

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2022  
MEETING OF THE  
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Marilyn Dondero Loop called a regular meeting of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) to order at 9:11 a.m. on December 15, 2022, online, and in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada with videoconference to Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair  
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Scott Hammond  
Senator Dallas Harris  
Senator Lisa Krasner for Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert  
Senator Dina Neal  
Senator Melanie Scheible for Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Patricia Spearman for Senator Nicole Cannizzaro  
Senator Robin Titus for Senator Don Tatro  
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May for Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman for Assemblyman Glen Leavitt  
Assemblyman Gregory Hafen II  
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller  
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters  
Assemblyman Howard Watts  
Assemblyman Steve Yeager

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Senator Nicole Cannizzaro  
Senator Moises Denis  
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert  
Senator Don Tatro  
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson  
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton  
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow  
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt  
Assemblyman Tom Roberts  
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:**

Brenda Erdoes, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Wayne Thorley, Fiscal Analyst, Senate  
Sarah Coffman, Fiscal Analyst, Assembly  
Alex Haartz, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Brody Leiser, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst

Cathy Crocket, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Karen Hoppe, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Bryan Fernley, Legislative Counsel  
Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel  
Jessica Dummer, Deputy Legislative Counsel  
Tom Weber, Fiscal Analysis Division Secretary  
Melissa Garvin, Fiscal Analysis Division Secretary

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- [Exhibit G-14:](#) Public Comment – Tracey A. Cook, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 4041
- [Exhibit G-15:](#) Public Comment – Alexandra Miguez-Ruiz
- [Exhibit G-16:](#) Public Comment – Tracy D'Ambrosia, College of Southern Nevada
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- [Exhibit G-20:](#) Public Comment – Dale F. Mueller
- [Exhibit G-21:](#) Public Comment – Colton Craig, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 4041
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[Exhibit G-91](#): Public Comment – Pauline Snowden, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 4041  
[Exhibit G-92](#): Public Comment – Danielle Wisniewski

#### **A. ROLL CALL.**

TOM WEBER (Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB]), called the roll; all members were present except Senator Cannizzaro, Senator Denis, Senator Seevers Gansert, Senator Tatro, Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, Assemblywoman Carlton, Assemblywoman Gorelow, Assemblyman Leavitt, Assemblyman Roberts, and Assemblywoman Tolles, who were excused.

#### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):  
I would first like to provide an update on Agenda Item N, Governor’s Office of Economic Development, which has been withdrawn. The withdrawal request was submitted by the Governor’s Finance Office (GFO) on December 8, 2022, after the agenda had gone to

print. That withdrawal is not reflected on the agenda. That item will not be heard or discussed at today's meeting.

Second is a clarification on List G, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) work program list. Agenda Item G.18 includes 115 work programs related to a proposed furlough payback program. In total, the Legislative Counsel Bureau's (LCB) Fiscal Analysis Division (Fiscal) received 325 work program revisions from the GFO related to the proposed furlough payback program. Only 115 of those are on the agenda today because those are the work programs for which the IFC is required to take action. The other 210 work programs are either below the dollar threshold for IFC consideration or are from agencies that are exempt from the State Budget Act, whose work program revisions are not approved by the IFC. If the Committee approves the 115 work programs on the agenda today, the remaining 210 work programs will also be processed by the GFO and the Controller.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

What is the dollar amount for those 210 work programs that do not require IFC approval?

MR. THORLEY:

The total dollar amount for all 325 work programs is \$35.5 million. I will ask staff to provide a calculation on the 210 work programs that do not require IFC approval.

CHRIS DALY (Deputy Executive Director of Government Relations, Nevada State Education Association [NSEA]):

The NSEA has been the voice of Nevada educators for over 120 years. The NSEA has consistently sounded the alarm about educator vacancies that have ballooned across the state in recent years. As we near the middle of the school year, there are still thousands of school vacancies, with even more positions being filled by long-term substitutes.

Last week, the Economic Policy Institute released a report, finding the national teacher shortage is both widespread and especially severe in schools with a high percentage of students of color and students from low-income families. The report found the current shortage is not the result of an insufficient number of qualified teachers, but rather low pay and an increasingly stressful work environment.

We do not have a severe shortage of teachers; we have a shortage of those willing to work for 23.5% lower pay than their college educated counterparts. Nevada cannot fill vacant positions because the state is not paying enough to be competitive. This is why the NSEA consistently articulates what Nevada must do to address this crisis: Time for 20. Time for 20 means a 20% educator wage increase, a \$20 minimum wage for people who make schools run, and an average class sizes of 20 students.

The NSEA also calls on the state to listen to and respect educators in addressing workplace issues like safety and inclusion of educator voice.

Agenda Item H.9 will continue to fund the position to oversee the programmatic and evaluation initiatives of ARPA Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds. This work is important, especially as data is now emerging in some Nevada

school districts that ARPA funding is failing to meet the moment on the biggest crisis impacting Nevada schools.

The data provided by school districts show a strong correlation between low ARPA spending on staff, and high vacancies. For example, the Nye County school district has one of the highest vacancy rates in Nevada, while only spending 11% of its ARPA dollars on staff. The Clark County School District, with over 1,700 vacant positions, is spending less than 30% of its ARPA dollars on staff. While most individual school districts have prioritized staff-related expenditures, only 37% of ARPA dollars across all of Nevada's school districts have gone to staff.

The NSEA has received many questions about how to fund Time for 20. Resources are available, including federal dollars, and now a record state budget surplus. There are also strong recommendations for additional state revenue from the Nevada Legislature's Commission on School Funding.

The crisis in Nevada schools is dire, and we need bold action now: Time for 20.

ANNETTE DAWSON OWENS (School Readiness Policy Director, Children's Advocacy Alliance [CAA]):

I am here today to testify in support of several items on the agenda that can improve outcomes for Nevada children and families ([Exhibit G-1](#)). Our work is guided by four pillars: health, safety, economic well-being, and school readiness. Our work has contributed to an improvement in conditions through advocacy, policy, and resources. In keeping with this commitment, CAA is concerned about all children, especially our most underserved. Therefore, we strongly ask you to support the Agenda Item H work programs regarding schools with a high percentage of lower-income students, education for homeless children, English language learner grants, local library support, and trauma-informed services in schools.

Additionally, CAA supports academic enrichment through after-school programs offered outside of school hours. Out of school time is often an underutilized resource in Nevada that can make a big difference for our students. The CAA supports Agenda Item G work programs for school nutrition programs, access to care for children with rare diseases, and low-income affordable housing projects.

The CAA is concerned about the use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars to fund a virtual pre-K option at a time of economic uncertainty through Agenda Item H.71. According to a recent analysis prepared in 2021, Nevada has seen the sharpest drop in real TANF funding per child among the states since 1996, falling by 63.5% due to inflation. Nevada families continue to struggle to afford basic needs like food, shelter, clothing and hygiene. Have families receiving TANF support been asked if this is a program they would be interested in for their children? Do these families have the time to dedicate to a virtual learning option with their children. Many parents are working several jobs and even 15 to 20 minutes to supervise virtual education is a luxury they may not have.

TANF funds can be used for childcare, transportation, food, and meeting the basic needs of children. The CAA suggests that would be a better use of TANF dollars. If \$2 million is available for pre-K, we recommend allocating that money to existing in-person pre-K programs, rather than looking for new programs through a request for applications (RFA) process.

Virtual learning may be an option for some families and should be available for those willing and able to dedicate the time to sit with their children in those programs. However, it does not seem to be the best use of TANF funds.

We are grateful to this Committee for your work and ongoing support.

KEVIN SHILLER (Manager, Clark County):

I am here before you regarding Agenda Items G.15 and 16. Clark County has put forward about \$160 million in the Community Housing Fund and is also utilizing federal funding toward these projects. This housing project will be in Commissioner McCurdy's district. It is focused on low-income workforce housing, but it is partnered with a business incubator that would allow workforce training for diverse populations that are most vulnerable.

Dagny Stapleton, Community Housing Administrator, Clark County, is also here to answer any questions you may have when the agenda item is discussed.

DR. CLAUDIA MINER (Executive Director and Co-Founder, Waterford UPSTART) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-2](#)).

SEANNA BEISNER (Correctional Officer, Nevada Department of Corrections [NDOC]) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-3](#)).

KENT ERVIN (State President, Nevada Faculty Alliance) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-4](#)).

JAMELLE NANCE (Director, Prenatal to Three Initiatives, CAA) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-5](#)).

SHELLY SPECK:

I live in Gardnerville, Nevada. I am providing testimony today on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Alliance and the Nevada Strong Start Coalition.

What would you all feel, if just for one day, you did not know where you were going to sleep that night. Imagine if your most precious belongings were traveling around in a suitcase with you. Would those pictures that you were toting around to remind you of those bygone days and long lost relatives be important anymore?

I often hear that a society is judged by how it treats the least among us. It is time to step up and support our fellow Nevadans, not only individuals, but also families that have found themselves homeless due to the pandemic.

In order to increase prevention efforts for families slipping into homelessness due to massive rent increases, and competition for properties, we must continue to provide emergency rental assistance using ARPA funds.

Since evictions have become commonplace statewide, low-income housing is needed now more than ever. As we navigate a system to produce more affordable housing options, let us not forget those children that languish on waiting lists for a home with their families. Their progress and potential hang in the balance. Although many children are experiencing homelessness, they are still entitled to equal access to a public education. If given the opportunity, they will have a better chance of becoming independent taxpaying citizens.

When we can secure housing, then we can focus on student success and outcomes. Ask yourself: What can I do to prevent another child from entering the child welfare system? We do not want families being separated just because they are homeless.

Please make a commitment to provide funding for housing assisting and low-income rural support for our children, specifically by approving Agenda Items G.15, G.16, H.15 and H.135. Thank you.

Ms. Speck provided additional public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-6](#)).

JANELL WOODWARD (State Employee and Member of AFSCME Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-7](#)).

ANNA MARIE BINDER:

I would like to comment on a couple of things I have not heard much public comment on. The first one is the agenda item to provide \$10 million to Roseman University. I have a student who wants to be a doctor. She joined the Nevada National Guard. She qualified for the accelerated program for nurses, but the National Guard will not reimburse for schools like Touro University or Roseman University, because they are not considered to be in-state. If we are giving \$10 million to an institution to help us get more doctors, you would think it would be given to an institution that could support our National Guard.

In addition, we are very grateful for the investment for the free breakfast and lunch program for the 2023-2024 school year. However, this is the fourth year that data is not being collected from the families that apply for the free breakfast and lunch program. I would request that the application be filled out, even though the application would not be used to determine eligibility. There is data on the application that we need.

I am also a parental member of the Children's Advocacy Alliance. We are concerned that childcare providers will potentially raise their rates as the state implements the additional \$50 million in subsidies. The subsidies are very much needed for our working families. Parents are paying more for childcare than rent and mortgage, just so they can go to work. The rate should stay reasonable so those that do not qualify for the subsidies are not being gouged.

I am also the wife of an NDOC employee. We are grateful for the reimbursement of the 2021 furloughs. We have not been reimbursed for a furlough for a decade.

BOB MOORE provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-8](#)).

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-9](#)).

BRIAN MILLER (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees [AFSCME], Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-10](#)).

SONJA WHITTEN (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-11](#)).

MINDY MCKAY provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-12](#)).

RETIRED STATE OF NEVADA EMPLOYEE provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-13](#)).

TRACEY A. COOK (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-14](#)).

ALEXANDRA MIGUEZ-RUIZ provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-15](#)).

TRACY D'AMBROSIA (College of Southern Nevada [CSN]) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-16](#)).

JON M. CARPINETA provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-17](#)).

SARAH GILL (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-18](#)).

JORGE L. RAMIREZ provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-19](#)).

DALE E. MUELLER provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-20](#)).

COLTON CRAIG (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-21](#)).

MICHAEL AHLMEYER (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-22](#)).

DR. RODNEY BUZZAS (Dignity Health) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-23](#)).

DR. FERMIN LEGUEN (Southern Nevada Health District) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-24](#)).

ROBERT PETERSON (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-25](#)).

JENNIFER ESQUIVIAS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-26](#)).

JENNIFER MONTGOMERY provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-27](#)).

DR. NANCY STACHURA-WEBB (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-28](#)).

STANLEY WEBB provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-29](#)).

HOLLY PETERS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-30](#)).

MARIA GONZALEZ provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-31](#)).

MARIE SMITH (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-32](#)).

MICHAEL MCMAHON provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-33](#)).

AMANDA MACK provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-34](#)).

OLIVIA HULL (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-35](#)).

TERESA HEBEN (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-36](#)).

IRMA FREGOSO (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-37](#)).

DALE WARREN (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-38](#)).

JANELLE TINHAN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-39](#)).

SUZANNA SARDARIAN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-40](#)).

LYNNE A. PHILLIPS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-41](#)).

STEPHANIE PARKER (AFSCME) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-42](#)).

GABY BLANCAS provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-43](#)).

ALMA PINEDA provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-44](#)).

COLLIN STEWART (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-45](#)).

DEBORAH HINDS provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-46](#)).

MARLENE RODRIGUEZ provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-47](#)).

LINDA AND JOHN GANNON (CSN; Nevada Faculty Alliance) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-48](#)).

MICHAEL CARNS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-49](#)).

STEPHANIE DUBE (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-50](#)).

JEANNINE JOHNSON (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-51](#)).

ALYSSA FAJAYAN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-52](#)).

KRISTEN SHELTON (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-53](#)).

RICHARD ZEMKE provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-54](#)).

CYNTHIA J. HUNTER provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-55](#)).

PATRICIA VAZQUEZ provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-56](#)).

PAT WRIGHT provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-57](#)).

LEAH LEBRILLO (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-58](#)).

AMBER SERVIN (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-59](#)).

DAYNA WILDER provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-60](#)).

LISA DEHART provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-61](#)).

TINA D. ELIOPULOS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-62](#)).

BRISA ARIAS LEON (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-63](#)).

DANIEL GORDON (Nevada Police Union) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-64](#)).

MARLYNDI MCNEAL (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-65](#)).

TYNASHA BROWN (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-66](#)).

ELISA MCCALL provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-67](#)).

ANDREA GONZALEZ (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-68](#)).

MELINDA SABLAN (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-69](#)).

VIVIAN TURNER (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-70](#)).

LYDIA SITTMAN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-71](#)).

LARRY PILON (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-72](#)).

MICHAEL CONLON provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-73](#)).

JEREMY MIDDLETON (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-74](#)).

DR. ADAM BURGESS (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-75](#)).

HELEN A. FOLEY (Nevada Association of Health Plans) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-76](#)).

LEONARD ROSS provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-77](#)).

JOHN CREGG provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-78](#)).

DR. TARA C. RAINES (Children's Advocacy Alliance) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-79](#)).

NEVADA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-80](#)).

LEARNING CARE GROUP provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-81](#)).

ANGIE GALEANA (CSN) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-82](#)).

LARRY COFFEY (AFSCME) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-83](#)).

ANNA MARIE VALBUENA (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-84](#)).

CARMEN TORRES provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-85](#)).

JEFFREY FEICK provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-86](#)).

WESLA GRIFFIN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-87](#)).

KEN EDMONDS provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-88](#)).

LORETTA KEMPSKI (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-89](#)).

MARIZAVA ESTRADA provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-90](#)).

PAULINE SNOWDEN (AFSCME, Local 4041) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-91](#)).

DANIELLE WISNIEWSKI provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit G-92](#)).

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2022, MEETING.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2022, MEETING.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2022, MEETING.**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2022; JULY 26, 2022; AND AUGUST 17, 2022, MEETINGS.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**F. STATEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OBLIGATIONS AND REMAINING RESERVE BALANCES WITHIN THE COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAMS BUDGET ACCOUNT.**

BRODY LEISER (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):  
The statement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations and remaining reserve balances can be found in Volume I of the meeting packet, beginning with the summary sheet on page 285 ([Exhibit A](#)).

The following revisions have been made and are presented on the statement. First, the total amount associated with the loss revenue reserve balance has been updated from approximately \$1.1 billion to approximately \$1.3 billion. As footnoted, the increase is the result of basing the calculation on the state fiscal year as allowed as an option under the federal final rule for states electing to calculate revenue loss, rather than a calendar year basis which was the requirement under the interim rule. As a result of the increase to the amount associated with revenue loss, there was an equal reduction to the main reserve which revised the amount from \$1.1 billion to approximately \$883.3 million. This reduction prompted additional adjustments on the statement to align the reserve funding source for certain programs to ensure that the main reserve balance was not negative. These adjustments are also noted throughout the statement where applicable.

Finally, as discussed during the October 20, 2022, IFC meeting, we have updated figures to reflect actual program expenditures for approved obligations which were finalized with the close of FY 2022. For program obligations that were approved for FY 2022 only, actual expenditures were less than total authorizations and netted a realized savings of approximately \$26 million. The amounts which have been revised to reflect the actual expenditures are footnoted on each applicable section of the statement and, as I will

present shortly, we have included a new section/table at the end of the statement to show where the \$26 million in savings was realized.

If all items submitted for consideration today are approved, which total approximately \$85.3 million, the remaining unobligated balance of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds would be approximately \$37.6 million, all of which is shown under the loss revenue reserve as displayed on the summary statement.

Pages 287 through 295 detail the obligations approved to date. There are 132 work programs facilitating 15 requests submitted for consideration by the Committee today which begin on page 296 of the packet ([Exhibit A](#)). The majority, or 115, of the work programs submitted for consideration fall under Agenda Item G.18 which is the request to reimburse eligible employees for reduced compensation experienced as a result of furloughs required to be taken during the second half of FY 2021 as a result of budgetary reductions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like to provide clarification to Senator Goicoechea's question regarding the dollar amounts associated with the work programs for approval by the Committee today. If the Committee approves Agenda Item G.18, those work programs would be processed by the GFO and the Controller's Office. There is one work program under item G.18 for the COVID-19 Relief Program's budget. That work program would allocate the total \$35.5 million for the furlough paybacks.

A total of 210 work programs are not on the agenda as a result of the dollar threshold or the associated agency being exempt from the State Budget Act. Those 210 work programs amount to approximately \$3.4 million. The total amount for furloughs for all work programs amounts to \$35.5 million.

The breakdown statement for select obligations of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds is presented on pages 297 through 302, ([Exhibit A](#)). There are two items on page 302 under the section for allocations of the \$100 million in authority for state agencies that were approved by the Governor's Office and did not require approval of the IFC as indicated on the statement. These two items are on the list with dates of October 18, 2022, and November 14, 2022.

As previously mentioned, a new table section has been included in the statement on page 303 of Volume I of the meeting packet ([Exhibit A](#)). This table provides details showing final program expenditures compared to the originally approved authority for programs for FY 2022 only, as well as any resulting savings where applicable. A savings of approximately \$26 million is available to be repurposed for other uses in accordance with ARPA and the final rule. This savings is accounted for in the remaining \$37.6 million balance of unobligated Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds referred to earlier and is identified on the summary and detailed sections of the statement.

SENATOR TITUS:

Are there specific dates by which the funds must be allocated and spent?

MR. LEISER:

The funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024; the obligated funds need to be expended by December 31, 2026.

SENATOR TITUS:

There is an additional \$26 million that was previously obligated but will not be spent. Can those funds be re-obligated, provided that is done by December 31, 2024?

MR. LEISER:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS:

Constituents are concerned that some agencies' employees are not included in the furlough reimbursements. Can you confirm whether any agencies are missing from the list of proposed furlough reimbursements?

MR. LEISER:

The GFO has submitted work programs for all agencies with employees that took furloughs in 2021. Fiscal staff have done a general comparison to some of the amounts that were accounted for as savings from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Special Session in 2020 when the furloughs were implemented and performed a cross check.

The GFO has worked with the Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management to ensure that all active employees who were required to take the furloughs are accounted for in the 324 total work programs that were submitted. There has been coordination between the GFO and the Division of Human Resource Management, and the LCB has been working with NSHE and the Judicial Branch to ensure that all eligible employees will receive a payback for the furlough if the Committee approves this item today.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I have also received emails on this subject. I would like a representative from the GFO to address this question.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

As Mr. Leiser indicated, the GFO has worked with the Division of Human Resource Management, the Judicial Branch, the LCB, and other agencies to make sure that everyone gets the repayment.

SENATOR TITUS:

Will there be an opportunity to discuss this later in the meeting?

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

There will be a discussion of Agenda Item G.18 later in the meeting.

**G. APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220.**

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

The following items have been identified for additional discussion: Agenda Item G.9, Office of the Governor; Agenda Items G.13, Office of the Governor and G.14, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), which will be discussed jointly; G.15, Office of the Governor and G.16, Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division, which will be discussed jointly; G.17, DHHS, Division of Child and Family Services; and G.18.1 through G.115, furlough work programs, which will be discussed jointly.

SENATOR NEAL:

I would like to request a discussion on Agenda Item G.11, DHHS, DHCFP.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEMS F, G AND H.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**1. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$564,943 from the Loss Revenue Reserve category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Assembly Bill (A.B.) 484 (2021 Legislative Session) category to correct the amount available for the Unemployment Insurance Modernization project. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA - A.B. 484 (2021 Legislative Session) category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23F1327141**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**2. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$53,695 from the Loss Revenue Reserve category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Administration category to support an allocation to the Office of Federal Assistance for a new grant writer position. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the ARPA Administration category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23F1327142**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**3. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$65,231 from the Loss Revenue Reserve category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Agency Allocations category to support an allocation to the Governor's Office of Finance (GFO) Budget Division for one new position to monitor and administer ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF), and transfer of \$99,161 from the Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA Administration category to support an allocation to the GFO Budget Division for two new positions to track, monitor, and administer ARPA CSFRF. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Administration category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.4. Work Program #23F1327143**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**4. Office of the Governor - Governor's Office of Finance - Budget Division - FY 2023**

Addition of \$164,392 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund a new Management Analyst 4, Management Analyst 3, and Administrative Assistant 2, plus associated expenses, to administer ARPA CSFRF. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.3. Work Program #23FRF13403**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**5. Office of the State Controller - FY 2023**

Addition of \$340,708 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund three contract positions and one staff position, plus operating costs, to support the additional workload related to ARPA funding and accounting. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARPA Funding category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FRF113026.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**6. Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$71,820 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund a contract position to support the implementation of the School Nutrition and Oversight and Administration Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the APRA Contract Staffing category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FR136203.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

7. **Department of Corrections - Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center - FY 2023**

Addition of \$37,832 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund replacement culinary equipment. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARPA Projects category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #23FRF37611**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

8. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$478,000 from the Loss Revenue Reserve category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects category to fund the Campus Commuter Pilot Program at Nevada State College (NSC) and the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Projects category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23F1327144. RECEIVED ON 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

9. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of ~~\$67,931,399~~ **\$28,159,401** from the Loss Revenue Reserve category and ~~\$7,968,629~~ from the ~~State Agency Allocation~~ category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Universal School Meals category to support an allocation to the Department of Agriculture to fund an additional year of universal free school meals. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Universal School Meals category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23F1327145. RECEIVED ON 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 11-21-22.**

JENNIFER OTT (Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture [NDA]):

I am requesting the Committee's approval for a second year of funding for the department's universal school meal program which provides free breakfast and free lunch for all students at participating schools in the State of Nevada. Based on questions the department received from the Committee, I will provide an update on how the school meal program is going and the methodology behind the current request. Slide 1 of ([Exhibit F](#)) describes the meal calculations and the ARPA funding that has been expended through October 2022. The asterisk on slide 1 denotes that the department is still receiving meal claims from October 2022, so the October numbers are not quite whole yet. Schools have 60 days to submit their meal counts to the NDA, so the department will not receive the full number of meal counts until the end of December 2022. The table on slide 1 of ([Exhibit F](#)) displays the number of meals served through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs, which are the meals served under free, reduced price, and paid categories using corresponding ARPA dollars.

There are three reasons why the NDA is able to come before the Committee today to request the second year of funding. The first is due to the incredible work that Nevada schools have performed in getting students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch (FRL) meal program. There was a huge effort made by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and Nevada schools to utilize as much USDA funding as possible, and that effort really paid off. When I went to my son's back-to-school night, I was handed an FRL form and was told that I was not allowed to leave until it was filled out. The schools have done an incredible job of enrolling students in this program to utilize and bring in as much USDA funding into the state as possible.

The second reason the NDA is able to request the second year of funding is due to the work of my own team. As shown on slide 2 of ([Exhibit F](#)), since this summer, the department has enrolled 33 new schools in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, which is the USDA's version of a universal school meal program. Schools must have a 40% FRL eligibility to be enrolled in the CEP program. There have been 33 new schools in Nevada added to the CEP program during the 2022-2023 school year, and at least 12 more schools have been determined to be eligible. The department is continuing to work on reducing the number of ARPA funds and increasing the number of USDA funds that it is utilizing.

Lastly, there is clearly a need for the FRL meal program in Nevada. For the 2022-2023 school year, almost 73% of school children that attend a public school qualify for free and reduced lunch. That is an increase over the 64.5% of eligible school children in FY 2019 and FY 2020. There has also been an increase in need for the FRL meal program since the COVID-19 pandemic. As shown on slide 3 of ([Exhibit F](#)), this summer the Committee approved \$75.9 million of ARPA funds to be used for the universal meal program. The NDA's meal claims in August of 2022 totaled over \$3.6 million in ARPA funds only. Meal claims in September 2022 were \$5.1 million, and meal claims to date in October 2022 were \$4.3 million. Based on those numbers, the estimated ARPA funds that are needed for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year are \$38.085 million, and the total that will be expended is \$51.0 million.

The NDA originally requested \$75.0 million in ARPA funding to provide school meals during the 2022-2023 school year. This request was based on what was happening during the pandemic and the number of waivers the department received. The department overshot its request, but the estimated amount of ARPA funds remaining is approximately \$24.6 million. For the 2023-2024 school year, the NDA has a projected need of \$52.0 million, meaning the department needs additional ARPA funding of approximately \$28.1 million. Due to the collective effort of the NDE, Nevada schools, the NDA team, and increased need, the USDA is spending more than anticipated, resulting in a situation where an additional \$28.0 million can fund a second school year. The NDA understands the state is getting close to the final ARPA limit, and the sooner that the schools understand or know that this funding is coming, the better they can plan and retain the staff that is needed to administer school lunches and school breakfasts.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN:

One of my concerns when the Committee originally approved this program was that the NDA was not going to fully utilize the USDA funds. However, the department has done an excellent job spending the funding and I commend its efforts.

SENATOR NEAL:

Many students rely on these meals. As schools are heading into Christmas break, are there efforts being made to ensure students can still have their food needs met while they are on break? During the COVID-19 pandemic, the state modified its efforts and tried to take care of students during the summer while they were out of school. While spending time in the different areas of my district, I noticed a high rate of people stealing basic toiletries such as deodorant, shampoo, and body wash. Stores will often put these products behind the counter to prevent theft. If people cannot afford deodorant, they more than likely are not able to afford food. Is the NDA trying to ensure that families can access food for their children during Christmas break? Is the food being provided off campus so that school staff can still enjoy their vacations?

Ms. OTT:

Yes, programs exist that offer meals to students, adults, and their families during school breaks, not just summer break, but also Christmas and spring breaks as well. The meals are not provided through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs, they are instead offered through other USDA programs, and there are off-campus sites where students and their families can receive meals. The challenge with the other USDA programs has been finding better ways to meet the needs of food insecure clients. The NDA is having conversations with its partners about the possibility of taking food trucks into apartment complexes or continuing the USDA waivers to do a non-congregate meal setting. Since the pandemic, the department has found success in providing meals through the other USDA programs, but more needs to be done.

SENATOR NEAL:

To provide meals in certain areas, the NDA could partner with existing agencies that are already going into certain low-income apartment complexes to provide Christmas toys.

Ms. OTT:

I agree that would be a good opportunity.

SENATOR TITUS:

I appreciate the work that the NDA does to provide meals to students in need. My notes show that 460,422 students are enrolled at schools that operate the National School Lunch Program. Does the department have an estimate regarding how many eligible students are not enrolled in the program?

MS. OTT:

The NDA does not currently have that information. The department does not know the number of eligible students that are not signing up for the program and does not have a way to track them.

SENATOR TITUS:

Does the NDA have a business plan for how the food is used? Does the department have an agreement in place with food banks or other agencies? I have heard that a lot of the food is wasted and that the students do not like it, and that they either throw the food away or donate it. Even though they are enrolled, how many students are actually eating the food? What does the department do with the food that students do not eat for breakfast or lunch? Does the department take the uneaten food to a food bank or use the food in some other capacity, or does the food just get thrown out?

MS. OTT:

Your question ties into the next goal that the NDA is going to begin working towards. The main priority of the department is to first offer every child a meal. The department's second priority concerns quality and waste. Throughout the next couple of years, the department will work with school districts on ensuring the quality of food. Much of this goal has to do with supply chain issues; sometimes the department is lucky to receive any food at all. The department is trying to change this with some of the programs it is bringing online.

Regarding food waste, the NDA has administrative reviews that are a part of the National School Lunch Program where a team from the department goes into schools and assesses how things are going. Part of the department's reviews will begin to look at the waste factor and how many students are going through the line and throwing away food. For example, if students are throwing away carrots, then maybe carrots should not be served, and schools should be serving something else. Maybe the department should be looking at ways of educating students about how delicious certain foods are or serving students food that is made in Nevada.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

Senate Bill (S.B.) 297 (2021 Legislative Session) provided for the development of community gardens and urban farms. Some schools are using that initiative as a way to teach that certain foods can be healthy and delicious. It might be helpful to look at S.B. 297 to see if the NDA can expand that learning model in schools and possibly even in neighborhoods.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Yes, the programs enacted through S.B. 297 have proven very successful in schools. I also want to thank the NDA for the work it does. Nevada has a lot of students who need this program and as a teacher for many years, I know that students need healthy food.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM G.9

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**10. Office of the Governor - FY 2023**

Addition of \$219,298 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to update audio-visual systems equipment in the Capitol Building and the Grant Sawyer Office Building. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARPA Audio Visual category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FRF10005. RECEIVED ON 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**11. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$250,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to hire a consultant to provide a review of providers of rare diseases, childhood cancer, and clinical centers that render services for children with rare conditions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Rare Disease Provider Type category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FR315815. RECEIVED ON 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

DR. ANTONINA CAPURRO (Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, DHHS):

This work program requests \$250,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to hire a contractor to identify and analyze areas of system improvement to reduce provider burdens and strengthen program integrity for providers that serve children with rare diseases.

Children diagnosed with rare diseases face unique challenges in accessing medically necessary services throughout our state. The complexity of the issue requires a more detailed evaluation of possible solutions.

The request before you will enable the division to identify methods to maximize the number of specialists that serve this population, review avenues for Medicaid policy enhancements, engage with statewide stakeholder groups, and develop a state disease-specific model of care.

As a key component of this request, the division will continue to collaborate with the Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council on the critical assessment of this issue to ensure that children with rare conditions receive necessary services promptly.

SENATOR NEAL:

Transportation has been a consistent barrier in providing children with innovative treatment for rare diseases. Will there be a conversation with the consultant about clinical trial access, and transportation for children faced with rare diseases?

DR. CAPURRO:

Nevada Medicaid provides transportation services for eligible recipients.

ERIN LYNCH (Chief, Medical Programs Unit, DHCFP, DHHS)

If a child needs medically necessary services during a clinical trial, those services are covered. That insurance started January 1, 2022.

SENATOR NEAL:

I do not think it is clear to the public that transportation is being covered. I have heard that there are still consistent barriers regarding clinical trials when meeting with different stakeholder groups. I will talk to you offline to get an update and discuss how we can get that information to the public so they can use the services.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

This clearly seems to be a necessary service. It is a contractual position that is funded with ARPA funds. How long is the contract for this position? Is there a plan for sustainability?

DR. CAPURRO:

It is a contracted position that will be funded with state ARPA funds. The position will look at best practices and solutions. Based on the suggestions and data from the contractor, the division will develop a sustainable system in Nevada Medicaid.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM G.11.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**12. Department of Public Safety - Records, Communications and Compliance Division - FY 2023**

Addition of \$205,562 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to support the purchase of switch equipment for communications including the southern command dispatch. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARPA Funds category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FRF47021. RECEIVED 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**13. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$10,000,000 from the Loss Revenue Reserve to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Health category to support an allocation to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy for a subgrant to Roseman University to hire faculty and staff to support the College of Medicine during the start-up phase. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Public Health category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.14. Work Program #23F1327146. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items G.13 and G.14 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item G.14.

**14. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$10,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to hire faculty and staff to support the Roseman University College of Medicine during its start-up phase. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARPA - Health Care Workforce Initiative category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.13. Work Program #23FR315816. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items G.13 and G.14 were discussed jointly.

DR. ANTONINA CAPURRO (Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, DHHS):

This is a request for a one-time investment of \$10 million of ARPA funds to assist Roseman University in launching a college of medicine. The need for physicians in the State of Nevada is both acute and well documented. The funds would enable Roseman University to launch a college of medicine by providing funding to hire faculty and staff to support the Roseman University College of Medicine during its start-up phase and through the accreditation process.

The Roseman University College of Medicine is projected to help the state meet its health care needs, particularly for our most underserved and vulnerable populations by eventually graduating 100 new physicians on an annual basis. Roseman University has projected that this would result in a positive economic impact of \$1 billion.

DR. RENEE COFFMAN (President and Co-Founder, Roseman University of Health Sciences):

Roseman University is the only private not-for-profit university in the state that is actually based in the State of Nevada. We are incorporated in the state and have been so since 1999. We have been around for quite a long time, and we are a Nevada-based institution.

The physician shortage in Nevada is dire. The state is ranked 97 and 99, respectively, for physicians and primary care physicians per 100,000 members of the population. Every single county in the state has some shortage of physicians. Just to maintain the current level of physicians in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile, the state will need to add 1,113 primary care physicians by 2030.

Roseman University stands positioned to help the state with the physician shortage. To do that, the new college of medicine must go through the accreditation process with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The LCME requires institutions that are starting a medical school to show the financial capability to sustain the medical school through at least the first graduating class. The \$10 million would expedite the university's ability to move through the accreditation process with LCME.

Roseman University is asking for one-time funds. As it hires the faculty physicians that will be part of the college of medicine, and is able to onboard students, other revenue streams will allow the college to be sustainable over time. Those revenue streams include tuition, faculty physician practice plans, and research grants and contracts.

The new college of medicine would be sustainable by the time that its first class graduates, but it needs funds for the initial hiring of faculty to develop the curriculum and show the LCME that it does indeed have the financial resources to launch this program successfully.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

Please describe the plan to raise the additional \$15.2 million.

DR. COFFMAN:

Roseman University has "skin in the game," with a commitment of \$18 million in operational support for the college of medicine through the first graduating class. Additionally, the university has set aside excess revenues from its operations of \$15 million, raising its commitment to \$33 million. Roseman University has secured \$12 million in philanthropic support, further raising its commitment to \$45 million. The estimated amount the university has in its financial pro forma financials to get through the first accreditation phase is \$70 million. That leaves \$25 million to be raised. The \$10 million that the Committee would potentially approve to today would leave the university with \$15 million to be raised.

Roseman University is aggressively seeking scholarships from philanthropic sources targeted specifically at Nevada students. Those scholarships would be designed to help offset the tuition differential between what a student might experience at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) or the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), to make Roseman University as affordable as UNR and UNLV. In addition, Roseman University will look at additional philanthropic support from the founders. The \$10 million that could be appropriated through the ARPA funds would be leveraged with some of those philanthropists who want a demonstrated commitment to the college of medicine at Roseman University.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

How do you specifically expect to spend the \$10 million.

DR. COFFMAN:

The \$10 million will be used specifically for the initial hiring of faculty that are needed to develop the curriculum.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

The \$10 million would be given to Roseman University as a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services. If the request is approved, would there be any requirements placed on Roseman University, such as periodic reporting to the state on the status of the medical school development?

DR. COFFMAN:

Roseman University would be happy to report to the DHHS on its progress along the accreditation plan throughout this process.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

Madame Chair, would it be possible for DHHS to make that report available to the IFC?

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I believe so, if Roseman University would voluntarily give the report to DHHS. Otherwise, the Committee would need to require that Roseman University submit a report.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

A couple of years ago, I was part of the Community Advisory Board that discussed requiring all aspects of medical schools, including nurses, to participate in residencies in underserved communities.

Last session a bill was designed to provide more equity to underserved communities using ARPA funds. Some communities were more adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic than others: mostly Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities.

Could Roseman University partner with the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity to find out where those communities are, and direct the students that would benefit from the ARPA money to those communities? It would not be just giving away but also giving back.

DR. COFFMAN:

Roseman University funds the Genesis Program, which is specifically targeted to provide health care and wraparound services to areas that are highly underserved. As the medical school comes online, students will be required to participate in this program. As part of the curriculum, students will be placed in a household in one of these underserved areas, in both rural or urban locations throughout the state. They will follow those families and be embedded in those communities to provide

care. That service incentivizes them to stay in those communities to practice after they complete their training.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

Could the new medical school partner with the Office of Minority Health and Equity? The partnership would not just be for the programs that exist now. There may be other things that the Office of Minority Health and Equity has identified for the students from Roseman University to complement their efforts.

When I think about minority health and equity, I am not just thinking about ethnicity. I am speaking about the minority population across the board, whatever that may be.

Recently Nevada voters approved the Nevada Equal Rights Amendment. All of those categories in that amendment encompass the people I am talking about.

DR. COFFMAN:

The new medical school leadership team has been with Roseman University for about two years. Their outreach into those communities is well documented. I will certainly take you up on that suggestion to partner with other institutions like that.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Roseman University is a private institution. Would the new college of medicine be able to create Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) slots, or other placements for Nevada students to serve rural or urban minority communities?

DR. COFFMAN:

That is a key component for the new medical school. The university is aggressively pursuing scholarship opportunities that would be directed to Nevada students. One of Roseman University's existing health care academic programs with Nevada State College (NSC) tracks students directly into the university's pharmacy program. The university would look to expand and enhance that program for potential medical students as well.

As a Nevada-based institution of higher learning, the Nevada component is key to successful metrics for the college of medicine moving forward.

SENATOR TITUS:

Roseman University is a private institution that takes applications for medical school throughout this country, perhaps throughout the world.

Will Nevada students' applications be a priority versus applicants from out of state?

DR. COFFMAN:

Roseman University will do whatever it can within the confines of the accreditation requirements to provide preferential admissions to Nevada students. For example, the pipeline program that I mentioned before with the NSC provides a set-aside for

a certain number of seats for Nevada students that meet the criteria for admissions to the university's pharmacy program. I look forward to being able to replicate that program with the university's college of medicine.

SENATOR TITUS:

When I applied to medical school, the schools were looking for female and rural students. Obviously, everyone who was accepted got good grades, but there were other criteria. Hopefully that will be part of the process with the new college of medicine.

I have concern regarding Graduate Medical Education (GME). Students tend to stay where they do their GME, more so than the place they attended medical school. The new college of medicine will be educating 100 medical students each year from all over. What will encourage them to stay in Nevada? Have you developed community partnerships for their training?

Senator Spearman asked about the college's community engagement. It sounds like you are going to be putting students in some of these other areas, so the students will be engaged there. What will keep them in Nevada?

DR. COFFMAN:

As part of the outreach for the college of medicine, the university developed partnerships to develop residency programs, specifically with the Saint Rose Dominican Hospital system.

There is better data around the first generation college student staying in the state they were born and raised. Part of Roseman University's strategy is to identify those first generation students. The university's leadership team has experience with that at prior institutions where first generation students oftentimes go back to where their family supported them through school. In addition to the residency, the university is specifically targeting first generation Nevada students so they will stay in Nevada.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am looking forward to seeing some outcomes.

SENATOR KRASNER:

Will you give priority in admission to the medical school to students that graduated from Nevada high schools?

DR. COFFMAN:

The university will do everything it can to do that within the constraints of accreditation requirements.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI MOVED TO APPROVE TO PLACE THE STATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN AGENDA ITEMS G.13 AND G.14 IN RESERVE.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**15. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$11,000,000 from the Loss Revenue Reserve to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects category to support an allocation to the Housing Division to provide funding for a new affordable housing project in Southern Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Projects category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.16. Work Program #23F1327148. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items G.15 and G.16 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item G.16.

**16. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account For Low-Income Housing - FY 2023**

Addition of \$11,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund affordable housing in a mixed-use project in Westside Las Vegas. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Housing Program category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM G.15. Work Program #23FRF38384. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items G.15 and G.16 were discussed jointly.

TERRY REYNOLDS (Director, Department of Business and Industry [B&I]):  
Agenda Item G.15 is for the transfer of \$11 million from the Loss Revenue Reserve to the ARPA Project category to provide affordable housing. Agenda Item G.15 provides the mechanical ability to transfer those funds to make them available for the project.

Agenda Item G.16 is the actual transfer of those dollars to the Historic Westside Las Vegas mixed-use program for housing and commercial development.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

Please provide information about how this project has been developed and the coordination efforts with Clark County.

MR. REYNOLDS:

This is a mixed-use project that includes a micro-business park along with affordable housing. The \$11 million will be used to partner with Clark County, which put \$15 million into the project. The county is leveraging land that it already has in that area. The \$11 million in Agenda Item G.16 will only go to the affordable housing 60% average median income (AMI) restricted units portion of the project.

The \$15 million and the land being provided by Clark County will expand the affordability of the units, which is 60% AMI or below for affordable housing, or between 60% and 80%, which is in the workforce housing area range. That additional funding will help keep rents low and keep debt service down so that the units can be maintained as affordable housing through the 20-year life of the overall project.

This project provides an opportunity to add a mixture of commercial and retail space, along with housing, in Historic Westside Las Vegas. The residents of the area will have the benefit of a workspace, commercial space, and retail space within the housing project.

The project was not considered by the initial Home Means Nevada Initiative because of the mixed-use business and retail commercial space being built along with the affordable housing.

The complex will consist of the commercial building and “garden style” residential apartments containing 60 housing units, all of which will be new construction. The apartments will share a common recreation space, a clubhouse with a computer room, a fitness room, a mail room and a small kitchen. There will be a community and performance space that will be available for the residents to use. A commercial building will have retail on the first floor and co-working/makers space, or entrepreneurial space, and offices for the micro-business initiative on the second floor.

Groundbreaking for the project will begin in 2024. All funds will be committed prior to 2024 and expended prior to December 2026. Leasing for the housing portion of the project is projected to be completed by July 2025. The project meets the criteria for the use of the ARPA funding, and it will provide a much needed commercial and housing balance within the downtown district.

The B&I Housing Division, working with Clark County and Commissioner William McCurdy, agreed this is an excellent project. Given my background as a city manager, I know this sort of project is great for downtown urban areas.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

Please discuss the anticipated timeline for the construction of the housing units including how the agency would ensure the state ARPA funds are committed and expended within the necessary timeframe.

MR. REYNOLDS:

The funding will be committed by 2024. The division will be monitoring those funds - as it does for all the projects - to make sure construction is started within the proper period of time. The division is aggressive in making sure those funds are utilized within that period.

The timeline is very reasonable for the construction of the project because the project area is vacant land. There is no demolition or other issues that would delay the start. The project is on land owned by Clark County, so there is no title issue to hold up construction. The project construction through leasing will take place within a 2.5-year period, starting from now. Usually, the division's projects are between 16 to 18 months. This is an excellent timeline to start and complete the project on time.

SENATOR HARRIS:

How will contractors be selected? Will there be an intention to include a diverse community of contractors as part of this process?

MR. REYNOLDS:

This is a Clark County project. Clark County will be handling the construction contracts both for the commercial and housing side. The Department of Business and Industry is providing funding for a portion of the housing. For every project the department is involved in - approximately 2,200 to 2,300 units a year - the department works to make sure the contractors are qualified, and there are minority components, either from vendors or part of the project components.

SENATOR HARRIS:

I would encourage the department to tie as many diversity metrics as it sees fit in order to ensure there is some intention put into the selection process.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM G.16 WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE AGENCY  
REPORT TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUALLY  
ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Does that report timing work with the agencies schedule?

MR. REYNOLDS:

Yes. The department will continue to report on the ARPA-funded projects either quarterly or on a semiannual basis so the IFC can track the progress of all of its projects. The department will be happy to do that specifically for this project too.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**17. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Children, Youth and Family Administration - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$7,022,777 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Reserve - Vegas Strong Resiliency Center (VRSC) category to the ARPA VRSC Capital Improvements category to support capital improvements and temporary contract staff and associated costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA VRSC Capital Improvements category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23FR314522. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

MELANIE YOUNG (Deputy Directory, Division of Child and Family Services):  
This request is for the Las Vegas Strong Resiliency Center (VSRC). It originally came before this Committee in October 2022, and the funds were placed in reserve for the capital improvement program project.

BARBARA BUCKLEY (Former Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, and Executive Director of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada [LACSN]):

The LACSN is so appreciative of the approval of the funds for this very important project. As you will recall from the last meeting, this will allow the construction of a victims of crime center in the Las Vegas community. It will be the permanent home for the VSRC, which will serve all victims of violent crime in our community. The LACSN will also be able to consolidate other legal aid programs such as its programs assisting victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, and its unit that prevents exploitation in the guardianship system.

The combined center will include a State of Nevada behavioral health resources employee; State of Nevada victims of crime compensation program employees; a representative of Clark County Emergency Management, if, God forbid, there is another incidence of mass violence; as well as an advocate with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

The center will be a transformative one-stop shop, located directly across from LACSN's existing building at South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and East Charleston Boulevard. The location used to be a U.S. Bank building. When the branch closed, I was the first to call the U.S. Bank president. After he was told about the vision for the center, LACSN was given a depreciated value price. The center probably received a \$2 million contribution from U.S. Bank right then and there.

The IFC approved the request at the last meeting with instructions to return when LACSN had the money and was ready to build. Well, LACSN is back and is ready to build. The backup information for this agenda item includes an \$8 million line of credit, which LACSN is ready to retire through philanthropy, but it wants to begin construction. LACSN already received the \$3 million from Congresswoman Titus' appropriation, which is being processed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. LACSN is beginning environmental work on the land and is ready to proceed with construction.

This transfer will ensure there are no delays. I would appreciate your support.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS:

How does LACSN plan to repay what is borrowed against the \$8.0 million line of credit?

Ms. BUCKLEY:

LACSN plans to retire the line of credit through philanthropy. It believes it will receive strong philanthropic support for this project. I have already met with donors who are quite interested and will be getting back to me in January 2023. As LACSN receives donations, that money will first be utilized to reduce the line of credit. That is LACSN's long-term plan. Fortunately, because of the reserves and the generous discount received by U.S. Bank, LACSN is in a very good position to begin construction.

SENATOR TITUS:

There are victims of crime throughout our state, not just in Clark County. Are any other monies being directed toward other agencies in the state to help victims of crime? LACSN has done a stellar job in Clark County, but I am curious about resources for the other parts of the state.

CINDY PITLOCK (Administrator, DCFS, DHHS):

That is a great question. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program is a statewide program. The DCFS is thrilled to partner with many entities; for example, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the DHHS Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and various vendors that the division has contracts with through the Victims of Crime account. The division has formed relationships over many years with community providers in this space. It truly is a statewide program.

This is an opportunity to embed some of the division's employees in that area of Las Vegas so when a victim walks in the door, they receive a myriad of services in one space.

I assure you that the VOCA program is a statewide program that has been built over many years in coordination with many community providers statewide.

SENATOR TITUS:

At some point, could you give the Committee a list of the people that have been the recipients of help throughout our state to show who has been helped and where the major need is?

Ms. PITLOCK:

I will make sure that information gets to you. The division can also work with you to identify gaps and build out more community partners.

Ms. BUCKLEY:

The State of Nevada Victims of Crime compensation program receives applications. There are certain buckets of eligibility for victims. The program does not have the ability to offer resources, navigation, or comfort, so it often turns to

the VSRC to follow-up with a rural victim. The VSRC has the skills and the ability to do that.

There are different organizations funded throughout the state to serve victims of crime. The organizations primarily help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. There are very few services for victims of shootings, home invasion, assault, the devastation of elder abuse, or crimes against the homeless. Those are some of the services the VSRC prioritizes because of those gaps in services.

LACSN is happy to receive referrals. If you have a victim that cannot find services in the rural area, LACSN will help.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you for that and all that LACSN does.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS G.17.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

## **18. Furlough Work Programs.**

Agenda Items G.18.1 through G.18.115 were discussed jointly.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, Governor's Finance Office [GFO]):

The GFO has submitted 115 work programs for the repayment of approximately \$35 million to state employees for furlough leave hours that were required to be taken in 2021.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Will the payments only go to active employees who are presently employed?

MS. STEPHENSON:

That is correct.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I will support this but want to make sure the reimbursement is only going to active employees. This will be a good bonus for state employees; however, it is just a "band aid." The state has a 40% vacancy rate. The Legislature needs to put funds toward the employee benefit program and salaries.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

I agree with Senator Goicoechea. This is just a start. I do not view this as a “bonus” to state employees. The reimbursement is being made to show respect for the sacrifice made by our state employees through the last couple of years to help our state and its residents get through the pandemic. I hope this is the first of many efforts to thank all of our state employees for their hard work.

Once this is approved, what is the timeline for the state employees to receive the furlough reimbursement payment?

MANDY BOWSMITH (Administrator, Division of Human Resource Management [DHRM], Department of Administration):

The division’s central payroll is aiming to pay the reimbursements in the first paycheck of January 2023; however, reimbursements may be paid in the second paycheck in January due to the need to upload and synchronize the files between two software programs.

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and Judicial Branch have their own payroll systems. Those reimbursements will be made in January, but I do not know the specific dates.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

There are 115 work programs in this agenda item. Another 210 work programs did not need IFC approval. Each work program represents an agency. What is the total number of state employees being reimbursed for furlough hours through these work programs?

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

Approximately 14,851 state employees will receive furlough reimbursement payments.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

There is no one on the Committee who does not recognize the worth of state employees to the operation of our state government.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

Can you tell the Committee how many furlough days the state’s 14,000 employees are being reimbursed for?

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

The employees will be reimbursed for the 48 hours of mandated furlough leave.

SENATOR TITUS:

I echo the previous comments that our state employees deserve this reimbursement, with recognition that an across-the-board evaluation of our employment policies and salaries is needed.

There are 325 different state agencies. Are all the state employees included in the reimbursement, such as those from the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and the Judicial Branch?

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

All state employees are included: NSHE, Judicial Branch, Legislative Branch and Executive Branch.

SENATOR TITUS:

Will there be a payment to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) at the current rate for the funds being reimbursed?

MANDY BOWSMITH (Administrator, DHRM, Department of Administration):

Assembly Bill 3 of the 2020 Special Session, which mandated the furloughs, specifically stated that the state employees' PERS contributions would remain whole. PERS contributions were made on the behalf of state employees as if they had worked those 48 hours. Employees are whole in terms of their retirement, and there will be no PERS deduction from the reimbursement payment.

SENATOR TITUS:

It is clearly stated that only current employees that experienced the furloughs will be reimbursed. Many folks left state employment because they were frustrated with the furloughs or the low pay. There are former state employees who suffered through the furloughs but are not being reimbursed. Is there a reason the state cannot reimburse former state employees who were subject to the furloughs at the time they were employed with the state?

YVANNA CANCELA (Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor):

There are logistical and philosophical reasons that folks who retired or otherwise left state service before the furlough repayment, and are not currently working in state service, were not allocated into the furlough reimbursement pool.

Tracking down the entire population of people who retired or otherwise left state service would be challenging. There is a risk that some of these dollars could end up in the Office of the State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Fund waiting for people to collect them, which is against ARPA rules. The mechanics of finding the folks and getting the reimbursement paid presented logistical questions. In addition, there could potentially be challenges to ARPA eligibility should the state pursue that path.

On a philosophical level, a decision was made to use these dollars to thank people for their sacrifice, and to do the right thing in the hopes of retaining these employees.

I hope there will be a robust budget discussion related to state employees' salaries and benefits in the 2023 Legislative Session. There are record vacancies across state government. The Nevada Department of Corrections needs more Correctional Officers. Winter is coming. Snowplow drivers will be needed at the Nevada Department of Transportation. Anything the state can do to keep people in those jobs will help.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

It is encouraging to hear this. We all realize there is more work to be done. This is a small first step, but you cannot start a journey without the first step. I look forward to more steps during the 2023 Legislative Session. I want to recognize how monumental this is.

I want to thank the Office of the Governor, the Governor's finance team, and LCB Fiscal staff for making this happen. The furlough reimbursements caused lots of extra work for staff, but it is certainly worth it.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

You are absolutely right. There were many hours of work put in by staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS G.18.1 THROUGH G.18.115.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

Chair Dondero Loop called a recess at 12:19 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

**H. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND  
POSITION CHANGES NOT INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL  
RECOVERY FUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 353 OF NRS.**

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

The following items have been identified for additional discussion: Agenda Items H.11, Department of Education and H.12, Department of Education, which will be discussed jointly; H.53, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP); H.71, DHHS, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS); H.73, DHHS, DWSS; H. 74, DHHS, Division of Child and Family Services; H.92, Department of Public Safety (DPS); H.94, DPS; H.112, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Forestry Division; H.135, Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division; and H.137, DHHS, DHCFP.

The following items have been revised: Agenda Item H.64, DHHS, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment. The agenda shows this item involves an allocation of block grant funds and that the agency is using the IFC meeting as the required public hearing. That is not correct. Agenda Item H.64 does not relate to a block grant, and therefore does not need a public hearing associated with a block grant and has not been identified to be pulled for discussion. Agenda Item H.66, DHHS, DPBH, Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment, includes similar language indicating the item involves an allocation of block grant funds and that the agency is using the IFC meeting as the required public hearing. This item had a public hearing at the August 25, 2022, meeting of the DPBH Behavioral Health Policy and Advisory Council, does not need an additional public meeting, and has not been identified for additional discussion.

The following items were withdrawn on December 13, 2022, after the agenda had been published: Agenda Items H.37, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Indian Affairs Commission; H.39, DHHS, Director's Office, Fund for a Resilient Nevada; and H.40, DHHS, Director's Office, Fund for a Resilient Nevada. Agenda Item H.88, Department of

Public Safety, Forfeitures, Law Enforcement was also withdrawn on December 8, 2022, after the agenda was posted.

**1. Office of the Governor - Athletic Commission - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$89,668 from the Reserve-Operating category to the Operating category to fund a digitization project which uses less physical storage space for files and creates efficiencies in accessing the information. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61771**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**2. Office of the Attorney General - Grants Unit - FY 2023**

Addition of \$279,250 in federal Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse Later in Life grant funds to continue providing education and services to victims of violence, neglect, and exploitation who are 50 years of age or older. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Abuse in Later Life category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61113**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**3. Office of the Attorney General - Forfeiture Account - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$66,808 from the State Forfeiture reserve category to the Department of the Treasury Equitable Distribution Expenditures category for travel, training, equipment purchases, and officer safety items for law enforcement activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Equitable Distribution Expenditures category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61680**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**4. Office of the Treasurer - College Savings Trust - Endowment Account - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$6.0 million from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Budget Account (BA) 1085 Millennium Scholarship Fund category to provide funding to the Millennium Scholarship Program as approved by the 2021 Legislature. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Transfer to BA 1085 Millennium Scholarship Fund category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62021**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**5. Department of Administration - Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records - State Library - FY 2023**

Addition of \$540,567 in federal Institute of Museum and Library Services Title I funds to support state and local public libraries' goals which reflect the purposes and priorities of the Library Services and Technology Act. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Library Development Title I category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61520**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

6. **Department of Education - Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$6,555,262 from the Reserve category to the At-Risk Pupil Weighted Funding category, and transfer of ~~\$4,392,782~~ **\$4,392,784** from the Reserve category to the English Learner Weighted Funding category, **and deletion of \$320,022 from the Gifted and Talented Weighted Funding category** to account for October 2021 enrollment counts. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the At-Risk Pupil Weighted Funding category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61749. REVISED 11-17-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

7. **Department of Education - Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Account - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$73,390 from the Reserve category to the State Education Fund (SEF) Miscellaneous Payments category to return county funds. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the SEF Miscellaneous Payments category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C62068**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

8. **Department of Education - Other State Education Programs - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$252,098 from the Reserve category to the Jobs for America's Graduates category to support students in tutoring, mentoring, career readiness, workplace skills training, and multi-year support, and transfer of \$252,098 from the Reserve category to the Adult Education category to support adult standard high school diploma courses of study. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Jobs for America's Graduates category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61903**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

9. **Department of Education - Office of the Superintendent - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$47,523 from the Reserve category to the Personnel Services category to continue to fund a position to oversee the programmatic and evaluation initiatives of American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62066**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

10. **Department of Education - Data Systems Management - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$232,451 in federal Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems funds to continue to fund longitudinal data system infrastructure improvements. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61627**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**11. Department of Education - Safe and Respectful Learning - FY 2023**

Addition of \$970,000 in federal Nevada's Trauma Informed Services in Schools grant funds to improve school-based health services to address trauma in schools. Funds one new 1.0 FTE Program Office position. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Trauma Informed Services Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61835**

Agenda Items H.11 and H.12 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item H.12.

**12. Department of Education - Safe and Respectful Learning - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,985,347 in federal STOP School Violence grant funds to further enhance the development and implementation of programs to prevent school violence and bullying. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the School Violence Prevention category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61824**

Agenda Items H.11 and H.12 were discussed jointly.

HEIDI HAARTZ (Deputy Superintendent, Student Investment Division, Nevada Department of Education [NDE]):

Agenda Item H.11 would allow the NDE to establish revenue and expenditure authority totaling \$970,000 in FY 2023 in federal funds to support Trauma Informed Services in Schools, which is a new grant that was received by the department. This work program includes a request to establish one new Program Officer state position. This is a multi-year federal grant. At this point, the NDE is only requesting authority for the first fiscal year.

Through Agenda Item H.12, the NDE is requesting revenue and expenditure authority for \$1.9 million in federal funds received from the STOP School Violence grant, which will allow the department to further enhance the development and implementation of programs and services targeted at school violence and bullying prevention. This is also a multi-year federal grant. The request for this authority covers activities that may be experienced in what is currently established in the first three years of implementation.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

Please discuss current school safety concerns the department has observed and how these two grant programs would work to address those concerns and the department's long-term school safety goals.

CHRISTINE MCGILL (Director, Safe and Respectful Learning, NDE):

The department has been hearing safety concerns from students and staff. The grant that was discussed to improve school safety will look at the Safe-Voice program and improve some problems of practice. One problem of practice the NDE is experiencing involves making sure there is good collaboration between law

enforcement, Nevada schools, and mental health providers. This particular grant will look at improving the platform and improving collaboration. The department is working with West-Ed and industry leaders in this area to make a place where schools and law enforcement can readily communicate.

The Trauma Informed Services in Schools is a response from Nevada's teachers saying many students have come out of the pandemic experiencing long-term trauma and will need services. This particular grant dovetails the department's American Rescue Plan Act funding that it received from the DHHS in the fall of 2022, which was focused on Clark and Washoe Counties. This grant focuses on the rural counties so that there is equity in these counties along with Clark and Washoe Counties.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

Obviously, the grant funds would be used to prevent physical violence and would be used toward bullying prevention. There has been an increase in racism and racially motivated acts in schools. Would racially motivated violence also be addressed under these programs?

Ms. MCGILL:

The Safe-Voice program does initiate the bullying tracking process. In fact, bullying is one of the top three tips that come through the Safe-Voice program. This grant will improve the P3 Campus technology platform to not only make sure that the schools are receiving the bullying complaints, but that there are services, supports and interventions, if need be. The department is trying to establish early intervention regarding bullying. The victim or the aggressor may need additional services and supports. This particular grant will explore how the NDE is able to accomplish these goals through a platform. The department is also piloting an electronic health record to determine if those services and supports to students are having positive student outcomes, which will eliminate guesswork.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

Will racially motivated violence be addressed under these programs?

Ms. MCGILL:

Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am glad the programs will address rural issues. The funding intends to expand treatment options for children, youth and families. How will this be implemented when there are not enough teachers, psychologists, social workers and other health care professionals in the rural areas? Once bullying is identified, who will the children and families be referred to? Will the treatment be provided online? If the department does not have that information available, I would request it be sent to the Committee members later.

Ms. MCGILL:

The department can provide additional information regarding its plans to the Committee, as what you mentioned is how these two grants are intended to be used. The department knows there is an issue with the workforce. While the NDE builds the workforce in the short-term, it wants to find out how stakeholders can work together better to accomplish the goals of the programs. The department is investing in communication procedures as it wants schools to work better with providers in the community to leverage the two programs. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the department found that neither schools, community providers, nor law enforcement can do any of this alone.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS:

I would also like to see how the NDE is looking at integrating behavioral health care providers through the programs. Please provide an update on the department's Medicaid billing process for eligible health care services that are provided in schools. If that information is not available today, please follow up with the Committee.

Ms. MCGILL:

The department can provide the Committee with a detailed report on which school districts are billing Medicaid and the kinds of services that are being used in schools and communities. The department is working through some challenges with Nevada Medicaid. For example, getting proper documentation in the school districts for nurses and school-based mental health professionals has proven difficult.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

Regarding Agenda Item H.11, the 2019 Legislature passed a bill that required each school district to come up with a program to reduce suicidal ideation. At the time the bill was passed, there was a question as to how this type of program would be funded. Has the department given any consideration to make sure it is complying with that bill?

Ms. MCGILL:

This is exactly what the NDE strives to do – use the federal discretionary funds to ensure that the priorities the Legislature, the NDE and school districts have set are fulfilled. For the U.S. Department of Justice grant funding being requested through Agenda Item H.12, the NDE will put the suicide prevention training (Columbia Suicide Screening) directly into the platform itself so that the training and other live options will be on demand and ready. The department will also utilize this funding to train law enforcement personnel to ensure they have this training at their fingertips, especially the Columbia Suicide Screening training. In Nevada, law enforcement responds to many of the crises students have outside of school hours.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS H.11 AND H.12.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**13. Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**

Addition of ~~\$19,847,846~~ **\$20,711,819** in federal Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies grant funds to continue providing assistance to schools with high percentages of children from low-income families. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Title I Basic Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61813. REVISED 11-16-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**14. Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**

Addition of \$218,917 in federal Neglected and Delinquent Child grant funds to continue providing supplemental support to eligible students enrolled in educational programs at state-operated facilities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Neglected/Delinquent Aid category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61806**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**15. Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**

Addition of \$56,984 in federal Rural and Low-Income Schools grant funds to continue providing support to eligible rural districts with financial assistance for initiatives aimed at improving student achievement. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Rural and Low-Income Aid to Schools category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61846**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**16. Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**

Addition of \$218,346 in federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant funds to continue providing homeless children and youth with equal access to a free and appropriate public education. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal Homeless Children Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61829**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**17. Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,052,196 in federal English Language Acquisition grant funds to continue providing support for English learners. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the English Language Acquisition Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61849**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

18. **Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$1,034,209 in federal Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program grant funds to continue to provide support for districts to improve students on academic achievement through access to a well-rounded education, improve school conditions for student learning, and improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy for all students. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Title IV - A Well Rounded Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61852**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

19. **Department of Education - Student and School Support - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$2,763,894 in federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program grant funds to continue providing academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61917**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

20. **Department of Education - Career and Technical Education - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$120,000 from the Career and Technical Education Leadership Funds category to the Vocational Student Organization category to assist with the reporting of funding utilized to support the management and coordination of statewide Career and Technical Student Organization activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Vocational Student Organization category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62045**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

21. **Department of Education - Continuing Education - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$399,990 in federal Supporting and Advancing Nevada's Dislocated Individuals (SANDI) grant funds transferred from the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation to support adult education students pursuing postsecondary credentials. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the SANDI Project Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61632**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

22. **Department of Education - Continuing Education - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$527,819 in federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act State Grant Program funds to continue providing support for educational and community-based organizations that help adults acquire basic skills including reading, writing, math, English language proficiency, and problem solving. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Adult Basic Education - Aid to Schools category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61923**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**23. Department of Agriculture - Agriculture Administration - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$47,274 from the Personnel Services category to the Operating category, \$55,611 from the Personnel Services category to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category, and \$97,295 from the Personnel Services category to the Utilities category to fund shortfalls in contract staffing, maintenance, and utilities costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Utilities category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61973**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**24. Department of Agriculture - Registration and Enforcement - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$74,897 **\$26,090** from the Reserve category to the Operating category and \$67,455 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a shortfall in temporary staffing, contractual obligations, fuel, and other operating expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Operating category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61631. REVISED 11-16-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**25. Department of Agriculture - Registration and Enforcement - FY 2023**

Addition of \$60,000 in federal U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to support the Nevada Native Foundation Seed Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NDOW Foundation Seed Subgrant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61969**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**26. Department of Agriculture - Consumer Equitability - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$79,088 from the Reserve category to the Operating category to fund a shortfall in contractual expenditures, fuel, and other operating expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61947**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**27. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2023**

Addition of \$11,459,071 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service grant funds to support supply chain assistance relief efforts. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Child Nutrition Supply Chain Assistance category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60746**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**28. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2023**

Addition of \$850,015 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service grant funds to support the Farm to School Grant program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NV Farm to School category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61949**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**29. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2023**

Addition of ~~\$657,971~~ **\$654,181** in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service grant funds ~~and transfer of \$73,362 from the Department Cost Allocation category to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) School Equipment Assistance Grant category~~ to support the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) School Equipment Assistance Grant program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NSLP School Equipment Assistance Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61989. REVISED 11-17-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**30. Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2023**

Addition of \$3,498,614 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service grant funds to support the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Fruit and Vegetable Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61999**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**31. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2023**

Addition of \$200,000 in federal U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management grant funds to support the Abandoned Mine Land Program to close dangerous abandoned mines. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61472**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**32. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$282,000 from the Reserve category to the Special Projects category to fund contractual obligations for disseminating information about the mineral industry and educating the public about dangers of abandoned mine land hazards. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Special Projects category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61474**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

- 33. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$150,000 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest grant funds to inventory abandoned mine openings and features and construct closures to abate safety hazards located on U.S. Forest Service lands. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61485**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

- 34. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Low-Income Housing - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$7,192,754 from the Encumbered Reserves category to the Loan Disbursements category to fund a projected shortfall for low-income housing subgrantee reimbursement requests through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Loan Disbursements category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61690**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

- 35. Governor's Office of Economic Development - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$801,342 in federal State Trade Expansion Program grant funds to continue providing financial assistance to enable small businesses to enter or expand into export markets. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the State Trade and Export Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60757. WITHDRAWN 11-8-22.**

- 36. Governor's Office of Economic Development - Rural Community Development - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$2,895,713 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and addition of \$9,609,788 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Federal Community Development Block Grant funds to support ongoing rural community and economic development projects. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the CARES Act COVID-19 Response categories exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61812**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

- 37. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Indian Commission - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$55,382 in Fund for Resilient Nevada grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office, to support a new 1.0 FTE Clinical Program Planner position to serve as the Tribal Opioid Coordinator. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM H.40. Work Program #C61945**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

38. **Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Nevada Arts Council - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$117,900 in federal National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant funds to align state budget authority to the federal NEA grant award. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Arts Grant Awards category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61273**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

39. **Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Fund for Resilient Nevada - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$45,127 from the Reserve category to the Personnel Services category, \$505 from the Reserve category to the Operating category, \$58,119 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Budget Account 3203 category, and \$2,575 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to support one new 1.0 FTE Public Information Officer and one new 1.0 FTE Biostatistician position. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred from the Reserve category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60176**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

40. **Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Fund for Resilient Nevada - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$4,114,414 from the Reserve category to the Opioid Allocation category to support statewide projects to address the impact of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Opioid Allocation category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.37. Work Program #C61943**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

41. **Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Developmental Disabilities - FY 2023**

Addition of \$218,837 in federal Developmental Disabilities Act State Councils on Developmental Disabilities grant funds to meet the goals and objectives of the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Developmental Disabilities Council category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61773**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

42. **Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Grants Management Unit - FY 2023**

Addition of \$33,404 in federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant funds transferred from Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion budget to establish a statewide COVID-19 health equity plan to support state, division, community health organizations, and policy makers with COVID-19 equity as well as future emergency responses. Requires Interim Finance approval since the

amount added to the Health Disparity Minority Health category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61637**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**43. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Federal Programs and Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$4,199,998 in federal Nevada Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, to modernize the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) case management system using a statewide comprehensive cloud-based solution. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the MFP HCBS System category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.54. Work Program #C61734**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**44. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,419,854 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for Adult Protective Services (APS) grant funding to continue to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of APS to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of clients and at-risk vulnerable adults. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the APS COVID-19 ARPA category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60371**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**45. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$410,148 in federal Nevada No Wrong Door Governance (NWDG) Infrastructure grant funding to establish a steering committee to provide leadership in the design, implementation, and ongoing administration of a NWDG system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NWDG Infrastructure category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61532**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**46. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$246,198 in federal Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funds to continue to provide outreach and assistance to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the MIPPA grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61537**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**47. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$165,307 in federal State Health Insurance Assistance Program grant funds to continue to provide information and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61548**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**48. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$676,783 in federal Title III grant funds to continue to provide services for senior citizens to maintain health, independence, and quality of life. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Title III-C Nutrition Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61703**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**49. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$86,107 in federal Title VII Ombudsman funds to continue to provide advocacy to seniors in facilities and to educate the public on seniors' rights and elder abuse. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Title VII Ombudsman category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61712**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**50. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Early Intervention Services - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$78,204 from the Personnel Services category to the Operating category to cover a projected shortfall in lease and renovation expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61745**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**51. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Desert Regional Center - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$57,000 from the Resident Placement Supported Living Arrangement category to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to fund erosion and flood control measures on the Desert Regional Center campus. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61786**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**52. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services - Desert Regional Center - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$44,256 from the Resident Placement Supported Living Arrangement category to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to fund an update of campus fire sprinkler heads nearing end-of-lifespan per Health Care Quality and Compliance recommendations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Maintenance of Building and Grounds category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60229**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**53. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$520,144 in Public Option Trust Funds transferred from the Office of the State Treasurer to support the development of the state public option for health insurance, fund two new 1.0 FTE Management Analyst positions, and fund two new 1.0 FTE Social Service Program Specialists pursuant to Senate Bill 420 (2021 Legislative Session). Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Public Option Trust Fund category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C58513**

MELISSA LAUFER-LEWIS (Administrative Services Officer, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy [DHCFP], Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]): This agenda item requests a transfer from the Office of the State Treasurer to fund the position requests included in S.B. 420 (2021 Legislative Session) for the Nevada Public Option. This request includes four new positions to assist with the development of the state Public Option for health insurance including the creation and submission of the federal Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver for the available federal pass-through funding.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

There was robust conversation during the 2021 Legislative Session with regard to S.B. 420 and the Public Option. Please provide an update on the implementation of the Public Option.

STACIE WEEKS (Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, DHHS):

The division has been working to implement the waiver applications for pass-through funding and hopes to post applications for public comment in the next week or two. The posting will include the actuarial report for which funding was approved during the 2021 Legislative Session. The actuarial report includes an additional provider-time analysis. The division had hoped to post the actuarial report a couple of weeks ago, but the work has taken longer than expected; the actuarial analysis is very in-depth, which is good, but it is over 100 pages at this time.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

Is the division working to identify the number of people that are otherwise Medicaid eligible, but not currently enrolled, versus those that would move to the Public Option?

Ms. WEEKS:

Yes, the analysis looks at how many people are expected to move, especially after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is lifted. The analysis assumes some changes in the market, but the only numbers regarding the uninsured population are from an analysis prepared a couple of years ago about those who are eligible for Medicaid, but not enrolled.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am concerned that the Committee is considering this today and that its decision is being rushed. As you yourself just mentioned, the Committee will not see the actuarial report for a week or so. The Committee does not have all the information it truly needs to implement this. Perhaps the Committee should its decision.

Ms. WEEKS:

The division has the information but is unable to post the report on its website at this time. In September 2022, the division did an early release regarding an in-depth presentation on the findings. The actuarial report must go through a long, detailed process at Milliman, the division's actuary. Milliman must perform an internal peer review to make sure its analysis is solid and its assumptions are correct. There have been no serious changes to the report since the early findings were released.

The staffing that is part of the public workshop is required to implement legislation passed by the 2021 Legislature. The division was asked to hire the positions in this fiscal year to implement the Public Option. That is why the division is asking for the funding.

SENATOR TITUS:

The division hosted at least six different workshops with stakeholders. Who does the division define as stakeholders? Does the division have a list of the stakeholders who attended the workshops?

Ms. WEEKS:

The division hosted weekly office hours meetings that were open to anyone. The meeting notifications were posted on the division's website. Anyone that signed up for the division's Public Option listserv as well as its Medicaid listserv, which is a very broad listserv, received an invitation to comment and ask questions. Anyone from the public was invited to attend and ask questions about the waiver analysis the division presented, the early findings, and the overall process. The attendees did not have to be a provider or from a health plan. The questions and answers from those sessions are posted online. The division does have a list of participants.

SENATOR TITUS:

I would like to see that list.

At this point in time, do you feel the division has the actual numbers for the actuarial report? When will the Committee be able to review that information? Are you confident that the state will receive the waiver?

MS. WEEKS:

The division has a preliminary analysis that includes the main key numbers, which can be shared with Committee members. The full report, which describes the various assumptions and includes lots of tables behind those numbers will be available in the next week or two. That is the goal at this time. It takes time to get the report ready for the website, because the division needs to follow a variety of remediation activities for the Americans with Disabilities Act. I am doing my best to make the report available sooner so that everyone has access. The report will be sent out on the division's public listserv and shared with the Committee members.

Regarding the division's level of confidence that the state will receive the waiver, I cannot speak for the federal government; however, Colorado's Public Option had a similar waiver and a similar process to Nevada for seeking federal passthrough funds. The State of Colorado's waiver was approved, and the division expects a similar outcome for Nevada. Those federal passthrough funds to the State of Nevada are expected to be close to \$300 million to \$400 million in the first five years.

There have not been any red flags in the conversations the division has been having with the federal government, but it is very early in the process. I cannot say that it will be approved, but I am also not concerned that the state's application for a waiver will not be approved.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM H.53.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

I will vote no. It is premature to address this today. By the division's own admission, there is no guarantee Nevada will receive a waiver. The Committee has not been able to review the actuary's final report. This decision should be held until the Committee can see the numbers.

THE MOTION FAILED (Senator Goicoechea, Senator Hammond,  
Senator Krasner, Senator Titus, and Assemblywoman Dickman  
opposed the motion).

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER MOVED TO RESCIND THE  
COMMITTEE'S PRIOR ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM H.53.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

I thought only the winning side could move to rescind a previous action made by the Committee.

BRYAN FERNLEY (Legislative Counsel, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Interim Finance Committee, which is different from a Nevada Senate committee or Nevada Assembly committee, is under Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure rules. Section 4.64 provides that where there is no special rule on the subject, a motion to reconsider may be made by any member, like any other motion and subject to no other rules. Any member of the IFC can make a motion to reconsider an action.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

I used the wrong terminology and will restate the motion.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM H.53.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

This issue has been well debated. The vote was held, and it is not appropriate to reconsider the motion. I will vote no on the reconsideration.

THE MOTION PASSED (Senator Goicoechea, Senator Hammond, Senator Krasner, Senator Titus, Assemblywoman Dickman, and Assemblyman Hafen opposed the motion).

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM H.53.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED (Senator Goicoechea, Senator Hammond, Senator Krasner, Senator Titus, and Assemblyman Hafen opposed the motion).

**54. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$4,199,998 in federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration grant funds to promote access to supports, services, and quality of care for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) through the modernization of the HCBS Case Management system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Money Follows the Person Planning Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.43. Work Program #C61707**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**55. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$550,000 in private Laura and John Arnold Foundation grant funds to support the Advancing Medicare-Medicaid Integration in Nevada project, which aims to improve the Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the D-SNP Grant Project category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61769**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**56. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$643,768 in federal Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response grant funds to establish, expand, train, and sustain the state, tribal, local, and territorial public health workforce, and school-based health programs to support prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Centers for Disease Control Workforce Development category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61639. WITHDRAWN 11-29-22.**

**57. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2023**

Addition of \$573,065 in federal Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke grant funds to continue to reduce cardiovascular disease in underserved populations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to Innovative Health Strategies category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61508**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**58. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2023**

Addition of \$460,095 in federal Building our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act grant funds to provide Alzheimer's and dementia services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the BOLD Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61551**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**59. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2023**

Addition of \$500,000 in federal Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) grant funds to implement and evaluate evidence-based strategies designed to reduce the risk and complications of heart disease and stroke. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount

added to the WISEWOMEN category exceeded \$75,000. **Work Program #C61609**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**60. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2023**

Addition of \$322,934 in federal National and State Tobacco Control Program grant funds to support the tobacco prevention and control programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Tobacco Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61647**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**61. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,163,929 in federal Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention grant funds to provide prevention and management of cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Diabetes Management (DM) Heart and Stroke Screening and Prevention (HSSP) category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61740**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**62. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Alcohol Tax Program - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$304,131 from the Reserve category to the Alcohol Program category to fund projected program expenditures through fiscal year end. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60769**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**63. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$6,169,396 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant COVID-19 Supplement funds to continue to provide substance abuse prevention and treatment activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant COVID-19 Supplement category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23AR317006**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**64. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$10,390,860 in federal Opioid Strategic Response funds to continue support for the comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic. **This work**

program involves the allocation of block grant funds, and the agency is choosing to use the IFC meeting for the required public hearing, and the amount added to the Opioid Strategic Response category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61011**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**65. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$37,433 in federal Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion funds to continue to provide early jail diversion activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Early Diversion category exceeds 10% of the cumulative amount for that category. **Work Program #C61576**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**66. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$3,179,935 in federal Community Mental Health Service (CMHS) Block Grant funds to provide substance abuse and mental health prevention and treatment activities. **The work program involves the allocation of block grant funds and the agency is choosing to use the IFC meeting for the required public hearing, and the amount added to the CMHS Block Grant category exceeds \$75,000. Work Program #C61587**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**67. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$4,389,516 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) COVID-19 Supplemental grant funds to continue to provide support for individuals in need of mental health services. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the CMHS COVID-19 Supplemental category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23AR317005**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**68. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2023**

Addition of \$120,000 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Project AWARE grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to provide mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Project AWARE category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61746**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**69. Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$35,870 from the Personnel Services category to the Information Services category to fund the amended contract for the billing administrative submission/clearinghouse management platform. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61526**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**70. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$192,632 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant funds transferred from Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide reimbursement for the processing of unemployment insurance claims and adjudication backlogs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.72. Work Program #C61797**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**71. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - FY 2023**

Addition of \$2,000,000 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant funds to fund a new virtual Pre-K Early Learning Program for all eligible TANF children. **This work program involves the allocation of block grant funds and the agency is choosing to use the IFC meeting for the required public hearing, and the amount added to the Virtual Pre-K category exceeds \$75,000. Work Program #C61683**

KELLY CANTRELLE (Deputy Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services [DWSS], DHHS):

The division is requesting approximately \$2 million in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant funds to fund a new virtual Pre-K Early Learning Program for all eligible TANF children, including those in rural areas, and those without access to existing pre-K programs.

Supporting the children of TANF families allows the division to access the needs of the families and provide them with a wide array of TANF services to help fill existing gaps. During its research, the DWSS validated previous knowledge that attending pre-school helps children develop foundational skills needed to enter kindergarten, encourages positive self-worth and self-esteem, and also results in a higher high school graduation rate.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

If this work program is approved today, when would the program be available to families? What is the application process for families, and how will families and the public find out about the program? So many times, the state offers fabulous programs to Nevadans, but families are not aware.

MS. CANTRELLE:

The division will release a request for application (RFA) process for this work program, which traditionally takes three to six months. The division is working to get this done before the beginning of the coming school year so those needs can be filled.

TONYA STEVENS (Social Services Chief, Eligibility and Payments, DWSS, DHHS): Regarding the applications and notifications to TANF families, the application process will be worked out with the agency that is selected to find the best means of making information available. The division intends to reach out to TANF families and community partners through direct communication. There will also be notifications about the program in the division's lobbies, as well as listservs to the public on the DWSS website.

SENATOR NEAL:

Will the division work with Acelero Learning in Clark County? They serve lots of low-income children and are located on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Las Vegas near the Pearson Community Center.

MS. CANTRELLE:

That is certainly something that can be done through the RFA process, which is open to anyone that provides services of this variety. Acelero Learning is housed in one of the division's buildings. The DWSS will reach out to Acelero Learning to see if it can collaborate on efforts.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

There is a program at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) that has a daycare in addition to a special section that has pre-K. Is this connected to the pre-K program? How will the division reach parents using the daycare at CSN to let them know the new online pre-K program is available?

MS. CANTRELLE:

The virtual pre-K program is not connected to any other program at this time. This is a new virtual pre-K program to reach children in rural areas that may not have access to pre-K, and the program is not being offered in conjunction with any other program.

The DWSS has lots of ways to reach the state's TANF population. The division can send a text message to all TANF families with children between the ages of three and five to let them know about the program. The division also has a robust outreach group in the community that works directly with children in places like hospitals and the court system.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM H.71.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**72. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$471,636 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant funds transferred from Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide reimbursement for the processing of unemployment insurance claims and adjudication backlogs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel Services category exceeds \$75,000.

**RELATES TO ITEM H.70. Work Program #C61796**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**73. Department of Health and Human Services - Welfare and Supportive Services - Energy Assistance Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$3,914,885 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant funds to provide financial assistance to low-income Nevadans for water and wastewater bills. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the LIHEAP ARPA grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #23AR48621**

KELLY CANTRELLE (Deputy Administrator, DWSS, DHHS):

This program is requesting approximately \$3.9 million of federal ARPA Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant funds to provide financial assistance to Nevadans to pay for water and wastewater bills.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

It has been a struggle for the DWSS to get the program operating quickly as staffing has been a challenge. Please give an update regarding staffing for the program and whether the division can meet the program's timeline with existing staff.

MARIA WORTMAN-MESHBERGER (Social Services Chief, Employment and Support Services, DWSS, DHHS):

Part of the delay was due to an unexpected reduction in the division's programming staff. However, the program is now fully coded and in production. Currently, the division's staff for its Energy Assistance Program are determining eligibility for applications. I do not foresee issues with staffing difficulties preventing the program from being on track.

SENATOR NEAL:

How does the DWSS plan to accelerate U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) payments to utility providers on behalf of low-income households for water and wastewater bills?

MS. WORTMAN-MESHBERGER:

The division is accepting applications, with the LIHWAP applications being combined with applications for the Energy Assistance Program. Benefits are issued to the water and/or sewer provider that is partnered with DWSS.

SENATOR NEAL:

I participated in an aging and assistance event in my district. There were individuals that did not know about LIHEAP. The division will need to put marketing dollars toward outreach. What outreach has the division conducted to alert households that are not currently enrolled in other DWSS programs of available assistance through LIHEAP?

MS. WORTMAN-MESHBERGER:

The division is looking at ways to expand outreach. The program has been added to the DWSS website and is also available through the DHHS Nevada 211 program. The division has provided flyers to all its partnered energy vendors to get the information out into the community and also plans to use social media through the DHHS sites.

SENATOR NEAL:

Can the DWSS provide the Committee with a link to the program for members' Facebook pages so that information can be shared with constituents? The legislators are also the division's partners, and we want to assist people who fall into these categories to apply for the program.

MS. WORTMAN-MESHBERGER:

Yes, the division will provide the Committee that information and would love to have that assistance from legislators.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM H.73.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**74. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Rural Child Welfare - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$256,780 from the Personnel Services category to the Advanced and Specialized Foster Care category to fund a projected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount

transferred to the Advanced and Specialized Foster Care category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61763**

MELANIE YOUNG (Deputy Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services [DCFS], DHHS):

The request being made through Agenda Item H.74 does two things. First, it provides a temporary room and board rate increase of \$20 a day for the division's Specialized Foster Care providers effective January 1 through June 30, 2023, for the rural areas only. The DCFS is currently in the process of negotiating with its foster care providers for this Specialized Foster Care group. Those foster care provider agreements will expire January 1, 2023. Unfortunately, many of the DCFS's providers are not willing to negotiate agreements with the division any longer without a rate increase. The foster care rate was developed in July of 2007 and has not been increased since. The Specialized Foster Care rate was implemented and piloted in either the 2013 or 2015 Legislative Session. With that, the rate was developed based on the prior foster care rate that was implemented in 2007.

Currently, two providers have signed agreements. Two other providers have made agreements but are no longer taking the division's youth, and two have refused to sign. With that, the DCFS is bringing forward this request to increase the foster care rate on a temporary basis by \$20 per day. The current rate is \$115, so the rate will increase to \$135. Additionally, this request will cover a projected shortfall in the budget authority to make the division's advanced foster care and Specialized Foster Care payments.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

What is the programmatic and fiscal impact of not having experienced Specialized Foster Care providers in the rural communities of Nevada? The DCFS is bringing this request forward because the rate has not been adjusted. Two providers have already said they would not contract with the division again. What will the division not be able to do, or be able to do, but not at the current level of excellence if this request is not approved? What impact would a "no" vote have on Specialized Foster Care in the rural communities?

Ms. YOUNG:

The youth would not have appropriate placements. A Specialized Foster Care group is for youth that either have certain scores or are eligible to be designated as having a Serious Emotional Disability (SED). Those youth would not receive these services without the proper placement. The youth would either be placed in a higher level of care, which is inappropriate, or a lower level of care where they would not receive services.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

Would the persons who would suffer be the ones who need help the most?

MS. YOUNG:  
That is correct.

SENATOR TITUS:  
What is the number of youth being impacted in rural Nevada?

MS. YOUNG:  
Currently, there are two youth placed in Specialized Foster Care in the rural areas. However, there could likely be others that are not in an appropriate placement that the division would need to place in Specialized Foster Care. This is a statewide issue. Washoe and Clark Counties are also impacted because these counties have a larger number of youth. I can provide data on the number of youth that are placed in those locations if the Committee is interested.

SENATOR TITUS:  
The Committee would appreciate that information. According to the Committee's documentation, one of the agencies using Specialized Foster Care is Rite of Passage, which is located in my district. In the documentation, Rite of Passage is listed in Minden/Gardnerville, but there is still a Rite of Passage location in Mason Valley within the borders of the local tribal land. Does this request exclude the Mason Valley location, or is that an error in the documentation?

MS. YOUNG:  
It could be an error in the documentation, or it could be where the Rite of Passage headquarters is located. Right now, four youth are placed at Rite of Passage under a specialized contract at \$340 per day.

SENATOR TITUS:  
The location in Mason Valley is for girls. Is this request for all the Rite of Passage locations, or just the one in Douglas County?

MS. YOUNG:  
The request is specific to those four youth at the Rite of Passage in Minden.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:  
Are the organizations for-profit entities that are functioning as group homes, or individualized family support that is specialized in training and care?

MS. YOUNG:  
Some of the organizations are for-profit providers, and some are smaller family homes that are licensed to accept Specialized Foster Care youth.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:  
Is there a waiting list for this service in the rural and urban areas of the state?

CINDY PITLOCK (Administrator, DCFS, DHHS):

The division struggles to find enough placements for youth with such high critical needs. The Committee members have heard the stories about Kids Kottage in Reno and Child Haven in Las Vegas, and the desperate need to place youth in an appropriate family-like setting wrapped with appropriate resources versus a congregate care setting. The worst-case scenario would be to place the youth in a higher level of care that is an inappropriate setting or perhaps even sending the youth out of state.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

Has the division been able to minimize the out-of-state placements as a result of the focused efforts in the state?

MS. PITLOCK:

There are currently 75 out-of-state placements. That number stays consistent, being between 73 to 78 over time. That information is available on the division's behavioral health chart pack. The division can make that link available to the Committee.

It is important to build out the community-based services array for which the division was so blessed with receiving the ARPA funding for. The in-state community-based services array is pivotal in keeping youth from higher levels of care and from being sent out-of-state to receive services.

SENATE SPEARMAN:

To what extent does the agency intend to utilize Rite of Passage for high-acuity Specialized Foster Care youth placement over the 2023-25 biennium?

MS. YOUNG:

The division's plan is to utilize that placement for these four youths to provide continuity of care. Until those youth need a different level of placement, they will be at that location.

MS. PITLOCK:

Rite of Passage may be able to help in that area. As you know, the division is building out caseloads for those youths that are Commercially Sexually Exploited Children in order to treat them through the child welfare system versus the juvenile justice or corrections detention system. There is lots of room for partnership for those high-risk youth; for example, St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Southern Nevada is interested in providing services.

SENATE SPEARMAN:

If there are issues in terms of how the program is operating, what sort of accountability measures are in place to make sure that particular part of the program becomes more robust?

MS. PITLOCK:

Are you referring to the accountability portion of Rite of Passage to ensure that youth are receiving high-quality services?

SENATE SPEARMAN:

Yes.

MS. PITLOCK:

Rite of Passage is licensed by the Rural Region, DCFS foster care licensing team, which maintains oversight of that facility. Relative to youth in the division's custody being placed in that facility, the division continues to monitor those youth through its child welfare system to make sure they are getting a robust service array.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

How is the division making sure that Rite of Passage is following regulations and doing the things it needs to do?

MS. PITLOCK:

I am not aware of any reason to believe Rite of Passage is not following a robust service array. Rite of Passage is directly overseen by the Rural Region, DCFS foster care licensing team. I could get more information and bring that information back to the Committee if so desired.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Yes, I would appreciate that. I had received some information indicating that was not being done properly.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

The state cannot fail the youth that are involved in these programs. Trauma that is not transformed is transferred. If there are any shortcomings in the program, not only will Nevada pay for the lack of excellence now, but it will certainly pay in the future. The Committee needs a report from the division as to whether Rite of Passage is doing the right thing all the time.

MS. PITLOCK:

I will work on that and get back to the Committee.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM H.74.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**75. Department of Health and Human Services - Child and Family Services - Child Welfare Trust - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$41,710 from the Reserve category to the Refunds and Client Purchases category to fund the projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Refunds and Client Purchases category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61603**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**76. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Disability Adjudication - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$913,763 from the Personnel Services category to the Medical Determination category to fund a projected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Medical Determination category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61715**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**77. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Services to Blind or Visually Impaired - FY 2023**

Addition of \$115,970 in Fund for a Healthy Nevada grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to provide training in soft skills and job-seeking skills to clients. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Fund for a Healthy Nevada Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C59882**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**78. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Workforce Development - FY 2023**

Addition of \$797,448 in federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program grant funds to continue operations through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Trade/TAA category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61827**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**79. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Workforce Development - FY 2023**

Addition of \$9,979,683 in federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant funds and \$4,528,414 in federal WIOA National Emergency Grant funds to continue program operations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the WIOA Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61961**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

80. **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$1,029,852 in federal H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant Program funds and \$26,647 in federal State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation grant funds to continue program operations through the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the H-1B Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61905**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

81. **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$129,146 in federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Governor's Reserve funds transferred from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Employment Security Division to provide statewide workforce investment activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the WIOA Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62006**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

82. **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Nevada P20 Workforce Reporting - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$99,982 in federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor's Reserve funds transferred from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Employment Security Division to support information technology service provider costs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Identity Management Resolution category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61922**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

83. **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2023**  
Transfer of \$1,294,242 from the Reserve category to the Families First Act category to support the Unemployment Insurance program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Families First Act category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61620**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

84. **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$4,562,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act Unemployment Insurance (UI) Equity grant funds to make the unemployment compensation program more accessible to all Nevadans. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Equity Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61784**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**85. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,469,084 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation funds, \$9,328,014 in federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) funds, and \$1,249,406 in federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation funds to continue the agency's program operations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Pandemic UI Assist - PUA category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61956**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**86. Department of Corrections - Prison Industry - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$16,600 from the Retained Earnings category to the Training category, \$386,000 from the Retained Earnings category to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) Metal Shop category, \$75,000 from the Retained Earnings category to the NNCC Printing/Bindery Shop category, and \$91,000 from the Retained Earnings category to the Auto/Upholstery Shop category to allow for staff succession, conference attendance for industry training from national partners, and to allow shops to accept revenue generating orders and have authority for materials and labor for the shop operations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the NNCC Metal Shop category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61775**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**87. Department of Corrections - Prison Ranch - FY 2023**

Addition of \$396,217 in Wild Horse Boarding funds and transfer of \$5,837 from the Land Purchase category to the Wild Horse Program category and \$3,783 from the Retained Earnings category to the Wild Horse Program category to cover a projected shortfall for animal feed, fuel and equipment for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Wild Horse Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61774**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**88. Department of Public Safety - Forfeitures - Law Enforcement - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$33,961 from the Reserve category to the Northwestern Training category to provide travel and tuition costs for two employees to attend the School of Police Staff and Command program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Northwestern Training category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61795**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

89. **Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$154,677 in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Highway Safety grant funds transferred from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund enhanced highway enforcement activities aimed at impaired drivers. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the OTS Driving Under the Influence Saturation Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61475**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

90. **Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$224,275 in federal Highway Safety Grant funds transferred from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund vehicle crash training and investigative equipment for the Multi-disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Teams. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the OTS Crash Training and Equipment category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61555**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

91. **Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$219,485 in Federal Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security grant funds transferred from the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to fund the development of a training and exercise program focused on acts of terrorism. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the DEM Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61889**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

92. **Department of Public Safety - Highway Safety Grants Account - FY 2023**  
Addition of \$754,077 in federal U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant funds to purchase a mobile e-screening van for agency mobile roadside commercial inspection activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Innovative Technology Deployment Grant Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C57650**

KRISTEN DEFER (Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Highway Patrol [NHP], Department of Public Safety [DPS]):

Through Agenda Item H.92, the DPS is requesting the addition of federal grant funds to build one e-screening van for mobile roadside commercial inspections. This pilot program will be utilized to determine how the van may improve current commercial vehicle inspection operations to include increased statewide mobile inspections and utilization of computer software and hardware for the purpose of enhancing enforcement activities.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

What factors would the agency consider in measuring the success of the pilot program?

LIEUTENANT JAMES CLAY MADSEN (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, NHP, DPS):

Upon approval of purchase of the van, while it is being outfitted and prepped, the division will run tests in certain locations to get a baseline for activity without the tools. Then, when the van is available, the division will run the same tests with the tools to see the difference. The intention is to identify unsafe commercial vehicles that are causing crashes in Nevada. The vehicle will have certain equipment that allows the DPS to see the safety ratings of those vehicles to target unsafe carriers.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

What is the practice when the DPS finds a vehicle that is not in compliance? Will the vehicle be immediately removed, or will the driver be cited?

LIEUTENANT MADSEN:

It depends on the severity of the violations found. Once the van flags the vehicle as a high-risk carrier, other enforcement personnel in the area will make a traffic stop and conduct an inspection based on what was noted upon the initial approach. The inspection could be of the driver only or could be of both the vehicle and driver. Depending on the violations, the driver would either be cited and let go, cited and placed out of service, or in rare instances, arrested; for example, driving under the influence or drug involvement could result in arrest.

SENATE TITUS:

This van is essential to the function of your department. Can you clarify that enforcement of the federal regulations is critical to the department receiving Highway Funds?

LIEUTENANT MADSEN:

Per the grants provided under the Commercial Vehicle Safety Program, the agency must perform a certain number of inspections each grant cycle. With the most recent grant, the number of inspections required across the entire state is over 29,000.

SENATE TITUS:

What is the current vacancy rate for the NHP?

LIEUTENANT MADSEN:

The Commercial Enforcement area is budgeted for a total of 62 staff. There are currently 42 staff, including lieutenants, sergeants, and civilian personnel. Currently, there are just 23 troopers.

CAPTAIN JAMES SIMPSON (NHP):

Currently, the NHP is allotted 490 positions statewide. The division's vacancy right now is 136 positions, which is a 27.7% vacancy rate.

SENATE TITUS:

It is important to make sure everyone is safe. I support this project.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM H.92.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**93. Department of Public Safety - Highway Safety Grants Account - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,651,820 in federal U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant funds and transfer of \$2,317 from the Staff Physicals category to the Operating category to support commercial inspection activities. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C59703**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**94. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$1,036,813 from the Personnel Services category to the ~~Information Services~~ Offender Tracking Information System (**OTIS**) **Modernization** category to continue funding for an off-the-shelf software product, annual licensing fees, and contract staffing costs for a Database Administrator for the development of the **update of the OTIS as approved by Assembly Bill 494, Section 48 of the 2021 Legislative Session**. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ~~Information Services~~ **OTIS Modernization** category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61927. REVISED 11-15-22.**

ANDREA ALLEN (Administrative Services Officer, Division of Parole and Probation [P&P], DPS):

This work program requests a transfer of funds from the Personnel Services category to the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS) Modernization category to continue funding for off-the-shelf software product annual licensing fees and contract staffing. Costs for a Database Administrator related to OTIS were previously approved by Section 48 of A.B. 494 (2021 Legislative Session). The funds were reverted in error during the fiscal year closing.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

The OTIS modernization project started in 2013, long before many of the IFC members were elected to the Legislature. Since then, lots of time and money have been spent on the project. What additional measures, if any, is the agency taking to ensure the project will be successfully completed on time by the new vendor?

MAJOR AARON EVANS (P&P, DPS):

I joined the OTIS replacement project in June of 2021 when the project was with the prior vendor. It was clear early on that there were problems with the project. There was turmoil due to project management issues on the vendor's side. Over the next few months, working with former DPS Chief Tom Lawson, it was determined that the project was going to be successful. The division made sure

the process in the contract of proving milestones with the new vendor was more robust. The contract includes stopping points to assure the vendor is fulfilling its end of the bargain.

With the prior vendor, when something did not go well, that portion of the project was set aside, and the vendor moved onto the next portion. The next portion also did not go well, so that was also set aside to allow the division to move on to the next thing. That was part of what led to the downfall of the prior project.

The contract with the new vendor was approved by the Board of Examiners in 2022 and includes an initiation and sprints. The sprints are like the process for eating an elephant: one bite at a time. The sprints chop up the division's business into small manageable pieces. This allows P&P to analyze the requirements with the vendor to make sure there is a full understanding of what is needed. The vendor demos what it thinks is needed. The division gives the vendor feedback on that demo, and the vendor continues to the next step.

If the vendor has not met the division's expectations for sprint 1, the vendor will not move on to sprint 2. The division will not pay invoices for sprints for which the vendor has not met expectations.

Secondarily, the division's project team is going to remain the same throughout the entirety of the project. I was promoted into a position to be involved in the OTIS modernization project last calendar year. I have been promoted again, but I am not leaving the project. I have already spent a year and a half on this project. It is too important to turn over to someone else and get them caught up. I remember having to do that myself; it took a couple of months to feel comfortable with where the division stood on the project.

The contract is more robust, and the project management team is fantastic. The division made changes based on feedback from the IFC a year ago regarding these kinds of safeguards.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

I am encouraged to hear that you will be staying on, because this has been a long process. If we are lucky, the project will be completed by this time next year.

If you find that the current vendor is not working out, is there a backup plan?

MAJOR EVANS:

There is no indication of trouble with the current vendor. Things are going very well. The division and the vendor have multiple meetings each week to identify and discuss upcoming risks and issues. I currently have no concerns.

The division does not have a backup plan. The existing system tracks all the supervised individuals, and all the division's work. However, that system was put in place in 1999-2000. It works to a degree, but the division is limited in the data that can be collected, and the ability to comply with A.B. 236 (2019 Legislative

Session). When the current system was built, the division did not anticipate needing to know gender identity, sexual orientation, or things like that.

The division has continued to use OTIS for many years past its lifespan and can continue to use the system. Parolees would continue to be supervised, and that information would not be lost. The new system would modernize the division's records management system to collect necessary data, provide reports, and better manage the division's caseloads.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that information. I will keep my fingers crossed that the project is completed by December 2023.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM H.94.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**95. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2023**

Addition of \$34,786 in federal Office of Justice Programs 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental grant funds transferred from the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) to support building improvements at the Campos Building in Las Vegas. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the OCJA Grants category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61979**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**96. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$383,977 from the Personnel Services category to the Nevada Parole and Probation (NPP) Body Cams category to fund an annual cloud service software agreement for body cameras for sworn personnel. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the NPP Body Cams category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61958**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**97. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$251,172 from the Personnel Services category to the Psychosexual Evaluations category to fund a shortfall in psychosexual evaluations due to an increase in contractual costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Psychosexual Evaluations category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61960**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**98. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2023**

Addition of \$186,707 in federal Office of Justice Programs Byrne Discretionary grant funds transferred from the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) to provide community resources for first-time probationers in high-crime and impoverished zip codes to reduce the risk of recidivism. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the OCJA Grants category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61966**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**99. Department of Public Safety - Investigation Division - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$141,000 from the Personnel Services category to the SafeVoice Expansion category to fund a shortfall in contracted temporary staffing costs for Administrative Assistant positions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the SafeVoice Expansion category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61937**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**100. Department of Public Safety - Fire Marshal - State Emergency Response Commission - FY 2023**

Addition of \$272,740 in federal U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (USDOT/HMEP) grant funds and transfer of \$31,556 from the Reserve category to the USDOT/HMEP Grants category to support training and planning for hazardous materials emergencies. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the USDOT/HMEP Grants category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61737**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**101. Department of Public Safety - Fire Marshal - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$49,500 from the Reserve category to the Contract Plan Reviews category to fund temporary contract staffing costs due to an increase in plan reviews. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Contract Plan Reviews category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61608**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**102. Department of Public Safety - Fire Marshal - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$69,900 from the Reserve category to the Equipment category to fund the purchase and outfitting of one replacement vehicle. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Equipment category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61808**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**103. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,791,598 in federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant funds to continue to provide alcohol-impaired driving countermeasure programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the 164 Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61893**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**104. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Grant - FY 2023**

Addition of \$69,305 in federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds transferred from the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA) to support law enforcement mental health and wellness. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the JAG Mental Health category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61962**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**105. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$43,464 in federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) grant funds to continue funding state and local government agencies for activities related to the reduction and prevention of crime, violence, and drug abuse, and continued improvements in the criminal justice system. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the PREA Grant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61950**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**106. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$554,140 in federal Office of Justice Programs Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office grant funds to support the scanning and digitization project within the Sex Offender Registry Unit. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the SMART Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61954**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**107. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,388,218 in federal Office of Justice Programs Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant funds to support residential substance abuse treatment for prison and jail-based programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the RSAT Aftercare Federal Portion category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61955**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**108. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$235,000 in federal Office of Justice Programs Byrne Discretionary Community Project grant funds to provide onsite services and community resources to first-time probationers for successful completion of their supervision and to help them reintegrate into society. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Byrne Community Project category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61939**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**109. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$397,679 in federal Office of Justice Programs Project Safe Neighborhoods grant funds to support projects aimed at reducing gang-related violent crimes and school violence. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Project Safe Neighborhoods category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61957**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**110. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Act - FY 2023**

Addition of \$351,353 in federal Office of Justice Programs Forensic Science Improvement grant funds to support accredited forensic laboratories throughout Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Forensic Science Improvement category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61959**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**111. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of State Parks - FY 2023**

Addition of ~~\$32,383~~ **\$51,000** in Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) grant funds to build a trailhead, including signage, fencing, and road base at Beaver Dam State Park. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Beaver Dam OHV Grant category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61725. REVISED 11-16-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**112. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$237,290 in Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant funds transferred from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) to support the Lyon County Community Wildfire Protection Plan project. Requires Interim Finance approval

since the amount added to the NDEM HMGP category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61702**

KACEY KC (State Forester/Fire Warden, Nevada Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources):

This work program requests \$237,290 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Division of Emergency Management for the Lyon County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Project.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

In reviewing this item, I see the grant award was extended. Has the Division of Forestry received written notice of the extension from FEMA?

Ms. KC:

The division has not received written notice. The Division of Emergency Management spoke with FEMA who said it has been approved through January 17, 2024. FEMA hopes to provide the division with a letter shortly.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

Do you have any indication of what FEMA means by “shortly”?

Ms. KC:

I am not sure, but so far, it has meant months. The division has been told more than three times that this has been approved. If the work program is approved today, the division will go forth as if it had until January 17, 2024, to spend the funding until it is officially awarded the extension.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS H.112, H.137, K.1, K.2, AND L.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**113. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Nevada Natural Heritage - FY 2023**

Addition of \$288,387 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Wetlands Program Development grant funds to support Nevada's Wetland program and fund a Conservation Staff Specialist position to oversee the program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the U.S. EPA Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61779**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**114. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Environmental Protection - State Revolving Fund Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$271,070 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving grant funds (DWSRF) to fund technical assistance for the DWSRF program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Local Assistance 15% Set Aside category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60294**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**115. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$3,094 in fees transferred from the Public Water System Fund Account and \$35,582 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving grant funds transferred from the State Revolving Fund Administration Account to support a new Environmental Scientist position to implement new per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances regulations and oversee the existing Public Notice Rule and public water systems in Southern Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.130. Work Program #C61606**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**116. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$11,912 in fees transferred from the Public Water System Fund account and \$30,744 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving grant funds transferred from the State Revolving Fund Administration account to support a new Management Analyst position to oversee contracts and subgrants for the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61759**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**117. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2023**

Addition of \$378,240 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funds to provide funding to specified small, underserved and disadvantaged community public water systems to address health-based violations. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal EPA Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act Grant Child Care category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61760**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**118. Office of the Military - FY 2023**

Addition of \$211,735 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to continue support of activities and functions in Air Security programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Air Security category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61938**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**119. Office of the Military - FY 2023**

Addition of \$164,884 in federal Department of Defense funds and transfer of \$29,043 from the Army Facilities category to the Utilities category to cover a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Utilities category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61978**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**120. Office of the Military - FY 2023**

Addition of \$663,251 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to continue support of activities and functions in Starbase programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Starbase Programs category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61968**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**121. Office of the Military - FY 2023**

Addition of \$2,146,847 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to continue support of activities and functions in Army Security programs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Army Security category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61970**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**122. Department of Veterans Services - Office of Veterans Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$100,000 in federal Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas grant funds to provide transportation services to medical-related appointments for veterans in the rural areas of Elko and Nye Counties. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Elko County Transportation Services category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C62017**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**123. Department of Veterans Services - Office of Veterans Services - FY 2023**

Addition of \$36,565 in federal Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces grant funds to provide adaptive sports programs to veterans to improve their physical and mental well-being. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Disabled Vets Sports

Program category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C62031**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**124. Department of Administration - State Library, Archives and Public Records - Mail Services - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$487,841 from the Reserve category to the Operating category to update critical equipment and software. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61844. RECEIVED ON 11-8-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**125. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Nevada Natural Heritage - FY 2023**

Addition of \$60,000 in Clark County Desert Conservation Program funds to incorporate a large set of botany data into the agency database. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability - Niles Herbarium category exceeds 10% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C61800. RECEIVED ON 11-8-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**126. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Water Pollution Control - FY 2023**

Addition of \$200,000 in federal Exchange Network grant funds to develop a database with web access for permittees, the public, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to obtain information from the Underground Injection Control Program and eliminate paper submittals of all permit applications and monitoring reports. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Federal EPA Exchange Network Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61701. RECEIVED ON 11-8-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**127. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor Recreation - FY 2023**

Addition of \$1,927,800 in federal Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant funds to support the Boulder City Dark Sky Lighting Infrastructure Retrofit project. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Boulder City Dark Sky Lighting category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61987. RECEIVED ON 11-8-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**128. State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2023**

Addition of \$2,327,498 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to provide evidence-based summer enrichment and after-school programs for selected charter schools. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the ARP ESSER category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62120. RECEIVED ON 11-9-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**129. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Administration - FY 23**

Addition of \$3,393,956 in NV Energy Agreement funds to complete multiple projects with NV Energy designed to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss to communities and NV Energy's infrastructure in moderate to extreme wildfire risk priority areas and to support the addition of a new Forester 3 position. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the NV Energy Agreement S.B. 508 category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61768. RECEIVED ON 11-9-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**130. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - State Revolving Fund Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$35,582 in federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving grant funds to support a new Environmental Scientist position to implement new per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances regulations and oversee the existing Public Notice Rule and public water systems in Southern Nevada. Requires Interim Finance approval since the cumulative amount added to the Local Assistance 15% Set Aside category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.115. Work Program #C61781. RECEIVED ON 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**131. Department of Wildlife - Conservation Education - FY 2023**

Addition of \$98,930 in Sportsmen Revenue transferred from the Wildlife Fund account for the Conservation Education Division's annual publication program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Publication category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61580. RECEIVED ON 11-17-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**132. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2023**

Addition of \$309,363 in Upland Game Stamp and \$146,372 in Duck Stamp revenue transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to complete Fiscal Year 2023 projects approved at the June 2022 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting and to continue prior fiscal year projects. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Upland Game and Duck Stamp Project categories exceed \$75,000. **Work Program #C61581. RECEIVED ON 11-17-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**133. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2023**

Addition of \$2,326,279 in All Federal Small Grants revenue authority to realign state and federal authority for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Nevada Partners for C&D Program category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61605. RECEIVED ON 11-17-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**134. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2023**

Addition of \$770,708 in Habitat Conservation fee revenue transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to align authority in the Habitat Rehabilitation and Restoration category for anticipated projects through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Habitat Rehabilitation and Restoration category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C61739. RECEIVED ON 11-17-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**135. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Low-Income Housing - FY 2023**

Addition of \$29,637,271 in federal Emergency Rental Assistance 2 grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support Nevadans who have demonstrated financial need for residential rental support resulting directly from the coronavirus pandemic. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Emergency Rental Assist 2 category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62115. RECEIVED ON 11-18-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

TERRY REYNOLDS (Director, Department of Business and Industry [B&I]):

This agenda item relates to the acceptance of \$29.6 million of outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds to continue to support the Cares Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) in Clark County. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the division has provided over \$200 million in conduit funding through the state to support rental assistance. This award represents the final allocation of federal funding for the process. Should the Committee approve

the funding, it will be immediately advanced to Clark County Social Services to continue the unimpeded assistance of the CHAP.

Of the \$124 million provided in ERA 1 funds, \$116 million was expended in rental assistance, representing 93% of the funding, not accounting for administrative costs. I commend the B&I Accounting staff for keeping administrative costs to around 7%. The other 3% that had been allocated for administrative costs was put back into the rental assistance program.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

How long does the agency anticipate the remaining ERA 2 funding will last to assist Nevadans with rental support needs?

MR. REYNOLDS:

This allocation of funding has to be utilized rather quickly through the end of the year. The division anticipates that the U.S. Department of the Treasury will allocate additional funding in the next couple of federal fiscal years, but this actual allocation to the State of Nevada has to be used rather quickly. Most of the areas that have received allocations throughout the state have utilized and closed their funding. Clark County still had remaining needs, so this funding will go exclusively to Clark County.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

I understand that the division hopes to get additional funding from the federal government to continue this kind of assistance. If that does not happen, or if there is a delay in getting that money, are there other programs in place to sustain rental support needs?

MR. REYNOLDS:

There has been specific targeted funding for very low AMI of 30% or below or for people who are unhoused and need rental assistance. The B&I Housing Division anticipates seeing program funding in that area, but it does not know whether the funding will be as extensive as what the last two rounds of ERA funds have been over the years. I expect there will be funding to support ERA for the state, especially for the urban areas. I cannot give you any additional information but would be happy to keep the Committee and the Legislature informed.

SENATOR TITUS:

Apparently, both the Nevada Rural Housing Authority and the Reno Housing Authority have closed due to lack of demand. Additionally, there appears to only be demand for the funding in Clark County. Can you please explain this further?

MR. REYNOLDS:

The Housing Division is only the conduit for providing this funding to local counties. It is possible that Clark County has a greater need due to its higher unemployment rates when compared to the rest of the state. Unemployment rates in the rural areas and in Washoe County are around 3.5%. Clark County's unemployment rate was over 5% for a long time. It is still around 4.5% to 5%. Other areas of the

state have moved to very low unemployment rates, and the division is not seeing the need for ERA funds as much as within the urban area of Clark County.

SENATOR TITUS:

Does the money go directly to the landlords?

MR. REYNOLDS:

The money can be disbursed through vouchers, or it can be disbursed to landlords, depending on the circumstances. Generally, these types of ERA funding go directly to support very low-income individuals with rental assistance. A portion of that assistance is available to landlords who apply to get funding directly.

I will provide the Committee with a breakdown of how the funding is provided.

SENATOR TITUS:

I want to make sure the money is being used for rental assistance.

There are approximately 55,000 households that are anticipated to receive rental assistance. Are those numbers a one-time payment for rent per household, or is it 10,000 households that receive assistance 100 times?

MR. REYNOLDS:

That includes both one-time payments and assistance to individuals who need it for a period of time. The division will get those figures to the Committee to show the state breakdown of ERA funds and the allocation to Clark County.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM H.135.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

**136. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account For Low-Income Housing - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$108,917,257 in federal Homeowner Assistance Funds as established under section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 from the Federal Reserve category to the Homeowner Assistance Fund category to continue the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) program. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the HAF category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C62152. RECEIVED 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**137. Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2023**

Addition of \$399,813 in Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration grant funds to develop an oral health service delivery infrastructure by expanding the number of providers who can offer dental health services in Nevada, establish a dental clinic in Tonopah, and fund four new positions. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C60263. RECEIVED ON 12-1-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

DR. ANTONINA CAPURRO (Deputy Administrator, DHCFP, DHHS):

I am joined today by Jeanette Gomez, Nevada State Public Health Dental Hygienist. We are the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator, respectively, for the national competitive grant award within this request.

Through Agenda Item H.137, the DHCFP is requesting authorization for the use of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration grant funds to develop and expand an oral health service delivery infrastructure. Specifically, Nevada has been awarded a four-year \$1.6 million Health Resource and Services Administration grant to support innovative strategies to enhance the oral health workforce and improve oral health service outcomes for vulnerable communities and populations specifically within targeted dental health professional shortage areas.

To put this in context, the state has worked for nearly a decade to secure this competitive federal grant opportunity. Through this grant award, Nevada will enhance oral health infrastructure, workforce development, and remote care delivery technologies. This includes coordinating with local educational agencies, continuing dental education, and providing a community-based dental facility within the town of Tonopah, Nevada, which will serve as a model for other rural and frontier communities.

The management of this program will fall under the expansion of the Office of Oral Health Innovation, which would be housed within the DHCFP.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

Will the positions be eliminated if the grant funds do not materialize?

DR. CAPURRO:

The four positions outlined within the grant are tied to the grant's deliverable. As with any other grant that is awarded to the state, if the division does not deliver the outcomes that are outlined, those positions will be eliminated, and the funding will be rescinded.

SENATOR NEAL:

Please provide an update on the demonstration project. Is the state any closer to cost-neutral dental care for diabetic patients?

DR. CAPURRO:

The demonstration project is a separate item related to oral health that the division is excited to expand as it strives to provide adult dental benefits to individuals with diabetes. The program was created through A.B. 223 (2019 Legislative Session). The division has submitted its waiver, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released it for the federal comment period. The division received questions earlier this week and submitted responses yesterday. As soon as CMS provides approval, the division will move forward with the 90-day implementation phase. Then services will be set to begin. The division will keep the Committee and LCB Fiscal staff up to date.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am concerned there will be four permanent positions to oversee the award of this grant. Where are the providers? Will these four employees have anybody to oversee?

There is a shortage of providers in the rural areas. I understand dental healthcare is lacking not only in the rural areas, but in the urban areas too. Will there be additional dental providers?

DR. CAPURRO:

That is exactly what the division is hoping to accomplish through this grant. These four administrative, biostatistician, and management analyst positions will serve for the four-year grant period to help reach the grant deliverables. The positions will create a workforce pipeline to train high school students in rural counties in dental assisting and offer apprenticeships. The funds will also be used to create the Nevada Dental Health Collaborative for dental therapists, hygienists, and pre-dental students to foster an interest in dental public health in those rural communities with dental health professional shortages.

The division is launching the community-based dental clinic in Tonopah, working with the Northern Nye County Hospital District and the Nevada Dental Foundation. The clinic will serve as an apprenticeship site for dental students and dental hygiene students. The funds will also be used to train school nurses to provide oral health assessments and preventative fluoride varnishes to their students. There are a number of different elements to this grant that target workforce development and expanding service delivery to citizens across the state.

SENATOR TITUS:

It all sounds great in theory, but I would like to see any outcome data showing whether this kind of grant actually helps gain providers.

DR. CAPURRO:

The division is required by the federal government to report on that data. I would be happy to share with the Committee the division's Health Resources and Services Administration report.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN:

There would not be any actual treatment for at least the first year of the grant. This is all about administration and possibly training. People in those communities would not receive any treatment.

DR. CAPURRO:

This is a four-year grant. The year one period is for the startup of the grant. The division will hire staff and put everything in place to begin the services and educational components of the project. The division is hoping that the dental clinic in Tonopah will open toward the end of year one. I would be happy to provide updates to the Committee moving forward.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

In 2019, one of our colleagues had a bill to introduce dental therapists. That bill did not pass because there was concern whether there would be adequate care. Dental therapists are employed right now by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) in all branches of the service. In 2013, the Legislature expanded the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) so that they could cover some of the services in the rural areas where there were not enough dentists.

Has the division considered, within the scope of this grant, allowing the use of APRNs? According to the statistics cited when the dental therapist bill was being heard, using APRNs would just about double the number of providers in the rural areas where there are no dentists. Has there been any discussion about applying the intermediate step of dental therapist, as has been done throughout the DOD? That would address the questions my colleagues have asked about adding service providers in the rural areas.

DR. CAPURRO:

This is a very important topic. In 2019, dental therapists were approved as a provider type within Nevada, which is a licensee type with the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners. There are currently no dental therapists in the state. One of the purposes of this grant is to create a collaborative to support dental therapists as they indicate interest in coming into the state. The division is looking at all dental provider types within this grant to expand the state's workforce.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

There may be military bases in some of the rural areas where partnerships could be developed. As I said before, dental therapists have been used for the last ten or so years in the military. A partnership with the military bases might help get this project off and running.

DR. CAPURRO:

Thank you, the division will certainly take that advice.

See motion for approval under Agenda Item H.112.

**138. Office of the Attorney General - Tort Claims Fund - FY 2023**

Transfer of \$891,938 **\$931,938** from the Reserve category to the General/Fleet Tort Claims category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the General/Fleet Tort Claims category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.139. Work Program #C62266. RECEIVED 12-2-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-6-22.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**139. Department of Administration - Risk Management Division - Insurance & Loss Prevention - FY 2023**

Addition of \$326,662 in Excess Liability Insurance and a transfer of \$152,662 from the Reserve category to the Insurance Premiums category to fund the procurement of a new Excess Liability Insurance policy. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Insurance Premiums category exceeds \$75,000. **RELATES TO ITEM H.138. Work Program #C62253. RECEIVED 12-2-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item G.

**RECLASSIFICATIONS**

Agency	Agency/ Account Number	Position Number	Present Class, Code, Grade & Salary	Proposed Class, Code, Grade & Salary
Office of the Military	431/3650	0401	Water System Operator 2 Code: 9.498 Grade: 33/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$47,669.04	Construction Project Coordinator 2 Code: 6.758 Grade: 35/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$51,803.28

**I. STATEMENT OF CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT BALANCE.**

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

The Statement of Contingency Account Balance is located on page 197 in Volume V of the meeting packet ([Exhibit E](#)). Starting with the summary sheet on page 197, and prior to being approved by the Committee earlier today, there was a total of \$6.8 million in Contingency Account allocations from both the restricted and unrestricted General Funds. In total, there is \$14.652 million remaining in the IFC Contingency Account at this time: \$3.387 million unrestricted General Fund, \$1.6 million unrestricted Highway Fund, and \$9.6 million restricted General Fund and Highway Fund portion.

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

1. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - Request for an allocation of \$5.0 million to be paid to the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account to cover costs associated with the state's portion of the first installment of the total settlement amount to be paid to Donald Walden, Jr., et al related to class action litigation against the Department of Corrections. **RECEIVED 11-10-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

JESSICA ADAIR BRINICH (Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General [OAG]):  
This settlement agreement is a result of a class action lawsuit that was initially filed in May 2014 by Corrections Officers at the Nevada Department of Corrections alleging unpaid wages in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. The suit has been in litigation for nearly eight years in both federal and state courts. A settlement was preliminarily approved earlier this month. This is the first portion of the payment for that settlement. If the state does not move forward with this payment, the settlement agreement will fall through, and the OAG will continue with this extremely costly litigation.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

This would be the first of at least two installments to pay the settlement. Is there a plan in place to make the request for additional installments?

MS. ADAIR BRINICH:

Staff from the GFO may be available to answer that question. I can explain the structure of the settlement if that is helpful.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

That would be helpful. I want to make sure the Committee is not putting the state in a position to expend the "down payment" without a plan to pay the rest.

MS. ADAIR BRINICH:

The first \$15 million will be paid by the office's insurance company AIG. The Committee is voting on the additional \$5 million from the Statutory Contingency Account and \$5 million from the IFC Contingency Account. There will need to be a second installment of \$30 million, which is contingent upon legislative approval during the 2023 Legislative Session. This was discussed with opposing counsel as part of the tentative settlement, with the OAG holding discussions with the GFO as well. This was the best that the OAG could do to get the settlement agreement moving forward with the courts.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Technically, if the IFC approves this payment, the Committee is in fact encumbering the 2023 Legislature to come up with another \$30 million to settle the lawsuit. The original damages were probably much less than the \$55 million that the attorneys are making on litigating the settlement. As the OAG pointed out, the longer the case goes on, the more expensive it is going to get.

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):  
In conversations with the LCB Legal Division on this item, Legal staff indicated that if the IFC were to approve this request for a \$5 million allocation from the IFC Contingency Account to the Statutory Contingency Account, the Committee would not be agreeing to future payments or agreeing to any portion of the settlement, since the IFC was not a party to the settlement.

MS. ADAIR BRINICH:

Senator Goicoechea alluded to the potential liability in this case being a lower amount. The initial estimate for liability in this case was \$165 million. The \$55 million settlement agreement pays for attorney's fees for opposing counsel, but also includes additional costs in the settlement as well as direct payments to the members of the class, which are the correctional officers working at the time. The class is estimated to be nearly 5,400 individuals.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Even though this would not in fact commit the next legislature, in reality, it would. However, as was pointed out, it is probably not a bad settlement.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

My notes indicate over \$36,250,000 million will be paid to the individual claimants, plus an additional \$140,000, for a total of nearly \$36,500,000 going directly to the plaintiffs in the class. Is that right?

MS. ADAIR BRINICH:

The document that the OAG provided to the GFO indicates \$36,276,667 would be paid to individual claimants, roughly \$18.5 million for attorney fees and costs, and additional costs for the class representatives and the claims administrator.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

The remaining \$30 million in that settlement will be requested in a supplemental appropriation during the 2023 Legislative Session.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM J.1.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE  
MEMBERS PRESENT.

2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ~~Contingency~~ Account for **State** Special Education **Services** - Request for an allocation of \$758,590 to **the Account for State Special Education Services** created by NRS 388.5243 to reimburse school districts and charter schools for extraordinary program expenses and related services for pupils with significant disabilities. **REVISED 11-10-22.**

HEIDI HAARTZ (Deputy Superintendent, Student Investment Division, Nevada Department of Education [NDE]):

Through Agenda Item J.2, the NDE is requesting a transfer of \$758,590 from the IFC Contingency Account into the Account for State Special Education Services. This transfer allows the department to maintain expenditure authority of \$2 million in FY 2023, which is a demonstration of the state's financial commitment to the NDE's maintenance of effort requirements toward these federal funds that also serve Nevada students with special educational needs. As a reminder, the IFC Contingency Account funds dedicated for this purpose are for those school districts with students that have extraordinarily expensive services that they need to receive, or who have costs driven by the need to obtain services outside of their district, because the services are not currently available within their district.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO  
APPROVE AGENDA ITEM J.2.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE  
MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - Request for an allocation of \$132,721 to cover travel and operational costs associated with providing dignitary protection.

CURTIS PALMER (Administrative Services Officer, Department of Public Safety): This is a request for an allocation of \$132,721 to cover travel and operational costs associated with providing dignitary protection for the Governor and the first family. The department added three new positions in April 2022, but only received partial funding, with the understanding that as the department gained a clearer knowledge of what funding was needed, it would come back to the IFC and ask for additional funds. This is the second step of that process to provide additional funds for expenses through the fiscal year.

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

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE  
MEMBERS PRESENT.

- K. **REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO SECTION 83 OF ASSEMBLY BILL 494 (2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION)** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION - Rehabilitation Division

1. Request for an allocation of \$888,874 for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide vocational rehabilitation services to clients. **REVISED 11-7-22.**

Agenda Items K.1 and K.2 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item K.2.

2. Request for an allocation of \$35,620 for the Bureau of Services to the Blind or Visually Impaired to provide vocational rehabilitation services to clients.

Agenda Items K.1 and K.2 were discussed jointly.

ELISA CAFFERATA (Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation [DETR]):

During the 2021 Legislative Session, rather than put this amount of money in the DETR budget, it was agreed that Vocational Rehabilitation would provide quarterly reports to the IFC to provide better information on the number of clients served, the cost per client, and the risk of going into order of selection. That quarterly report has been submitted as Informational Item P.6 on page 433 of Volume V of the meeting packet ([Exhibit E](#)). Essentially, Vocational Rehabilitation has been able to see all the clients who came in to seek services and is at no risk of going into order of selection. These requests represent the additional funds needed to close out the fiscal year and provide services to clients.

The division is experiencing an increase in folks coming in for services. One of the positive things that DETR saw during the COVID-19 pandemic was that clients stayed with the department longer and received additional services. Instead of one training, the client may have gotten two or three trainings and credentials. These requests for Vocational Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Services to the Blind or Visually Impaired reflect DETR's current projected year-end needs, with the caveat that if there is a large influx of clients, the department would need to come back to the Committee with another request.

SENATOR NEAL:

There has been activity to collect unemployment benefit overpayments that occurred during the pandemic. There might have been a federal document that allowed the state to waive the collection of overpayments. It is more costly to sue individuals for overpayments. Why was that federal language not triggered to waive collection of the overpayments?

MS. CAFFERATA:

The department is very close to being caught up in processing unemployment claims. Several new programs were created by Congress during the pandemic, including the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. The department is specifically at the tail end of wrapping up the pandemic programs.

The department is delighted to have signed a contract to modernize its unemployment system so that it is more responsive for Nevadans. The way the old system works is that if there is any question of overpayment, an overpayment notice must be mailed before a claim can be closed. Some of the Committee's constituents are receiving those final overpayment notices.

There are a couple of reasons that people might get an overpayment notice. There could have been a fraudulent claim filed in their name with a few payments being made before being stopped. If a constituent never filed for unemployment but received an overpayment notice, they should contact DETR's Fraud Unit to report a fraudulent claim.

Regarding the PUA program, the guidance in the beginning of the program was that claimants could self-attest to their income as a self-employed person. Later the guidance was updated to require claimants to document their income. DETR could not just take the claimants' word regarding their income any longer. DETR sent at least four notices to those claimants asking for income documentation. Some folks did not receive the notice or did receive it but did not respond. Those individuals are getting an overpayment notice because the department does not have documentation that the individual should have received the benefits at the level they were received.

People who received the notifications can do a couple of things. First, they can provide the documentation to DETR so that the department can close out their file. If a person does not have the documentation, they can appeal the decision regarding the overpayment. A waiver of the overpayment can also be requested. I will provide the Committee with the phone number and email to provide to its constituents regarding overpayments.

Regarding the waivers, the federal government never allows DETR to give blanket waivers to a notice of overpayment. In the case of the COVID program specifically, the federal government gave very narrow guidance on very narrow circumstances in which DETR could provide a blanket waiver to people who got an overpayment notice, rather than letting them respond individually to the overpayment notice.

In order to offer the blanket waivers, DETR would need approval from the U.S. Department of Labor. Nevada applied for two blanket waivers; one was approved, and the other was not. In the case where a claimant was paid because of the court order that was later overturned by the Supreme Court, DETR can waive those overpayments because that was truly no fault of the claimants, and DETR did not have any choice. There is no other circumstance under which DETR can provide blanket waivers.

If a constituent receives an overpayment notice that is against good conscience and equity and is a financial hardship for them, under U.S. Department of Labor rules, they can apply for an individual waiver. That waiver would then be considered by DETR staff.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

I have a couple of questions relative to vocational rehabilitation services and the preemployment transition supports. However, I first want to clarify that the state is not currently at risk for order of selection. Is that correct?

MS. CAFFERATA:

The department is not at any risk of going into order of selection.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

Vocational Rehabilitation within DETR deals with employment training. Is it correct that preemployment transition supports and much of the vocational rehabilitation funding comes from the U.S. Department of Education?

DRAZEN ELEZ (Administrator, Rehabilitation Division, DETR):

All of the funding for the Rehabilitation Division comes from the U.S. Department of Education. Part of that funding is set aside for delivering preemployment transition support services, but this is essentially the same grant that the division has been receiving for decades. With the passage of the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in 2014, 15 percent of the funds are specifically set aside for provision of these services.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY:

According to data provided by the division, there are currently 1,032 active clients receiving preemployment transition support services. Data from the U.S. Department of Education suggests there are 16,000 individualized education plan youth in the State of Nevada. How many of those 16,000 youth are anticipated to qualify for preemployment transition support services and does the division have a plan to support them?

MR. ELEZ:

That is correct. There are approximately 16,000 students with disabilities in Nevada, all of whom would be eligible for those services. The difference between preemployment transition support services and the traditional services that DETR provides is that the individuals receiving preemployment transition support services do not have to be clients of Vocational Rehabilitation to receive those services.

The division plans to continue increasing the delivery of services to all students across the State of Nevada through certain programs. For example, through the Virtual Job Shadow program, the division partners with the U.S. Department of Education to allow students to find out what types of jobs are out there, receive information about potential earnings, and learn about the type of education needed to get into those jobs.

The division has worked with vendors to provide in-classroom training and has also provided practical assessment examination laboratories in certain schools that have the resources and space for the services.

The division hopes to continue to increase the number of students that are benefiting from these services. I hope that this year the division can double that number and continue to increase services.

See motion for approval under Agenda Item H.112.

- L. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - State Public Works Division** - Request to accept and expend \$2,171,385 in federal Military Construction funds from the Office of the Military for CIP Project 21-C10, Aircraft Storage Hangar and Sitework, Harry Reid Training Center pursuant to NRS 341.121, and to modify the project scope for additional construction and design costs pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(f). **REVISED 11-9-22.**

KENT LEFEVRE (Administrator, State Public Works Division, Department of Administration):

The State Public Works Division requests authority to receive and expend \$2.1 million in federal Military Constructions funds for additional construction and design costs on the project.

There was no additional discussion on this item.

See motion for approval under Agenda Item H.112.

**M. REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND GRANTS PURSUANT TO NRS 353.335 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

1. Request for approval to accept a donation of \$3,000,000 from Tesla, Inc. to support the initiative for robotics, STEM, and sustainability education programs in K-12 education.

Agenda Items M.1 and M.2 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item M.2.

2. Request for approval to accept a donation of \$110,000 from Governor Sisolak for educational supplies for Title I schools.

Agenda Items M.1 and M.2 were discussed jointly.

HEIDI HAARTZ (Deputy Superintendent, Student Investment Division, NDE):

Through Agenda Item M.1, the NDE is requesting approval to receive and expend a donation of \$3 million from Tesla, Inc. that will be used to continue to support initiatives related to robotics; science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education; and sustainable K-12 education programs. Tesla has been making donations to this budget account for this purpose for approximately four and a half years. This request is for the continuation of the receipt of those funds so the department can continue to fund programs and services that were previously selected and awarded funding through the grant application process.

SENATOR NEAL:

The robotics program in Legacy High School and some other schools in Nevada are not fully developed. Is this money going to target and enhance those robotics programs for students who are enrolled in robotics as an elective field so that they are gaining a skill set they can use and translate?

MS. HAARTZ:

When these funds were made available to the state, specifically to the NDE from Tesla, Tesla went through a grant application process and identified specific organizations to receive funds for specific programs. As the department receives funding from Tesla, it continues to make payments to the subrecipients that have been identified. The department's intent is to establish and strengthen programs in alignment with the grant applications that were received from the various applicants. For specific questions about subrecipient programs, NDE would need to work with Tesla to seek clarification on those projects and proposals.

SENATOR NEAL:

The Clark County School District (CCSD) already has robotics as an elective in certain schools. If the \$3 million is disbursed to the CCSD for existing robotics classes, there should be a conversation about how the funds will be used to enhance the programs before schools receive the money. I have seen the robotics classes being offered, and my expectation of what a student would receive was not being demonstrated in the classroom. I saw a lot of sitting, boredom, and a lack of understanding and satisfaction from the students. Robotics as an elective should be a hands-on class that promotes STEM education and kinesthetic learning, but I didn't see this when I visited classrooms.

MS. HAARTZ:

I would be happy to convey your concern both to Tesla and to the CCSD.

SENATOR TITUS:

According to the information that was submitted by the NDE, Tesla has promised that \$37.5 million will be awarded for K-12 education, with Tesla awarding the grants and deciding where the money will go. This is now the fourth year of the five-year program. How much total money has Nevada received from Tesla at this point?

MS. HAARTZ:

The state has currently received just under \$30 million from Tesla.

SENATOR TITUS:

Does that include the requests before the Committee today?

MS. HAARTZ:

This donation and the additional authority that the NDE is seeking today will allow the department to have completed distribution of approximately \$33 million since FY 2019.

SENATOR TITUS:

I agree with Senator Neal's line of questioning regarding outcome data. Has this money produced any real enhancement for students as is the intent of robotics programs? I would like to see outcome data showing how many students have been enrolled in robotics programs throughout the state, whether the classes provide hands-on learning, and whether more students are choosing science programs based on their experiences. I do not want the funding to go towards programs that will not benefit students.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

The 2014 Legislature voted to allow Tesla to provide resources dedicated to education. In reference to Senator Neal's comment, is it possible to go back and look at what services Tesla testified that it would actually provide and compare those services to what exists now? I have seen the robotics program at Legacy High School, and it is a lot of smoke and mirrors that does not appear to benefit students. It is not that Legacy High School is not trying. I believe the school is doing what it can with existing resources.

MS. HAARTZ:

The NDE has previously done that analysis in collaboration with LCB Fiscal staff, but the department would be happy to revisit the analysis and provide the Committee with that information.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

I want to know whether the program is following legislative intent instead of just appearing to follow what is on paper.

MS. HAARTZ:

The NDE looks forward to receiving a follow-up letter from LCB Fiscal staff after this meeting requesting that the department conduct more research on these projects for the Committee. Tesla collects information and prepares reports on a regular basis, and the department will work with Tesla to determine if a report exists that is readily available to be shared with the Committee.

Through Agenda Item M.2, the NDE is requesting approval to accept a donation of \$110,000 from Governor Sisolak which will allow the department to continue to support supplies for Title I schools. When the Governor was elected and came into office, he made a commitment to donating his salary for four years to the benefit of Title I schools. At that time, 416 schools were identified. Each school would receive a total of \$1,000 throughout his four-year term. At this point, the department has issued payment to approximately 350 schools and will continue to do so as it receives his donation.

Schools have a lot of flexibility in how the \$1,000 donation can be invested. The donation can be used for school supplies and can include things such as basic classroom supplies to musical instruments.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS M.1 AND M.2.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

- N. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Request for approval of ~~\$105,615,082 in tax abatements~~ ***transferable tax credits*** to Redwood Materials, Inc., pursuant to NRS 360.889. **RECEIVED 12-5-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-6-22**

Agenda Item N was withdrawn after the agenda posting deadline.

- O. DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY - Housing Division - INFORMATIONAL ONLY** - Status report on the Home Means Nevada Initiative for affordable housing as requested during the April 7, 2022, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

TERRY REYNOLDS (Director, Department of Business and Industry):

This is the announcement that the Department of Business and Industry has awarded the final projects for the Home Means Nevada Initiative across the four categories of funding: new development, rehabilitation, home ownership opportunities, and land acquisition.

The awards will create 2,800 units, with over 1,800 of those units serving extremely low-income populations; 900 units to specifically serve seniors; the preservation of over 1,000 units, which will also serve lower income groups; and home ownership opportunities and rehabilitation projects to assist 1,500 Nevada households.

A breakdown of the funding categories is available on page 317 of Volume V of the meeting packet ([Exhibit E](#)).

On behalf of the Department of Business and Industry and the Housing Division, I want to thank the Committee members for the faith they have demonstrated with this process. The process involved collaboration with the cities and counties, both urban and rural within the State of Nevada to determine how the funding would be allocated. For example, Clark County received and directly allocated its own funding for projects. The Housing Division partnered with Clark County to stretch the dollars that the division received through the state. The division also partnered with the local communities to stretch their dollars to fund projects.

In addition, as the Committee is aware, the state gets an allocation of “volume cap,” which is the authority to issue tax-free bonds. The division issues bonds for housing. Since 2014, the division has allocated about \$1.9 billion worth of volume cap for housing and has spent about \$1.6 billion to date. The division has about \$260 million to carry forward to fund these projects.

From the Housing Division’s standpoint, this was a very successful initiative that is going to have a profound effect on housing. The division is accelerating the creation of housing units within the State of Nevada, preserving units, gaining the ability to rehabilitate homes to keep people in their homes and provide an age-in-place platform for people that would otherwise have had to move, or are experiencing problems remaining in their homes.

The project does not stop there. The division is also developing another additional 2,300 units. The division has accelerated its affordable housing projects within the state through the utilization of the funds that have come in to both the state and local entities.

SENATOR NEAL:

Have the funds for the \$40 million land acquisition already been dedicated? Will there be funds left over from that project?

MR. REYNOLDS:

When the division puts money into land, it makes sure there is a housing project tied to that land that will be completed in a certain period of time. The division does not want long-term land banking. The funds have been committed, but if something happens and the funds are not able to be utilized during that timeframe, they will be reallocated to another project. The division monitors its projects to make sure that the money does not go unused. There will probably be some reallocation of funds, but the division will not know that for a period of time.

SENATOR NEAL:

I sent you the documentary about Windsor Park. I have been trying to think creatively about land acquisition to allow those homeowners to move elsewhere. These families have had limited habitability in their homes for over 30 years. This is a very special group of homeowners that has been affected long-term.

Some of the local municipalities share in private activity bonds dollars. I want to find a way to assist these families.

MR. REYNOLDS:

I did watch the documentary on Windsor Park. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the division worked very closely with the local housing authorities, including Southern Nevada Housing Authority, Clark County, the City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and other entities within the state. The division will continue that approach by having calls every couple of weeks with those entities as a working group. It is a dynamic process. There is room for the state to partner with local governments for funds to approach these type of projects.

If some of the land acquisition funds are not spent, they can be reallocated to other projects. If the funding is all spent, the division can use the available means for housing through volume cap.

SENATOR NEAL:

I look forward to working with the division on this. The local municipalities sometimes do not have the specific intent that I have. I hope to make our intent come into direct alignment or at least somehow make that alignment happen statutorily.

## **P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

There was no discussion on any of the informational items under Agenda Item P.

- 1) OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - GOVERNOR'S FINANCE OFFICE - Quarterly report of agency activity relating to contracting with current or former employees for the period July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, pursuant to NRS 333.705(5).
- 2) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - State Public Works Division
  - a) Information regarding the Project Status Exception Report pursuant to NRS 341.100(8)(g).
  - b) Capital Improvement Program - Quarterly report concerning the consolidated funding approach for Capital Improvement Program Project 21-M02, Deferred Maintenance, Department of Health and Human Services, for the period ending September 30, 2022 (letter of intent, 2021 Legislative Session).
- 3) NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION - Quarterly report on the progress of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine in obtaining federal approval for a research program on the medical use of marijuana as well as the status, activities, and information received through the program for the period ending September 30, 2022, pursuant to NRS 678C.700(5).
- 4) DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - Division of Museums and History - Annual report on the investments, revenues, and expenditures of Museum Dedicated Trust Accounts for the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, pursuant to NRS 381.0033(1)(b).
- 5) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
  - a) Aging and Disability Services Division - Quarterly report for the Senior Rx and Disability Rx Prescription programs for the period ending September 30, 2022, pursuant to NRS 439.630(1)(c).
  - b) Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Annual report on Nevada Hospital Activities and Operations with an overview of the state's hospital system and information related to recent trends through a review of hospital finance data, labor statistics, census data and corporate filings, due on or before October 1 each year, pursuant to NRS 449.520. THE ANNUAL REPORT

IS ON FILE IN THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION AND IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST.

- c) Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Annual report of the Nurse Apprenticeship Program as requested by the Interim Finance Committee at its February 9, 2022, meeting for Fiscal Year 2022.
  - d) Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Quarterly report on the American Rescue Plan Act Child Care Stabilization grant funds and expenditures for the period of July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, as requested by the Interim Finance Committee at its August 18, 2021, meeting. **RECEIVED ON 11-14-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**
- 6) DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION - Rehabilitation Division - Quarterly report regarding the client services category for the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and Bureau of Services to the Blind or Visually Impaired budgets for the period ending September 30, 2022 (letter of intent, 2021 Legislative Session). **RECEIVED 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**
  - 7) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Prison Industries - Report concerning the status of accounts receivable related to a program for the employment of offenders through the period ending October 31, 2022, pursuant to NRS 209.461(1)(i). **RECEIVED 11-16-22, AFTER THE 11-7-22 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**
  - 8) DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Status report on the issuance of technology fee refunds as required by the stipulation agreement dated November 1, 2021, for the period ending October 31, 2022.
  - 9) STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Division of State Lands - Semiannual report on the status of the state's Environmental Improvement Program Fund to Protect the Lake Tahoe Basin for the period ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to Chapter 514, Statutes of Nevada 1999.

**Q. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There was no public comment.

**R. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Dondero Loop adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

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Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair  
Interim Finance Committee

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