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"Good morning honorable members of the committee ,My name is Stephanie, and I am here to speak to you today about K9 Nala, the Nevada State Police and Trooper Garcia. Your state law enforcement agency is lying to the public and we are asking you to investigate this situation and step in. I urge you to help reunite K9 Nala with trooper Garcia and retire her like they did to Slade Webber on January 17,2024, as a tax payer in the state of Nevada we need transparency. This legislative body approved the funding for K9 Nala in the discussion unit E-350 at the ways and means committee in May 2021. The department stated to you the legislative body that K9 Nala was donated by a 3rd party. We are asking for this committee to step in and retire K9 Nala to Trooper Garcia. The reason K9 Nala was removed from Trooper Garcia was because of a minor nipping incident that occurred in December that was reported by trooper Garcia. the department stated the Attorney General's office would no longer cover K9 Nala. The department now is stating she was retrained and is with a new handler. There is no cause for this. If it is true the Attorney Generals office would not cover K9 Nala than what has changed? In conclusion, I believe the members of this committee will step in and do what is right for not only K9 Nala, and Trooper Garcia but also the tax payers of this great state and retire K9 Nala to Trooper Garcia. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will make the right decision for our community and the people of Nevada. Sincerely,  
Stephanie Smith