and 23 were subgrant funds to state recipients for public health and hospital preparedness. The recipients of the funding at the local level were Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County District Health Department, Carson City Health and Human Services, and the Nevada Hospital Association who would utilize the funds to address the deliverables in the grant guide.

Ms. Sakelarios provided the following examples of expenditures:

- Funds to the Nevada Hospital Association would ensure that hospitals across Nevada had the adequate capacity to quarantine infected patients.
- Funds would be used to provide for caches of pharmaceutical and medical materials, such as ventilators for use during a pandemic or other disaster.

Senator Raggio requested a breakdown of expenditures from hospitals and health districts, which Ms. Sakelarios agreed to provide.

In response to a request for information from Assemblywoman Leslie who recalled attending a workshop in Las Vegas on the influenza pandemic during which a state plan was provided, Ms. Sakelarios agreed to provide a weekly update on the influenza pandemic in addition to a copy of the State plan.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 101.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN WEBER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

**102. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Public Health Preparedness Program – FY 07 –** Addition of \$124,547.00 in epidemiology and laboratory capacity funds to support public health infrastructure in the area of epidemiology and laboratory capacity for infectious diseases. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added the epidemiology and laboratory capacity category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33005** 

103. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Tax on Liquor Program Account – FY 07 – Addition of \$85,595.00 in liquor tax funds, and transfer of \$59,771.00 from the reserve category to the alcohol program category to fund community programs for civil protective custody and detoxification services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the alcohol program category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33003

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

104. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation – FY 07 – Addition of \$75,000.00 in synectics state outcomes measurement and management system subcontract award funds to report critical data elements regarding substance abuse treatment facilities for the purpose of performance measurement. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the synectics category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31293

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

105. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Division – Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation – FY 07 – Addition of \$8,141,322.00 in federal substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant funds to provide support to substance abuse and treatment programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the substance abuse prevention and treatment category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C31290

Chairman Arberry announced that Item 105 required a public hearing.

Jeff Mohlenkamp, Administrative Services Officer, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services, identified himself for the record and introduced Maria Canfield, Director Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), and Greg Weyland, Deputy Director, SAPTA, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Mohlenkamp appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$8,141,322 in federal SAPT block grant funding that would be used to support substance abuse and treatment programs.

Senator Raggio asked for the amount of funding provided in subgrants to agencies for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse during the 2005-07 biennium. Senator Raggio indicated he had received complaints from various agencies who claimed they were either left out of the process or did not receive the amount of funding they anticipated.

Greg Weyland, Deputy Director, SAPTA, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services, advised that overall there was approximately \$14 million per year in treatment funding available.

Senator Raggio referenced a March 29, 2007, memorandum that included a list of Category 28 Subgrant obligations (Exhibit F) and asked for information relative to the selection of the agencies on the list.

Mr. Weyland provided the following information:

- All community organizations for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse were invited to apply for funding through a publicly advertised Request for Application (RFA) process.
- A deadline for submittal was included in the RFA, which also required a letter of intent from interested participants.
- The selection process included a review of applications by staff, objective evaluators, and clinicians who were selected from volunteers with knowledge of treatment areas, other state and University System staff, and members of the community.

Senator Raggio questioned the length of the funding commitment, and Mr. Weyland advised that it was a three-year commitment.

Assemblywoman Leslie shared Senator Raggio's concerns and asked whether the SAPTA was currently in the second or third year of commitments.

Maria Canfield, Director, SAPTA, Department of Health and Human Services, advised that the SAPTA was just entering the second year of commitments.

Assemblywoman Leslie discussed the problems that had occurred when funding for a participating agency in Reno was reduced to the point that patients had to be sent to Carson and Fallon. Assemblywoman Leslie pointed out that just entering the second year of the funding commitment would mean that the problems would continue for the next two years.

Ms. Canfield advised that the SAPTA was successful, during the 2007 Legislative Session, in receiving additional State General Fund money for the treatment wait list as well for a co-occurring pilot project. Ms. Canfield advised that an RFA for the

distribution of treatment wait-list funds was in the process of being developed and would be released by the middle of July.

Senator Cegavske indicated that she had requested a list of providers during the legislative session, which she did not recall receiving. Additionally, the Senator indicated she had received a number of calls from constituents who wanted referrals for aftercare programs.

Ms. Canfield advised that she would mail a copy of the information directly to the Senator.

Senator Cegavske indicated she wanted information specifically about aftercare programs.

Ms. Canfield defined aftercare as outpatient-treatment services and advised that a lengthy treatment engagement involved moving clients into recovery support services.

Senator Cegavske also expressed concern regarding a previous statement relative to a reduction in funding and recalled that funding appropriated by the 2007 Legislature for substance-abuse treatment was substantial.

Ms. Canfield confirmed that the legislatively approved funding was substantial for both substance abuse prevention and treatment. Additionally, Ms. Canfield advised that the provider information included all providers for outpatient treatment, and if a certified provider on the list was terminating clients who had received residential treatment without providing outpatient services, the SAPTA would appreciate receiving that information. Ms. Canfield said that terminating clients without providing outpatient services was not the expectation of SAPTA and was not what was agreed to with the provision of funds.

Senator Cegavske requested additional information be provided to her on the availability of treatment for the prevention and treatment of substance abuse as well as the length of time treatment was provided.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 105 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 105.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

106. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services – Field Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$42,000.00 from the utilities category to the buildings and grounds maintenance category to cover unanticipated costs for building signs that reflect the division's new name, security guard services, and maintenance issues for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the buildings and grounds maintenance category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C22588

Chairman Arberry announced that Item 106 required a public hearing.

Nancy Ford, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, identified herself for the record and introduced Romaine Gilliland, Deputy Administrator, Administrative Services and Administrative Services Officer, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Ford appeared before the Committee to request approval to decrease authority in Category 59, Utilities by \$42,000 for transfer to Category 07, Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, to cover a projected shortfall. Ms. Ford advised that Item 106 required a public hearing because it involved the transfer of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families' (TANF) block grant funds.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 106 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 106.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

107. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Welfare and Supportive Services – Energy Assistance Program – FY 07 – Addition of \$3,296,157.00 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEA) federal block grant funds to fund recipient payments intended to address home energy costs/increases for low income Nevadans. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the LIHEA Payments category involves the allocation of block grant funds, and this action requires a public hearing. Work Program #C22574

Chairman Arberry announced that Item 107 required a public hearing.

Nancy Ford, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, identified herself for the record and introduced Romaine Gilliland, Deputy Administrator, Administrative Services and Administrative Services Officer, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Ford appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$3,296,157 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEA) federal block grant funds, which required a public hearing.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 107 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 107.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

108. Department of Health and Human Services – Division for Aging Services – Older Americans Act – FY 07 – Addition of \$226,856.00 in federal administrative cost allowance funds to provide administrative support to Title III programs for seniors which include supportive services, nutrition services, preventive health services and support for caregivers. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C26388. WITHDRAWN JUNE 19, 2007.

Work Program #C26388 was withdrawn on June 19, 2007.

109. Department of Health and Human Services – Division for Aging Services – Older Americans Act – FY 07 – Addition of \$224,768.00 in state Health Insurance Assistance Program federal grant funds to continue providing health insurance assistance to seniors in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the state Health Insurance Assistance Program category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C26389. WITHDRAWN JUNE 19, 2007.

Work Program #C26389 was withdrawn on June 19, 2007.

110. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Aging Services – Older Americans Act – FY 08 – Addition of \$169,917.00 \$170,512.00 in Aging and Disability Resource Center federal grant funds to create a single source of information, and assist elderly and disabled individuals and their families with long-term care options available in their community. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Aging and Disability Resource Center

category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C26393. REVISED JUNE 19, 2007.** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

111. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Washoe County Integration – FY 07 Addition of \$3,252,845.00 \$2,469,269.00 in federal child welfare services (Title IV-E) funds to continue to reimburse Washoe County for their costs associated with case management functions for foster care and adoptions, family preservation, centralized intake, family foster care and emergency care, foster care/group home licensing, eligibility and foster care recruitment. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the child welfare category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25112. REVISED JUNE 15, 2007.

Fernando Serrano, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, (DCFS), introduced Tina Leahy, Administrative Services Officer, DCFS, Department of Health and Human Services, and Scott Mayne who represented Washoe County Department of Social Services.

Mr. Serrano appeared before the Committee to request approval for the addition of \$2,469,269 in federal Title IV-E revenue to reimburse Washoe County for Title IV-E expenses associated with child welfare integration.

Chairman Arberry noted that a \$16,455 State General Fund appropriation, which was overdrawn by Washoe County in fiscal year 2006, had not yet been repaid and asked whether the county planned to reimburse the funds to the State.

Scott Mayne, representing Washoe County Social Services, advised that the \$16,455 drawn in 2006 would be repaid but explained that there had been a delay in the payment of federal funds to the county, and reimbursement was a matter of timing.

Terri Humes, Fiscal Manager, Washoe County Department of Social Services, advised that after meeting with the DCFS Fiscal staff and arriving at a resolution for the payment of federal funds to the county, a check for the outstanding \$16,455 would be mailed by Thursday, July 5, 2007.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Item 111 to public discussion. There being no response to the request for public discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM 111.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Titus was not present for the vote.)

112. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Child Welfare Trust – FY 07 – Transfer of \$30,848.00 from the reserve category to the refund Social Security/client rural category to allow for refunds of Social Security Administration funds to children no longer in state custody. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the refund Social Security/client rural category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25111

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

113. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Child Abuse and Neglect – FY 07 – Transfer of \$15,670.00 from the child abuse category to the personnel services category to cover anticipated personnel costs for improving child protective service systems through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the child abuse category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C25108

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

114. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Caliente Youth Center – FY 07 – Transfer of \$45,000.00 from the operating category to the utilities category to cover anticipated utilities costs for the co-educational juvenile residential facility. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C21423

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

115. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Nevada Youth Training Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$87,910.00 from the operating category to the utilities category to cover anticipated utilities costs for the juvenile residential facility in Elko, Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the utility category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C11660

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

116. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$49,999.00 from the operating category to the utilities category

to cover projected utility costs for five neighborhood family care centers, five on-campus treatment homes and Desert Willow Treatment Center. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C13480

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

117. Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child and Family Services - Summit View Youth Correctional Center – FY 07 – Transfer of \$54,750.00 from the private contractor category to the personnel services category and \$40,250.00 from the utilities category to the personnel services category to cover personnel costs associated with the maximum security facility for young male offenders. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C28141

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

118. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Administrative Services – FY 07 – Transfer of \$10,000.00 from the reserve category to the operating category and \$10,000.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to pay ongoing operating and utility expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C25340

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

119. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Administrative Services - Information Development and Processing – FY 07 – Transfer of \$21,000.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to meet ongoing expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25342

120. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Administrative Services - Information Development and Processing – FY 07 – Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to cover increased utility costs through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C25328

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

121. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Rehabilitation Division - Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired – FY 07 – Addition of \$6,776.00 in Social Security Administration reimbursement and \$28,281.00 in General Fund salary adjustment funds to pay projected payroll costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25349

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**122.** Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Employment Security Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$20,000.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to cover costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25333

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

123. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Employment Security Division – FY 07 – Transfer of \$79,841.00 from the research and analysis cost category to the operating category and \$120,159.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to fund additional unanticipated rent, and one-stop office and janitorial costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25332

124. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Employment Security Division – Career Enhancement Program – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,700,000.00 in wage assessment funds and \$250,000.00 in Treasurer's interest distribution to augment authority for receipts and pay for added one-stop center costs and utility expenses. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25330

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

125. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Employment Security Division – Employment Security Special Fund – FY 09 – Addition Transfer of \$965,937.00 in Reed Act funds \$965,704.00 from the reserve category to the unemployment insurance modernization category to study the replacement of the current unemployment insurance contributions and benefits computer system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added transferred to the Unemployment Insurance Modernization category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25347. RELATES TO 126. REVISED JUNE 15, 2007.

Chairman Arberry announced that the Committee would consider work program Items 125 and 126 concurrently.

John MacNab, Management Analyst, Administrative Services, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), identified himself for the record and distributed a document entitled, *UI Modernization Project* (Exhibit G).

Mr. MacNab appeared before the Committee to request approval to transfer \$1,626,397 in fiscal year 2008 and \$965,704 in fiscal year 2009 from the Reserve category to a newly established category to fund a 24-month study that would develop the specifications for the replacement of the current unemployment insurance (UI) benefit and contribution information systems.

Mr. MacNab indicated that federal funding for the project was included in the Governor's recommended budget for the 2007-09 biennium. However, after considering the proposal, the 2007 Legislature placed the recommended funding in reserve and directed the agency to appear before the Interim Finance Committee with additional justification for the project's \$2.6 million cost.

Mr. MacNab provided the following information relative to the UI Modernization Project:

 Replacement of 30-year old UI contributions benefits accounting systems that were designed around obsolete database and coding techniques that limited DETR's ability to satisfy new federal and state UI processing requirements.

- o It was critical to begin Phase I of the project on our about July 1, 2007, to meet 2010-11 biennium budget timelines.
- Delays in project implementation, underfunding, or project cancellation would introduce additional risks for a successful project outcome and to the Employment Security Division's (ESD) ability to provide timely UI services to Nevada businesses and unemployed citizens.

Valerie Ryan, Deputy Administrator, Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation, addressed the following concerns brought forth by the Senate Committee on Finance during their consideration of the project:

• The Senate Committee on Finance questioned why detailed requirements were necessary for a program operated nationwide.

The UI program was a federal-state partnership that operated in fifty states and three territories. While the basic goals of the program were the same, states had the flexibility to design individual programs to meet the unique needs of the business and labor constituency within each individual state.

Variance by individual state law was the primary factor that prevented the U. S. Department of Labor from developing a one-size-fits-all solution. Ms. Ryan indicated that a Department of Labor publication highlighted the multitude of variations between state laws used to administer unemployment insurance, and a national program importing systems from other states was an option frequently considered. However, imported systems had to be tailored to provide state program compatibility as experienced in 2000 when DETR imported Utah's Unemployment Insurance Benefit system, and the cost of reengineering the system to match Nevada law was \$9 million.

 The Senate Committee on Finance asked DETR to compare the UI Modernization Project with the core functionality of the Department of Corrections' Nevada Offender Tracking Information System (NOTIS).

Ms. Ryan advised that although both systems had a comparable degree of complex business modules, the primary difference was the size of the scope of the UI Modernization Project. Ms. Ryan advised that DETR had not one, but two large integrated systems for which to define requirements. Additionally, she indicated that DETR's reliance on a high degree of automation was best illustrated by its 250 Unemployment Insurance employees that supported a client base of 57,000 employers and 300,000 claimants while maintaining security over 6.5 million wage records for Nevada workers.

The Senate Committee on Finance asked for justification of the projected costs.

Ms. Ryan advised that DETR was requesting an initial investment of \$2.6 million for Phase 1 of the Project, which would complete requirement definitions for the Nevada Unemployment Insurance Contributions and Benefits Systems and produce a Request for Proposal (RFP) for system development.

Ms. Ryan stated that although the \$20 million to \$30 million estimate for final system development and implementation of the Project might appear high compared with other automation requests in Nevada, the cost was reasonable when compared to the \$45 million in federal Reed Act Funds awarded to the Virginia Employment Commission to modernize its UI system. Ms. Ryan advised that the ESD could also provide the Committee with current cost information regarding other states' UI modernization projects.

Ms. Ryan stated that at current UI staffing levels, DETR did not have the internal resources sufficient to maintain UI production demands and define detailed system requirements at the same time. Ms. Ryan closed her remarks by asking for the Committee's favorable consideration of the work program requests totaling \$2.6 million, which she indicated were an appropriate and essential investment of federal Reed Act Funds that would provide DETR with the necessary resources to ensure project success and maintain business continuity.

Senator Beers noted that 1,400 hours was used in the approved Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Technology Investment Request (TIR) as the annual productive rate for subject matter experts, including department staff and outside consultants. Senator Beers questioned how the 1,400-hour annual productive rate was determined for dedicated project staff.

Dave Haws, Information Development and Processing Division Administrator, DETR, testified that internal staff would be used to help reduce the requirement definition but could not be utilized 100 percent of the time because they would continue to have daily activities that had to be completed.

Senator Beers pointed out that the most successful project in Nevada's recent past pulled subject matter experts (SME) from their agency to temporarily backfill positions.

Mr. Haws responded that DETR planned to use Master Service Agreement (MSA) resources and perhaps retired DETR employees who had unemployment insurance knowledge to assist in producing the Phase 1 requirements. Mr. Haws pointed out that backfilling all of the positions involved in identifying the requirements would substantially increase costs.

Senator Beers defined the choices as "mutually exclusive" and indicated that using subject matter experts part-time for system design and part-time for routine daily

activities was not feasible. He said that backfilling positions would free employees to be full-time subject matter experts.

Mr. Haws reiterated that DETR planned to use staff with the necessary expertise during the requirements planning and definition portion of the project but would require them to spend two or three hours a day completing some of their day-to-day activities.

Senator Beers pointed out that the Committee's staff had not received the current cost information regarding other states' UI modernization projects mentioned earlier by Ms. Ryan.

Mr. Haws advised that he had copies of other states' cost information, which he indicated he would provide.

Senator Beers proposed deferring the requests for the transfer of funds until the following Interim Finance Committee (IFC). Senator Beers told the agency representatives that critical information regarding the requests could not be provided on the day of an IFC meeting since consideration of agency requests was a staff-driven process.

Mr. Haws indicated he believed that the much of the information had been provided to staff.

Senator Beers said that staff wanted information to substantiate the total costs for the project, and while the document that had been distributed provided some information, 300,000 claimants and 57,000 employers did not produce as much transactional volume and diversity as the present system.

Mr. Haws maintained that the UI Modernization Project was "very comparable, if not more so" to the transactional levels of the Department of Corrections' Nevada Offender Tracking Information System (NOTIS). Additionally, he pointed out that DETR's system supported a larger constituency and ran on a mainframe with a database that was twenty years old, while continuing to collect more information on the workforce of Nevada.

Senator Beers reiterated that transactional diversity, not transactional volume, drove the complexity and cost of the project.

Mr. Haws discussed the diversity of the agency's applications and the two complex and specialized accounting systems as well as 15 other ancillary systems that were dependent on the accounting systems to produce federal and state reports and to ensure that appeals and cases from Nevada businesses and claimants were properly processed.

A one-page document providing information on the amounts spent by other states for their applications was not distributed to the Committee.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED TO DEFER ACTION ON ITEMS 125 AND 126 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE IFC AND THAT THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ANALYSIS BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Assemblyman Denis asked whether deferring the work program requests until the following meeting would impact the project timeline.

Mr. Haws advised that deferring approval of the request for several months would move project completion to the end of fiscal year 2009 making it difficult to develop a complete budget for the remaining portion of implementing the applications.

Senator Beers indicated that a two-month delay on a 24-month time frame would not cause "cataclysmic issues" for a well-prepared project.

Chairman Arberry noted there was a motion by Senator Beers to defer the work program requests, which was seconded by Assemblyman Denis.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Hardy and Senator Raggio voted nay.)

Assemblywoman Buckley indicated the Committee was supportive of the project but agreed with Senator Beers that the methodology and timeline was cause for concern. Assemblywoman Buckley suggested that the Committee provide the agency with direction.

Senator Beers stated that the planning duration for the project would be adversely affected by part-time subject matter experts rather than full-time backfill subject matter experts. Additionally, Senator Beers said that information on other states' cost information for similar systems had to be provided to staff for analysis.

Assemblywoman Buckley suggested that the agency address Senator Beers' concerns and work with the Committee's staff prior to the next IFC meeting.

126. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Employment Security Division – Employment Security Special Fund – FY 08 – Addition of \$1,625,565.00 in Reed Act funds Transfer of \$1,626,397.00 from the reserve category to the unemployment insurance modernization category to study the replacement of the current Unemployment Insurance Contributions and

Benefits computer system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added transferred to the unemployment insurance modernization category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C25343. RELATES TO 125. REVISED JUNE 15, 2007.

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 125.

127. Department of Corrections – Director's Office – FY 07 – Addition of \$75.00 in returned check fees and \$10,568.00 in ducat sales, and deletion of \$10,643.00 in Social Security Incentive Program funds, and transfer of \$5,790.00 from the operating category to the in-state travel category, \$2,050.00 from the operating category to the employee drug tests category, \$7,499.00 from the operating category to the video teleconferencing category, \$2,184.00 from the equipment category to the video teleconferencing category and \$36,943.00 from the inmate drug tests category to the inmate transportation category to realign revenues and corresponding expenditures based on projections through the end of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the inmate transportation category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31944

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

128. Department of Corrections – Prison Medical Care – FY 07 – Addition of \$10,102.00 in boarder reimbursement, \$6,174.00 in reimbursement and \$17,004.00 in transfer inmate welfare copays, and transfer of \$44,085.00 from the equipment category to the operating category, \$14,611.00 from the equipment category to the inmate-driven category, \$2,034.00 from the information services category to the inmate driven-category, \$2,641.00 from the information services category to the utilities category, \$149.00 from the training category to the utilities category and \$480.00 from the ACLS training category to the utilities category to partially fund projected expenditures through the end of fiscal year 2007 and to place in reserve additional funding received per Section 7 of the Authorizations Act. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the equipment category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31973

129. Department of Corrections – Prison Medical Care – FY 07 – Addition of \$477,679.00 in transfer from inmate welfare account per A.B. 389 to fund projected medical copay expenditures from the inmate welfare account per NRS 209.246 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the inmate driven category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33704

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

130. Department of Corrections – Correctional Programs – FY 07 – Deletion of \$196,243.00 in budgetary transfer to fund statewide projected shortfalls within the Department of Corrections. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31948

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**131. Department of Corrections – Ely State Prison – FY 07 –** Addition of \$100,000.00 in budgetary transfer from High Desert State Prison to fund projected utility expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. **Work Program #C33712** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

132. Department of Corrections – High Desert State Prison – FY 07 – Deletion of \$100,000.00 in budgetary transfer to Ely State Prison and transfer of \$14,700.00 from the utilities category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the utilities category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C33714

133. Department of Corrections – Northern Nevada Correctional Center – FY 07 Addition of \$6,521.00 in bakery sales, \$1,909.00 in reimbursements, and deletion of \$12,639.00 in room and board receipts, \$838.00 in laundry services, \$805.00 in prison employee services and \$980.00 in meal sales to align projected revenues and corresponding expenditures per fiscal year end projections. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the contract services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31989

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

134. Department of Corrections – Lovelock Correctional Center – FY 07 – Addition of \$179,536.00 in budgetary transfer, \$23,569.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, \$8,432.00 in jail meals and \$258.00 in meal sales, and deletion of \$2,231.00 in prison employee services, and transfer of \$321.00 from the operating category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the inmate-driven category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31954

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

135. Department of Corrections – Southern Nevada Correctional Center – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,000.00 in reimbursement, and deletion of \$597,744.00 in budgetary transfer, \$1,000.00 in employee services and \$15,195.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$235,315.00 from the utilities category to the personnel services category and \$5,803.00 from the utilities category to the uniform allowance category to fund statewide projected shortfalls within the Department of Corrections. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31958

136. Department of Corrections – Southern Nevada Correctional Center – FY 07 – Transfer of \$78,227.00 from the utilities category to the personnel services category, \$8,633.00 from the utilities category to the uniform allowance category and \$9,958.00 from the utilities category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33711

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

137. Department of Corrections – Warm Springs Correctional Center – FY 07 – Addition of \$43,106.00 in budgetary transfer, and deletion of \$136.00 in meal sales, and transfer of \$9,505.00 from the utilities category to the inmate driven-category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the revenue category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C31959

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

138. Department of Corrections – Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Center – FY 07 – Addition of \$165,930.00 in budgetary transfer, \$1,377.00 in room, board, and transportation charges and \$31.00 in meal sales, and transfer of \$8,833.00 from the operating category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the inmate-driven category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31979

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

139. Department of Corrections – Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Center – FY 07 – Transfer of \$2,518.00 from the utilities category to the uniform allowance category and \$6,783.00 from the utilities category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the inmate-driven category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33713

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**140.** Department of Corrections – Casa Grande Transitional Housing – FY 07 – Deletion of \$185,133.00 in room, board and transportation charges, and transfer of \$196,582.00 from the operating category to the personnel services category

and \$22,580.00 from the inmate-driven category to the personnel services category to realign revenues and corresponding expenditures based on projections through the end of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31946

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

141. Department of Corrections – Northern Nevada Restitution Center – FY 07 Addition of \$22,598.00 in budgetary transfer and \$32,170.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and \$206.00 from the equipment category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the revenue category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C31960

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

142. Department of Corrections – Stewart Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$23,664.00 in budgetary transfer and \$17,944.00 in room, board, and transportation charges to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the revenue category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C31949

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

143. Department of Corrections – Pioche Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$44,984.00 in budgetary transfer and \$10,337.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and deletion of \$7,446.00 in jail meals, and transfer of \$2,253.00 from the equipment category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the revenue category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C31950

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**144.** Department of Corrections – Indian Springs Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$24,003.00 from budgetary transfer and \$30,373.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$81.00 from the equipment category to

the utilities category and \$834.00 from the maintenance contracts category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. **Work Program #C31941** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

145. Department of Corrections – Wells Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$28,897.00 in budgetary transfer and \$8,248.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$360.00 from the equipment category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31951

Refer to motion for approval under Item E

146. Department of Corrections – Humboldt Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$77,023.00 in budgetary transfer and \$10,570.00 in room, board, and transportation charges to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31963

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

147. Department of Corrections – Ely Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$23,872.00 in budgetary transfer and \$11,196.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$656.00 from the equipment category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31952

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**148.** Department of Corrections – Silver Springs Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$69,621.00 in budgetary transfer and \$8,999.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$46.00 from the equipment category to the

utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the inmate-driven category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. **Work Program #C31961** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

149. Department of Corrections – Carlin Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$5,934.00 in budgetary transfer and \$10,382.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$10,724.00 from the equipment category to the inmate-driven category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the revenue category includes a budgetary transfer that balances against other work programs. Work Program #C31953

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

150. Department of Corrections – Tonopah Conservation Camp – FY 07 – Addition of \$84,819.00 in budgetary transfer and \$14,683.00 in room, board, and transportation charges, and transfer of \$27.00 from the equipment category to the utilities category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year via a budgetary transfer and a categorical transfer, and to place in reserve, for reversion, projected revenues above budgeted amount. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31962

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**151. Department of Corrections – Offenders' Store Fund – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$64,088.00 from the retained earnings category to the debit phone payments category to fund projected inmate phone activity for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the debit phone payments category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33709

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**152. Department of Corrections – Offenders' Store Fund – FY 09** – Addition of \$525,550.00 in telephone commissions to recognize revenues and corresponding expenditures related to the phone system audit contract implemented to maximize the telephone commission structure. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the phone audit category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33702

Chairman Arberry announced that the Committee would consider Work Program Items 152 and 153 concurrently.

Lorraine Bagwell, Chief of Fiscal Services, Department of Corrections identified herself for the record. Ms. Bagwell requested the Committee's approval of Work Program Items 152 and 153 to provide additional expenditure authority in the Offenders Store Fund for a contract to audit the telephone commissions earned through the Department's existing inmate telephone services contract.

Ms. Bagwell explained that the Department of Corrections entered into a contract with a new vendor, Praeses LLC, to audit telephone commissions and to assist the Department in developing a scope of work for a future Request for Proposal (RFP) for inmate telephone systems. Ms. Bagwell advised that the vendor would review three years' of activity to determine whether the Department had recovered all historical commission funds.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, questioned whether the historical commission funds the contract was reviewing would be collected in fiscal year 2008.

Ms. Bagwell expected that the vendor would bill the telephone company in April or May 2008 and funds would be received in fiscal year 2009. If payments were received earlier, a new work program would be initiated to book the funds in the appropriate fiscal year's receipts.

Mr. Stevens recommended that the Committee approve the work program for fiscal year 2008 but defer action on the fiscal year 2009 work program until the amount of the recovered ongoing monthly commissions could be adequately determined.

Assemblywoman Buckley expressed concern relative to inmate telephone services becoming a profit center at the expense of families whose loved ones were incarcerated. Additionally, Assemblywoman Buckley asked for additional information relative to the audit.

Ms. Bagwell addressed the following components of the contract:

- The vendor would assist the Department of Corrections in developing a future RFP for inmate telephone services
- The vendor would manage transition and equipment changes with the new inmate telephone services contract, meet current technologies, and ensure that the Department of Corrections could monitor inmate telephones and receipt of the appropriate commissions.

- o The vendor would review the prior three years' historical billings and receipts.
- The vendor would be paid \$10,000 per month for the first 12 months of the review period and \$5,000 a month for the next 24 months.
- The vendor would be paid 33 1/3 percent of recovered historical commissions earned but not previously collected and 25 percent of recovered ongoing monthly commissions earned but not previously collected.
- The vendor, selected through the RFP process, had the best experience in commission recoveries and the appropriate technologies with which to conduct the audit.
- The cost was the negotiated rate of recovery to which the vendor was entitled.

Additionally, Ms. Bagwell advised that the Department of Corrections lacked the staff expertise to review internal telephone transmissions and phone company billings to determine whether the Department received the appropriate commissions.

Ms. Bagwell reported that a decline in telephone commission revenue prompted the need for an audit. In fiscal year 2005, the Department earned \$2.7 million in phone commissions, and in fiscal year 2006, the Department earned \$2.4 million with an increased number of inmates using the phone service.

In response to Assemblywoman Buckley who asked how much inmates were being charged per call, Ms. Bagwell, advised that depending on where they were calling, the connect cost charge could range from \$1.50 to \$3.95 and 10 cents to 69 cents a minute depending on whether the call crossed state boundaries.

In response to questions Assemblywoman Buckley asked regarding the recovery of the historical commissions, Ms. Bagwell advised the commissions would be collected from the telephone company and would not affect inmate families or inmates.

In response to questions Assemblywoman Buckley asked regarding whether the future RFP would address the rates charged to prisoners, Ms. Bagwell advised that a change in the rate structure would require going before the Public Utilities Commission since the rate inmates were charged was set by a tariff.

Assemblywoman Buckley asked whether any of the legislative money committees had addressed the issue of generating revenue from inmate telephone calls.

Neither Chairman Arberry nor Assemblyman Parks, Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety/Natural Resources and Transportation and the

Assembly Select Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation could recall addressing the issue.

Senator Beers questioned whether data was available from the vendor that would provide an overall perspective relative to the revenue generated by the commissions.

Darrel Rexwinkel, Deputy Director Support Services, Department of Corrections, explained that the inmate phone system had been an area of ongoing concern. In fiscal year 2004, the Department received over \$22 a year per inmate for calls compared with a current \$16 a year per inmate, but it lacked the expertise to determine whether the inmate phone provider had properly identified and accounted for call volume traffic. Mr. Rexwinkel explained that while staff could review statements, they could not verify the number of calls that inmates placed. He said, however, that the new contractor had the capability to review the call accounting data electronically to determine the volume, which the Department would bill the current inmate phone provider. Mr. Rexwinkel indicated he did not expect to see any revenue collected on commissions until fiscal year 2009 since the provider would require a period for review once the Department billed for additional charges.

Additionally, Mr. Rexwinkel advised that the inmate telephone system generated a substantial amount of revenue for the Inmate Welfare Account, Budget Account 3763, that paid for indigent inmate costs related to medical or property destruction, recreation activities, and law libraries. Mr. Rexwinkel pointed out that reducing the phone rates would require General Fund support for costs currently paid for through the Inmate Welfare Account.

Assemblywoman Buckley indicated that in view of the contract costs and the percentage of recovered and ongoing monthly commissions that would be paid to the contractor, the issues related to inmate phone service were worth reviewing during the 2009 Legislative Session. Assemblywoman Buckley asked Committee and Department staff to work together and gather information on other states' activities relative to inmate phone services that could be used to examine the issues during the 2009 Legislative Session.

Mr. Rexwinkel advised that the current phone company had provided service since 2000, and state accounting and contracting laws required the initiation of a new RFP. Additionally, Mr. Rexwinkel pointed out that if the contractor determined that the phone company had underpaid, the Department would receive two-thirds of recovery that would provide additional revenue to the Inmate Welfare Account.

Assemblyman Hogan noted that the contractor would be substantially paid to assist in developing a new RFP and asked whether the RFP could be expanded to include a requirement for more detailed and verifiable reporting from the provider.

Mr. Rexwinkel advised that the future contract would include audit rights as did the current contract. Mr. Rexwinkel reiterated that the Department lacked the technical expertise to determine whether the appropriate amount of revenue was being received, and retaining an outside vendor to do so was cost efficient. Mr. Rexwinkel indicated that the vendor was working for three other states and gaining additional work because of concerns associated with the telecommunications industry.

Assemblyman Denis expressed agreement with Assemblywoman Buckley's concern regarding the rates but indicated that the audit could determine whether the provider had underpaid commissions.

Assemblyman Parks also expressed agreement with Assemblywoman Buckley's sentiments relative to the phone rates charged to inmates. Additionally, Assemblyman Parks asked how the recovery amount was determined and whether the contractor would recommend technological improvements.

Ms. Bagwell advised that the contractor would recommend technological improvements. Additionally, she indicated that the revenue generated from the contract and the difference in the addition of the 33 1/3 percent of recovered historical commissions would generate an estimated \$525,550.

In response to Senator Cegavske who asked whether there were towers through which phone service was provided on prison properties, Ms. Bagwell indicated there were no towers on site.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO APPROVE WORK PROGRAM ITEM 153 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND TO HOLD WORK PROGRAM ITEM 152 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 UNTIL THE CONTRACTOR COMPLETED THE WORK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TIME TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Ghiggeri, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised that some cell phone towers located at the Southern Nevada Correctional Center (SNCC) were leased through State Lands.

Ms. Bagwell apologized for overlooking the cell phone towers in southern Nevada but indicated that no revenue was generated from cell phone towers, and the cell phone towers at the SNCC were not used for the inmate telephone system.

Mr. Ghiggeri provided clarification that the State General Fund received the revenue from the cell towers through the Division of State Lands.

**153. Department of Corrections – Offenders' Store Fund – <u>FY 08</u> – Transfer of \$115,000.00 from the retained earnings category to the phone audit category to fund the contract for an audit of the inmate phone system needed to maximize the telephone commission structure. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the phone audit category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33701** 

Refer to narrative and motion for approval under Item 152.

**154. Department of Corrections – Inmate Welfare Account – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$231,487.00 from the retained earnings category to the transfer to prison medical copays category to fund projected medical copay expenditures for the inmates per NRS 209.246 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the transfer to prison medical-copays category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33703

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

155. Department of Corrections – Prison Industries – Prison Industry – FY 07 – Transfer of \$33,600.00 from the retained earnings category to the Lovelock Correctional Center garment factory category to fund projected expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year, with the corresponding revenue to be recognized in fiscal year 2008. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Lovelock Correctional Center garment factory category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C23140

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

156. Department of Corrections – Prison Industries – Prison Dairy – FY 07 – Transfer of \$48,000.00 from the retained earnings category to the personnel services category to fund projected payroll expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the retained earnings category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C15382

157. Department of Motor Vehicles – Motor Vehicle Information Technology – FY 07 Transfer of \$9,000.00 from the out-of-state travel category to the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) facility charges category and \$160,000.00 from the data telecommunications category to the DoIT facility charges category to cover higher-than-projected overall usage. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the DoIT facility charges category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31677

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

158. Department of Motor Vehicles – Compliance Enforcement – FY 07 – Transfer of \$10,000.00 from the staff physicals category to the operating category and \$18,500.00 from the information services category to the operating category to cover higher-than-budgeted costs for fuel, vehicle maintenance, and data processing supplies. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the operating category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31679

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

159. Department of Motor Vehicles – Salvage Wreckers/Body Shops – FY 07 – Transfer of \$10,500.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category and \$4,000.00 from the reserve category to the operating category to provide adequate funds for projected salaries and increases in vehicle maintenance and fuel costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount deducted from the reserve category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C31682

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

160. Department of Motor Vehicles – Pollution Control – FY 07 – Addition of \$964,120.00 in pollution control fees to distribute additional fees collected to Washoe and Clark Counties. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the city/county air quality category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C31678

**161. Department of Motor Vehicles – Field Services – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the information services category to the operating category and \$20,000.00 from the utilities category to the operating category to cover higher-than-budgeted costs for building rent. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C31676** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**162. Department of Public Safety – Director's Office – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$3,800.00 from the personnel services category to the operating category, \$18,960.00 from the personnel services category to the equipment category and \$5,000.00 from the personnel services category to the information services category to purchase an identification card system, associated supplies, laptop and a projector. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33425** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**163. Department of Public Safety – Technology Division –** FY 08 – Addition of \$222,053.00 in Byrne justice assistance grant funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety criminal justice to cover the estimated cost of implementing the state's GangNet information system at the Department of Public Safety. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount of the grant exceeds \$100,000.00. Work Program #C33414

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

164. Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management – FY 07 - Addition of \$4,357.00 in Federal Emergency Management Administration – 1540 Hazardous Mitigation Funds, \$4,357.00 in Federal Emergency Management Administration – 1583 Hazardous Mitigation Funds, and transfer of \$10,000.00 Transfer of \$6,660.00 from the out-of-state travel category to the instate travel category to cover anticipated FY 07 budget shortfall in the in-state travel expenditure category. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the in-state travel category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C33407. REVISED JUNE 19, 2007.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**165.** Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management– Assistance **Account – FY 07** – Addition of \$1,379,836.00 in federal Emergency Management

Performance Grant (EMPG) funds to align actual federal grant awards with state budget authority. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the EMPG Aid to Locals category exceeds \$50,000.00. **Work Program #C33451** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

166. Department of Public Safety – Criminal History Repository – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,167,320.00 in civil applicant fees – fingerprints to align revenue and expenditure authority with projections for remainder of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the FBI fingerprint category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33409

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

167. Department of Public Safety – Records and Technology – Criminal History Repository – FY 07 – Transfer of \$36,000.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to cover a projected funding shortfall in FY 07 personnel services expenditure authority. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33408

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

168. Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – FY 07 – Transfer of \$9,000.00 from the in-state travel category to the operating category, \$6,594.00 from the equipment category to the operating category, \$54,879.00 from the Highway Patrol vehicles category to the operating category, \$50,000.00 from the staff physicals category to the operating category, \$84,683.00 from the information services category to the various category, \$13,000.00 from the uniforms category to the operating category, \$3,500.00 from the dyed fuel enforcement category to the operating category, \$8,500.00 from the hazardous materials category to the operating category and \$50,000.00 from the communications high-band system category to the operating category to cover the projected shortfall in the fiscal year 2007 operating, lab services, utilities, and inter-agency cost allocation expenditure categories. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the information services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33405

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**169. Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – <u>FY 08</u> – Addition of 22,000.00 in federal vehicle speed data collection grant funds transferred from the Office of Traffic Safety to provide authority to receive and expend federal vehicle speed data collection grant funds approved for use in SFY 2008. Requires Interim** 

Finance approval since the amount added to the vehicle speed data collection grant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. **Work Program #C33415** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

170. Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – FY 07 – Addition of \$416,344.00 in contract services reimbursement funds to adjust FY 07 revenue and expenditure budget authority in accordance with the agency's revised FY 07 projections for salaries and operating costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33419

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

171. Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – FY 07 – Addition of \$45,556.00 in federal joining forces grant funds transferred from the Office of Traffic Safety to support the agency's participation in statewide, multi-jurisdictional traffic enforcement activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the joining forces category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33429

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

172. Department of Public Safety – Highway Patrol – FY 07 – Transfer of \$5,000.00 from the staff physicals category to the lab services category, \$5,000.00 from the communications high-band system category to the lab services category and \$16,900.00 from the intra-agency cost allocation category to the lab services category to cover a projected FY 07 projected shortfall in the lab services expenditure category. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the lab services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33452

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

173. Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Grants Account – FY 07 – Addition of \$1,056,740.00 in federal motor carrier safety grant funds to receive and expend additional funds in support of the state's Motor Carrier Safety Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the motor carrier safety category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33403

174. Department of Public Safety – Forfeitures – FY 07 – Addition of \$32,000.00 in distribution to local law enforcement funds to authorize additional forfeiture distributions to local law enforcement agencies in accordance with NRS 179. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the local law enforcement distribution category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32784

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

- 175. Department of Public Safety Forfeitures FY 07 Transfer of \$3,997.00 from the reserve category to the Nevada Highway Patrol federal category, \$4,116.00 from the reserve category to the Parole and Probation federal category and \$4,116.00 from the reserve category to the Nevada Division of Investigations federal category to cover the cost of sending three Department of Public Safety officers to the School of Police Staff and Command in Boise, Idaho. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33416
- **176. Department of Public Safety Forfeitures <u>FY 08</u> Transfer of \$58,926.00 from the reserve category to the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) federal forfeitures category to fund a remodel of the evidence vault in the Reno facility. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the NHP federal forfeitures category exceeds \$50,000.00. <b>Work Program #C33449**

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

177. Department of Public Safety – Traffic Safety – FY 07 – Addition of \$350,291.00 in federal traffic safety grant - 402 highway grant funds to increase budgetary revenue and expenditure authority to reflect revised federal grant authority for the agency's traffic safety program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the 402 highway grant category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33422

178. Department of Public Safety – State Emergency Response Commission – FY 08 Transfer of \$274,250.00 from the reserve category to the information services category to provide funding for the development and implementation of the tier II manager database for hazardous materials information to the State Emergency Response Commission, the State Fire Marshal, emergency planners and responders, and hazardous materials facility operators. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C33418

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

179. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Nevada Natural Heritage Program – FY 07 – Addition of \$151,000.00 in United States Environmental Protection Agency wetlands grant funds and \$275,120.00 in Division of State Lands (DSL-Question 1 Funding Agreement) to provide authority for new Wetlands Spring Project to include development of a wetland database and comprehensive habitat conservation plan for springs of biodiversity significance. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount includes new staff. Work Program #C32570

Glenn Clemmer, Administrator, Nevada Natural Heritage Program, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, appeared before the Committee to request approval to augment authority by \$426,120 through two new funding sources to develop a new wetlands spring project. The project would include development of a wetlands database and a comprehensive habitat conservation plan for springs of biodiversity significance.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, recommended the following changes if the Committee chose to act favorably on the work program:

- Change the work program from fiscal year 2007 to fiscal year 2008.
- Place \$125,245 originally recommended for Category 86, Reserve into Category 01, Personnel.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM 179 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

180. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Environmental Protection – Air Quality – FY 07 – Transfer of \$107,872.00 from the operating category to the equipment category to purchase mercury-monitoring equipment to assess the quantity and characteristics of mercury in the ambient air throughout Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the equipment category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32625

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

181. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Environmental Protection - Bureau of Water Quality Planning – FY 07 – Addition of \$470,000.00 in United States Geological Survey federal cooperative agreement funds to refine pollutant load reduction estimates for the Lake Tahoe Basin by implementing stream channel restoration/rehabilitation techniques, and enhancement of urban storm water management practices. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount of the grant exceeds \$100,000.00. Work Program #C32630

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

182. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Forestry Conservation Camps - FY 07 - Transfer of \$2,300.00 from the Stewart Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Pioche Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Indian Springs Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Ely Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Jean Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Silver Springs Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Carlin Conservation Camp category to the equipment category, \$2,300.00 from the Tonopah Conservation Camp category to the equipment category and \$2,300.00 from the Humboldt Conservation Camp category to the equipment category to purchase ice machines for nine conservation camps in order to provide cool drinking water and food storage for the camp crews who work in extreme conditions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the equipment category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C30963

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**183.** Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Forestry Nurseries – FY 07 – Addition of \$38,971.00 in prior year refunds to continue the processing, storage and planting of native Nevada seed for rehabilitation and restorative work. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to

the personnel services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C30952

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**184.** Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 07 – Transfer of \$42,776.00 from the unobligated reserve category to the vehicles category to cover a projected shortfall in vehicle expenses through the end of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the unobligated reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C23038

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

185. Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 07 – Transfer of \$107,127.00 from the reserve category to the utilities category to cover a projected shortfall in utilities through the end of fiscal year 2007. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32037

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**186. Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 07 –** Transfer of \$61,262.00 from the unobligated reserve category to the game management category to cover unanticipated expenditures, including relocating pronghorn due to wildfires; contract bighorn sheep surveys; and satellite tracking of mule deer. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the game management category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32036

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**187. Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 07 –** Addition of \$27,894.00 in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Bureau of Land Management/United States Department of Agriculture grants, and deletion of \$20,920.00 in federal Dingell Johnson aid to adjust the funding source for the Walker River improvement plan. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program includes new staff. **Work Program #C32048. RELATES TO 188 AND 190.** 

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

**188.** Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 08 – Addition of \$117,778.00 in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Bureau of Land Management/United States Department of Agriculture grants to improve the survival rate of the Lahontan cutthroat trout in Walker Lake. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work

program includes new staff. Work Program #C32049. RELATES TO 187 AND 190.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

189. Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 08 – Addition of \$100,400.00 in General Fund and \$211,140.00 \$121,081.00 in Pittman Robertson federal aid to comply with S.B. 189 of the 2007 Legislative Session for the implementation of sagebrush habitat projects. Requires Interim Finance approval per S.B. 189 of the 2007 Legislative Session since the amount added to the sage grouse conservation category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32051. REVISED JUNE 15, 2007.

Kenneth Mayer, Director, Nevada Department of Wildlife, (NDOW) identified himself for the record. Mr. Mayer requested approval to accept and expend \$121,081 of federal Pittman-Robertson aid funds and a 25 percent state fund match, provided by license and fee revenue, to comply with <u>S.B. 189</u>, of the 2007 Legislature, to implement sage grouse habitat projects.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee that Work Program 189 was revised on June 15, 2007. The NDOW indicated that in addition to the request before the Committee, a subsequent work program revision would be submitted to the September Interim Finance Committee (IFC), if recommended by the Board of Examiners, to request approval for half of the General Funds appropriated to the IFC Contingency Fund by <u>S.B. 189</u> of the 2007 Legislature. Mr. Stevens recommended approval of the work program and reiterated that the NDOW would return to the September IFC seeking the release of State General Fund dollars.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM 179 AS REVISED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

190. Department of Wildlife – Administration – FY 09 – Addition of \$62,608.00 in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Bureau of Land Management/United States Department of Agriculture grants to improve the survival rate of the Lahontan cutthroat trout in Walker Lake. Requires Interim Finance approval since the work program includes new staff. Work Program #C32050. RELATES TO 187 AND 188.

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

191. Department of Wildlife – Obligated Reserve – FY 07 – Transfer of \$3,601.00 from the reserve category to the transfer to wildlife category and \$47,137.00 from the reserve category to the elk-damage program category to cover costs related to elk damage. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the reserve category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32035. WITHDRAWN June 18, 2007.

Work Program #C32035 was withdrawn on June 18, 2007.

192. Department of Wildlife – CIP Wildlife Capital Projects – FY 07 – Addition of \$33,000.00 in United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation federal grant funds, and transfer of \$33,000.00 from the reserve category to the Humboldt wildlife management recreation facilities category to improve health, safety and disability access for roads and campground facilities in the Humboldt wildlife management area. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Humboldt wildlife management recreation facilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32034

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

193. Public Employees' Benefits Program – Health Program – FY 07 – Transfer of \$56,731.00 from the reserve category to the personnel services category to cover terminal leave payouts for sick and annual leave for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the personnel services category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C17852

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

194. Office of the Military – FY 07 – Addition of \$6,400.00 in Department of Defense federal receipts to fund a Project Manager position to implement and monitor a new federal energy management program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount includes new staff. Work Program #C21300. WITHDRAWN JUNE 19, 2007.

Work Program #C21300 was withdrawn June 19, 2007.

**195.** Office of the Military – FY 07 – Addition of \$180,000.00 in Department of Defense federal receipts to cover anticipated utility expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the utilities category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C21301

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

196. Office of the Military – FY 08 – Addition of \$517,407.00 in Department of Defense federal receipts to continue an Energy Manager position, fund a new Anti-Terrorism Coordinator position, allow for a Family Assistance Coordinator contract at the Air National Guard base, and re-roof the combined support maintenance shops/ organizational maintenance shops building at the Carson City complex. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount of the work program includes new staff. Work Program #C21302

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

197. Office of Veterans' Services – Veterans' Home – FY 07 – Transfer of \$55,000.00 from the utilities category to the operating category and \$10,000.00 from the utilities category to the food services category to cover the projected FY 07 budgetary shortfall within the operating and food services expenditure categories. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the operating category exceeds \$50,000.00. Work Program #C32205

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

198. Office of Veterans' Services – Veterans' Home – FY 07 – Transfer of \$8,000.00 from the training category to the food services category, \$5,000.00 from the out-of-state travel category to the operating category and \$2,500.00 from the in-state travel category to the operating category and \$2,500.00 from the in-state travel category to the operating category to cover projected FY 07 budgetary shortfall within the operating, food services and information services expenditure categories. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the training category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved level for that category. Work Program #C32206

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

# **POSITION RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS**

Agency	Agency/ Account Number	Position Number	Present Class, Code, Grade & Salary	Proposed Class, Code, Grade & Salary
Department of Personnel	070/1363	0230	Personnel Analyst III, 7.520, grade 36, step 5, \$55,390.16, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement (Employee is under- filling at a grade 32, step 5, \$44,871.12, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement)	Compliance Investigator II, 11.358, grade 32, step 5, \$44,871.12, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Personnel	070/1363	0045	Personnel Analyst III, 7.520, grade 36, step 6, \$55,812.24, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement (Employee is under- filling at a grade 32, step 6, \$46,833.84, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement)	Compliance Investigator II, 11.358, grade 32, step 6, \$46,833.84, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Personnel	070/1363	0270	Personnel Analyst III, 7.520, grade 36, step 4, \$46,499.76, Employer Paid Retirement (Employee is under-filling at a grade 32, step 4, \$39,087.36, Employer Paid Retirement)	Compliance Investigator II, 11.358, grade 32, step 4, \$39,087.36, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Health and Human Services, MHDS, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)	408/3161	0985	Administrative Assistant II, 2.212, grade 25, step 1, \$25,891.20, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement	Health Information Coordinator 1, 10.234, grade 29, step 1, \$30,443.04, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Unity/SACWIS	409/3143	0003	Social Services Program Specialist III, 12.315, grade 37, step 1, \$42,616.08, Employer Paid Retirement	Agency Program Information Specialist III, 7.950, grade 38, step 1, \$44,495.28 Employer Paid Retirement REVISED JUNE 12, 2007

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Unity/SACWIS	409/3143	0006	Social Services Program Specialist II, 12.318, grade 35, step 10, \$58,067.28, Employer Paid Retirement	Agency/Program Information Specialist I, 7.956, grade 34, step 10, \$55,519.92, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Unity/SACWIS	409/3143	0009	Social Services Program Specialist II, 12.318, grade 35, step 10, \$63,809.28, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement	Agency Program Information Specialist II, 7.952, grade 36, step 10, \$66,753.36, Employee/Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Corrections, Director's Office	440/3710	0068	Sr. Correctional Officer, 12.513, grade 34, step 10, \$52,325.28, Employer Paid Retirement	Criminal Investigator I, 11.288, grade 36, step 10, \$57,252.96, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol	650/4713	0322	Training Officer I, 7.519, grade 34, step 2, \$39,877.00, Employer Paid Retirement	Administrative Assistant IV, 2.210, grade 29, step 1, \$30,443.04, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Public Safety, Division of Capitol Police	650/4727	0240	Administrative Assistant IV, 2.210, grade 29, step 9, \$42,616.08, Employer Paid Retirement	Fiscal/Business Professional Trainee, 7.776, grade 31, step 9, \$46,499.76, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water	709/3186	0508 and 0568	Environmental Scientist III, 10.525, grade 36, step 1, \$40,841.28, Employer Paid Retirement	Staff II, Associate Engineer, 6.228, grade 37, step 1, \$42,616.08, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, Air Quality	709/3185	0578	Environmental Scientist III, 10.525, grade 36, step 1, \$40,841.28, Employer Paid Retirement	Staff II, Associate Engineer, 6.228, grade 37, step 1, \$42,616.08, Employer Paid Retirement

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Conservation Camps	706/4198	0207	Crew Supervisor III, 1.817, grade 31, step 1, \$33,053.04, Employer Paid Retirement	Equipment Mechanic III, 9.323, grade 32, step 1, \$34,410.24, Employer Paid Retirement
Department of Transportation	800/4660	930-411	Engineering Technician III, 6.313, grade 30, step 1, \$31,674.00, Employer Paid Retirement	Facility Supervisor III, 9.606, grade 35, step 1, \$39,087.36, Employer Paid Retirement

Refer to motion for approval under Item E.

# F. STATEMENT OF CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referenced a document entitled, *Contingency Fund – Available Spending Authority*, (<u>Exhibit H</u>), which outlined the available funds under the control of the Interim Finance Committee.

Mr. Stevens advised that the Committee's staff reviewed the unrestricted balance in the General Fund and the Highway Fund.

Currently the unrestricted balance in the General Fund amounted to \$15,515,019.24 and the unrestricted balance in the Highway Fund amounted to \$1,157,782.35.

In response to Senator Raggio who requested information on special funds, Mr. Stevens referenced pages 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the document, *Contingency Fund – Available Spending Authority* (Exhibit H), which listed the reserved and restricted sources of revenue available to the Interim Finance Committee set aside for specific purposes.

\*G. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY FUND (NRS 353.269) – DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - DIVISION OF STATE LANDS – Request for \$18,548 to restore the balance of the Revolving Account for Land Management to \$20,000 per NRS 321.067.

Jim Lawrence, Deputy Administrator, Division of State Lands, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, appeared before the Committee to request an allocation from the Contingency Fund in the amount of \$18,548 to restore the balance of the Revolving Account for Land Management to \$20,000.

Mr. Lawrence advised that the Revolving Account for Land Management was a established in 1999 under provisions continuing account the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 321.067 to support ongoing land management expenses including but not limited to appraisals, surveys, title reports, fencing, and signage. The statute also provided that the State Land Registrar was authorized to request an allocation from the Contingency Fund when the balance in the account fell below \$5,000. Mr. Lawrence reported that the cash balance in the account was currently at \$1,452.52, and approval of the \$18,547.48 request would restore a \$20,000 balance to the account.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM G.

ASSEMBLYMAN SETTLEMEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

H. STATEMENT OF DISASTER RELIEF ACCOUNT BALANCE.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, referenced a document entitled, *Funds to Stabilize Operations by State Government* (Exhibit I) and reported that the current balance in the Disaster Relief Account was \$5.385,341.70.

Mr. Stevens advised that there were two requests for allocation of funds before the Committee. The city of Caliente requested \$1,083,701 and Lincoln County requested \$423,697.23 to cover costs associated with floods that occurred in January 2005.

If the Committee approved both requests, the balance would be \$3,877,943.47.

- \*I. REQUESTS FOR GRANTS FROM THE DISASTER RELIEF ACCOUNT (NRS 353.2755):
  - 1. Request for \$1,083,701 on behalf of the city of Caliente to cover costs associated with floods that occurred in January 2005.

Frank Siracusa, Chief, Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety, introduced Kamala Carmazzi, Deputy Chief, Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Mayor Kevin Phillips, city of Caliente and Patrice Lytle, City Clerk, city of Caliente.

Mr. Siracusa advised that in response to flooding that occurred in Lincoln County, Caliente, and Clark County in January 2005, the Governor and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued local and federal disaster relief declarations.

Mr. Siracusa explained that FEMA would provide 75 percent of funds requested for disaster relief, and Caliente and Lincoln County representatives were requesting the FEMA required 25 percent match from the Disaster Relief Account.

Chairman Arberry asked why the request for funding was submitted approximately 2.5 years after the disaster occurred.

Kamala Carmazzi, Deputy Chief, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, attributed responsibility for the delays at the federal level and explained, for example, that federal disaster relief declarations that previously required 48 hours to process currently required three to four months. Additionally, Ms. Carmazzi indicated that public property projects, such as the restoration of Caliente's city well, were delayed because of the requirement for an environmental impact study and subsequent approval by FEMA.

Ms. Carmazzi advised that the Division of Emergency Management requested Board of Examiners' approval to fund the allocation pending final approval of the project by FEMA, which was anticipated to be received upon completion of the environmental impact study. Ms. Carmazzi indicated that Caliente currently was relying on a well that could fail any day, and the Division of Emergency Management hoped to prevent any additional delays in providing the funds to Caliente. Ms. Carmazzi advised, however, that the funds would not be released without FEMA's approval of the project.

Mayor Kevin Phillips, Caliente, also requested the Committee's approval of the \$1,083,701 allocation in Disaster Relief funds and advised that the January 2005 flood destroyed the Caliente city well and three major streets. Mayor Phillips reported that Caliente was facing a third "hot" summer relying on a well that did not meet community needs. He explained that Caliente was supplementing its water needs through an interlocal agreement with the Caliente Youth Center for water provided through the Center's well.

Major Phillips discussed an additional delay that resulted from a hydro-geological study required to determine a location for the well that would meet current arsenic standards of less than 10 parts per billion. The recently completed study provided a suitable location on city property with water that measured arsenic levels at 1 part per billion. In his closing remarks, Mayor Phillips again asked for the Committee's favorable consideration of the request, which would be used to replace the city well upon completion of the environmental study and FEMA's approval of the project.

Chairman Arberry requested additional information regarding the request for allocation.

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised that if the Committee chose to approve the allocation of \$1,083,701, staff recommended that \$548,563, the amount needed to match FEMA funds for

replacement of the city well, be made contingent on final approval of the project by FEMA.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM I.1. AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Request for \$423,697.23 on behalf of Lincoln County to cover costs associated with floods that occurred in January 2005.

Kamala Carmazzi, Deputy Chief, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, introduced John Lovelady, County Manager, Lincoln County, and Phyllis Robistow, Grants Administrator, Lincoln County.

Ms. Carmazzi advised the Committee that the \$423,697.23 request for allocation on behalf of Lincoln County was solely to obtain a 25 percent match for the 75 percent of federal funds provided to the county in response to the January 2005 flood. Ms. Carmazzi explained that immediately following the flood, the county had to respond to urgently needed repairs, and funds were borrowed from other budgeted areas. Ms. Carmazzi advised that the County was before the Committee to request reimbursement to restore funds to those areas from which funds were borrowed as well as to provide for additional matching funds required for projects not yet completed.

Chairman Arberry asked for additional information relative to funding outlays incurred to date.

Ms. Carmazzi reiterated that the county had to respond to urgently needed repairs immediately following the flood and borrowed road funds and funds from other projects that currently needed work.

In response to Chairman Arberry who asked whether Lincoln County had received reimbursement from FEMA for the expenses, Ms. Carmazzi advised that Lincoln County had received funds from FEMA, for which other county funding sources provided the required 25 percent matching funds.

Phyllis Robistow, Lincoln County Grants Administrator, explained that Lincoln County had received 75 percent or \$103,000 from FEMA for some projects that were completed, which required a 25 percent match. Ms. Robistow advised that Lincoln County currently had one reimbursement request for FEMA that was outstanding.

In response to Chairman Arberry who asked for information relative to the delay in requesting funds from the Disaster Relief Account, Ms. Robistow advised that as with the previous request from Caliente, the delays had occurred at the federal level.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM I.2.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

\*J. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS (NRS 209.4817).

Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau announced the following proposed membership for the Committee on Industrial Programs:

Senator Bob Beers Senator Maurice Washington Assemblyman John Marvel Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr.

Michael Mackenzie, Principal Mackenzie & Associates

Mike Magnani Teamsters Local #955

Bruce A. Aguilera Vice President/General Counsel, Bellagio

Allen J. Puliz Puliz Moving and Storage

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MEMBERS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

\*K. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION – Pursuant to S.B. 470, Chapter 194, Section 1, subsection 3 of the

2007 Session, the division requests extension of the reversion date of the sum appropriated for the Department of Business and Industry for an Integrated Consumer Affairs Tracking System to on or before September 8, 2009.

Dave McTeer, Chief, Information Technology Division, Department of Administration, identified himself for the record and requested Committee approval, pursuant to <u>S.B. 470</u> of the 2007 Legislature, to extend the date by which an earlier Interim Finance Committee Contingency Fund allocation for the Department of Business and Industry's Integrated Consumer Affairs Tracking System could be committed for expenditure.

Mr. McTeer explained that he suspended any further expenditure of funds for the Integrated Consumer Affairs Tracking System in September 2006 after concluding that the agency could not conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP), select a vendor, and implement a system by June 30, 2007. Subsequently, the Department of Administration submitted a bill draft request, which resulted in <u>S.B. 470</u> that requested extending the reversion date of the initial appropriation into fiscal year 2008-09.

Mr. McTeer expressed confidence that the Division of Consumer Affairs would successfully implement the system by June 30, 2009.

In response to Assemblyman Denis who requested additional information, Mr. McTeer advised that the former administration of the Department of Business and Industry and the Division of Consumer Affairs had unsuccessfully attempted to enter a "good of the state contract" for the project. After attempting a "good of the state contract," the Department did not have enough time to initiate an RFP to select a vendor and did not have justification for a sole-source contract to complete and implement the Integrated Consumer Affairs Tracking System by June 2007.

Mr. McTeer advised that currently the Department of Business and Industry was approximately two months away from entering a "good of the state contract" with the Department of Information Technology and State Purchasing. However, if the "good of the state" contract did not come to fruition by the end of August 2007, the agency would initiate the RFP process to select a vendor. Mr. McTeer indicated that the requirements portion of the project had been completed and expected that the entire project would be completed by June 20, 2009 either through a "good of the state contract" or a vendor selected through an RFP.

SENATOR MATHEWS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM K.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION;

THE MOTION CARRIED.

# \*L. STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

 Project 05-C64L, Academic and student services building at NSC – Request to change scope of project to allocate construction funding to provide approximately \$4.0 million of furnishings and equipment for the facility.

Gustavo Nunez, Manager, State Public Works Board, requested a change in scope to use excess construction funds for procurement of Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) for Project 05-C64L, Academic and Student Services Building for Nevada State College in Henderson. The estimated cost of the FF&E items was \$3,402,586.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM L.1.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Cegavske voted nay.)

Project 05-M46, Building exterior masonry repairs at the Stewart Complex

 Request to change scope of project to accept \$818,454 of Federal
 Emergency Management Agency funding for seismic retrofitting certain buildings at the Stewart Complex.

Gustavo Nunez. Manager, State Public Works Board, requested a change in scope and authorization to receive and expend additional funds for Project 05-M 46, Stewart Complex Building Exterior Masonry Repairs. Mr. Nunez advised that the State Public Works Board applied for and received a grant of \$818,454 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), of which \$795,000 would be used for the design and construction of seismic retrofit work and \$40,018 for administration costs. The grant terms included a 75 percent-25 percent share of design and construction costs between FEMA and the State.

In response to Senator Raggio who asked for information relative to the buildings on which the work would take place, Mr. Nunez advised that the retrofit work would take place on buildings 12 and 13, which were dormitories.

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM L.2.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. Projects 01-C15, Planning, Design and Utility Infrastructure for Science and Engineering Complex, UNLV; 03-C23, UNLV Science, Engineering

and Technology Complex Construction; and, 05-C06, Construction of Science, Engineering and Technology Complex at UNLV – Project status report (informational only).

Gustavo Nunez, Manager, State Public Works Board (SPWB), reported that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Science, Engineering, and Technology Building project field conditions reflected 83 percent of project completion with approximately 80 percent of project time utilized.

In response to Chairman Arberry who questioned whether the project would be completed by the deadline, Mr. Nunez advised that the contractor provided weekly project status reports, which reflected, as previously indicated, that the project was on schedule. However, the contractor indicated additional time would be needed to complete the project. Mr. Nunez advised that the SPWB disagreed with the contractor's assessment and thought that an attempt was being made to justify a delayed claim. Mr. Nunez said that if progress continued to be made on the project, he believed the delayed claim issue would be unlikely.

Chairman Arberry told the SPWB representatives that the Committee would not accept any excuses from the contractor not meeting the contract deadline and asked that the SPWB move the project toward completion and use documentation to protect the State.

Mr. Nunez indicated that the SPWB would continue to document and respond to contractor correspondence on a timely basis. Additionally, Mr. Nunez indicated that the SPWB was using caution regarding their own conduct concerning the project work.

4. Project 05-C01, Repair exterior of the grant Sawyer Building – Project status report (informational only).

Gustavo Nunez, Manager, State Public Works Board (SPWB), reported that the tile repair phase of the Sawyer Building project was completed with tile installed on the four elevations and scaffolding removed. Repair of the concrete flatwork surrounding the building as well as landscaping would be completed in conjunction with the 2007 Capital Improvement Program projects, which called for repair of the fountain and other miscellaneous items.

In response to Senator Titus who asked for information relative to the lawsuit against the original contractor, Mr. Nunez advised that the discovery and deposition work had been completed. Mr. Nunez further advised that the Public Works Board offered a settlement several months ago, and an all-day mediation hearing was held in Las Vegas the previous week with all of the parties present. While agreement was reached with some of the smaller parties and a good chance that agreement would be reached with the architect, Mr. Nunez indicated that the mediator requested an additional 30 to 45

days to work on the settlement and expected to report to the SPWB around the first of August.

In response to Senator Beers who asked for information on the fountain, Mr. Nunez advised that the funding for work on the fountain was budgeted in the 2007 CIP, and a consultant for the project would be selected in July.

Senator Raggio took a moment to recognize Larry Peri, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst of the Fiscal Analysis Division, on his imminent retirement. Senator Raggio noted that Mr. Peri served as the Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst to the Senate Committee on Finance during the 2007 Legislative Session and would retire with over thirty years of state service in both the Executive and Legislative branches of state government.

Senator Raggio recognized Mr. Peri's work with the child welfare integration program and spoke of his dedication, attention to detail, and fiscal expertise, especially in the area of issues related to children and families. Senator Raggio stated that Mr. Peri's departure would create a void that would be difficult to fill.

On behalf of the Committee, Senator Raggio expressed collective good wishes for a great retirement and for his service to the State.

Assemblywoman Leslie also spoke of Mr. Peri's exemplary work and on behalf of the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee and Subcommittee thanked Mr. Peri for the assistance he provided the Committee especially with the CRIPA (Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act) investigation.

Assemblywoman Leslie spoke of the late Assemblywoman Jan Evans respect for Mr. Peri and indicated Speaker Barbara Buckley had discussed recruiting him for one of certain key "difficult to fill" positions for which his expertise would be needed. Assemblywoman Leslie thanked Mr. Peri for all that he had done for Nevada's children and families and for the State.

- 5. Project status report (informational only).
- M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Refer to Exhibit C).

Chairman Arberry announced that the Committee would consider the following informational items:

#### 2. DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

b. Report on the financial status of White Pine County.

Dino DiCianno, Executive Director, Department of Taxation, identified himself for the record.

Mr. DiCianno reported that the Department of Taxation was successful in avoiding insolvency in White Pine County and advised that White Pine County currently had a positive cash flow and a positive cash balance of approximately \$1.8 million, and the County had repaid \$200,000 borrowed from the State's revolving loan fund.

Additionally, Mr. DiCianno reported that the Department of Taxation had proposed to the Committee on Local Government Finance and to the Tax Commission to remove mitigation taxes, one of which was the 1 percent lodging tax, implemented to move the county into solvency. Mr. DiCianno also said the Department was working on a transition plan for presentation to the Nevada Tax Commission on January 1, 2008, to downgrade the financial condition of White Pine County from severe financial emergency to technical financial assistance status.

Mr. DiCianno reported that White Pine County received over \$665,000 in federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) on June 15, 2007 and \$9 million in Net Proceeds of Mines' funds.

Senator Raggio expressed his congratulations to the White Pine community for their hard work in regaining financial solvency and to Mr. DiCianno and the Department of Taxation staff for the assistance they rendered to White Pine County.

In response to Assemblyman Grady who questioned the status of the agreement between White Pine County and the Southern Nevada Water Authority, Mr. DiCianno indicated that Patricia Mulroy, of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, recently met with the members of the White Pine County Commission, and the county agreed to enter into negotiations with the Water Authority. Mr. DiCianno indicated the Department of Taxation had attempted to remain neutral and uninvolved in local county issues.

# 6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

a. Director's Office – Pursuant to Section 676(a)(3) of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act, a legislative hearing is required in conjunction with the development and submittal of the state plan. The CSBG Act required a hearing be conducted by the Legislature although legislative approval was not required

Gary Gobelman, Social Services Program Specialist, Grants Management, Department of Health and Human Services, appeared before the Committee to present the State Plan for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for the two-year period beginning October 1, 2007.

Mr. Gobelman advised the Committee that the Department of Health and Human Services was required to submit a State CSBG Plan to the federal Office of Community

Services every two years, and the plan required that a public hearing be conducted by the Legislature. Mr. Gobelman provided the following overview:

- The new State Plan served as an update to the existing plan.
- The CSBG provided funding to 14 designated Community Action Agencies (CAA) that operated across the State.
- Funding from the Grant was used in combination with other federal, state, and local funds to stabilize and assist low-income families to move out of poverty.
- Community Action Agencies were responsible for coordinating plans with other community partners to address poverty at the community level.
- The funding formula component of the plan allocated funds to eligible agencies, while other components of the plan described how the Grants Management Unit and the local Community Action Agencies would meet the requirements and goals of the CSBG Act.
- The CSBG Act had not been revised since 1998 and the State Plan template provided by the federal Office of Community Services had not changed for the past six years, and thus, the State Plan served as an update to the existing plan.

Assemblywoman Leslie referenced the list of Community Action Agencies (Exhibit D) and asked how the designated agencies that were eligible for CSBG funds were selected.

Mr. Gobelman advised that the rural agencies became eligible in the 1980s when the federal Office of Community Services wanted to expand the CSBG throughout all of the areas of the State.

In response to questions Assemblywoman Leslie asked regarding the selection process, Mr. Gobelman advised that the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services selected the eligible agencies to serve as Community Action Agencies provided they met the requirements and were willing to accept the funding.

In response to questions Assemblywoman Leslie asked regarding the selection of the Clark County Urban League as a designated Community Action Agency, Mr. Gobelman advised that the CSBG Act provided the Director of the Department with an option either to designate a Community Action Agency or to initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Willden selected the Urban League after a number of meetings with Clark County officials and the Urban League.

# 7. a. Division of Emergency Management

(2) Homeowner's Disaster Assistance Program – Quarterly report for the period ending March 31, 2007 (A.B. 572, Sections 5.2 and 5.3, 2005 Legislature).

Kamala Carmazzi, Deputy Chief, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety, advised that at the close of fiscal year 2006, the Division of Emergency Management found itself in a deficit situation relative to reimbursement payments to local and state agencies of expenses related to Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts.

Ms. Carmazzi reported that the Division of Emergency Management received a total of \$1,086,000 in reimbursement, and representatives of the state of Mississippi notified the Division staff on June 25, 2007, that they would mail a 50 percent payment or \$171,000 on the remaining claim by June 29, 2007. Receipt of the Mississippi payment would provide a total \$1.257 million of the \$1.277 million that was distributed, only \$20,000 short of recovering the total amount. The Division of Emergency Management anticipated receipt of a final payment of \$171,000 by the close of July 2007.

Chairman Arberry extended his appreciation to the representatives of the Division of Emergency Management for the report.

#### N. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman opened the hearing to public comment.

Daniel Klaich, Executive Vice Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education, (NSHE) indicated he had recently briefed the Board of Regents on the positive results of the 2007 Legislature and the support both Houses of the Legislature provided to the NSHE, and he personally thanked the Committee for that support.

Additionally, in reference to discussions regarding the 2005 letter of intent, Mr. Klaich stated that the Board of Regents had unanimously reallocated fees for the 2007-09 biennium in accordance with the letter of intent issued in 2005.

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Chairman Arberry advised that the next meeting would take place on September 6, 2007, and adjourned the hearing at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Morse Arberry Jr Chairman

Chairman Morse Arberry Jr., Chairman Interim Finance Committee

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Lorne Malkiewich, Director Legislative Counsel Bureau and Secretary Interim Finance Committee

EXHIBITS INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE				
Exhibit	Witness/Agency	Description		
Α		Agenda		
В		Guest List		
С		Item M. Informational Items		
D	Gary Gobelman, Grants Management, Director's Office, Department of Health and Human Services	List of Eligible Agencies		
E	Heidi Sakelarios, Program Manager, Public Health Preparedness, Health Division.	Health Division – Public Health Preparedness Expenditure Category by Funding Source		
F	Greg Weyland	List of SAPT Block Grant Obligations		
G	John MacNab, Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation	UI Modernization Project Replacing Current Contributions and Benefits Systems		
Н	Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Contingency Fund – Available Spending Authority		
I	Mark Stevens, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Fund to Stabilize Operations of State Government		