

**MINUTES OF THE  
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.400)  
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno called the ninth meeting in calendar year 2024 to order at 9:41 a.m. on December 12, 2024, in Room 165 of the Nevada Legislature Office Building, 7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Vice Chair  
Senator Nicole Cannizzaro  
Senator Lisa Krasner for Senator Jeff Stone  
Senator Dina Neal  
Senator Rochelle Nguyen  
Senator Angela Taylor  
Senator Robin Titus  
Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May  
Assemblymember Max Carter for Assemblymember Michele Gorelow  
Assemblymember Jill Dickman  
Assemblymember Gregory Hafen II  
Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblymember Erica Mosca  
Assemblymember Duy Nguyen for Assemblymember Shea Backus  
Assemblymember Philip P.K. O'Neill  
Assemblymember David Orentlicher for Assemblymember Natha Anderson  
Assemblymember Selena Torres-Fossett for Assemblymember Sarah Peters  
Assemblymember Howard Watts  
Assemblymember Steve Yeager

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Senator Carrie Buck  
Senator Jeff Stone  
Assemblymember Natha Anderson  
Assemblymember Shea Backus  
Assemblymember Michele Gorelow  
Assemblymember Heidi Kasama  
Assemblymember Sarah Peters

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane C. Thornton, Acting Director  
Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Brody Leiser, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Cathy Crocket, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Adam Drost, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division

Julie Waller, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Asher Killian, Legislative Counsel, Legal Division  
Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division  
Jessica Dummer, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division  
Melissa Garvin, Committee Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division  
Natalia Garzoli, Committee Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division

**EXHIBITS:**

- [Exhibit A:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume I
- [Exhibit B:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume II
- [Exhibit C:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume III
- [Exhibit D:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume IV
- [Exhibit E:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume V
- [Exhibit F:](#) Meeting Packet – Volume VI
- [Exhibit G-1:](#) Public Comment – Shane Piccinini, Government Affairs, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, and Gabby Everett, Director of Advocacy, Three Square
- [Exhibit G-2:](#) Public Comment – John Munoz, Director, Clark County Juvenile Justice Services
- [Exhibit G-3:](#) Public Comment – Steven Cohen
- [Exhibit G-4:](#) Public Comment – Leo Magrdichian, Vice President, Operations, Westcare
- [Exhibit G-5:](#) Public Comment – Soonhee Bailey, Judge, Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division
- [Exhibit H:](#) Agenda Item K.1 – ARPA CSFRF Funding Obligations
- [Exhibit I:](#) Revised Agenda Item K.2 – ARPA Table - GFO

**A. ROLL CALL.**

MELISSA GARVIN (Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB]), called the roll. All members were present except Senator Stone, Assemblymember Anderson, Assemblymember Backus, Assemblymember Gorelow, Assemblymember Kasama, and Assemblymember Peters, who were excused. Senator Buck joined the meeting in progress.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We will have two opportunities for public comment. One at the beginning of our meeting, another opportunity at the end of today's meeting. I would like to ask everyone in the room to silence your electronic devices; put them on vibrate. Members of the Committee will be using their computers; doesn't mean that they are not paying attention. They're following along with handouts and things on their computers and items on their desk.

If you are joining us and you'd like to call in to make public comment, the number is (888) 475-4499, and today's meeting ID is 86548815922, and then please press #.

We do have some items that will be moving on the agenda because of other things going on that staff members need to get to, and we will be taking a lunch around noonish—depends on how our agenda goes for today.

With that, we will start with the first opportunity for public comment. If you would like to make public comment and you are here in Las Vegas, I invite you to fill the chairs here. If you are in Carson City, I invite you to the table there, fill the chairs there. We'll start in Las Vegas, go to Carson City, and then we will go to the phone lines for public comment.

Not seeing anyone come to the table here in Las Vegas. We will go to Carson City. Good morning and welcome to IFC [Interim Finance Committee]. You can go ahead.

SHANE PICCININI (Representative for Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank):

Good morning, madam chair and members of the Committee. I am here today to represent the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Square Food Bank in support of Item N.82, which is an appropriation for Summer EBT [Electronic Benefits Transfer]. Summer is without a doubt one of the hardest times for families to be able to maintain their food security, and a lack of access to school meals inevitably makes life a lot more complicated for those families. Summer EBT is one part of a very complex food security safety net that has been set up in the State of Nevada.

We—the two food banks—just want to say thank you to you, the members of the Legislature, as well as to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Education, all of which have moved a mountain to get this program up and running on what has to be one of the shortest runways that a federal program to stand up has ever had. We as food banks have seen the impact of this program and all of the hard work that the entire State of Nevada has put into making it happen. We just wanted to express our gratitude going into the new year. Thank you.

Mr. Piccinini provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit G-1](#)).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Not seeing anyone else at the table in Carson City, we will go to our phone lines. Do we have anyone joining us by phone that would like to make public comment at this time?

[LCB ITS-AUDIO VISUAL AND HEARINGS STAFF]:

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno. To provide public comment. Please press \*9 on your phone or raise hand in your Zoom window to take your place in the queue.

DR. ANDREA PETERSON (Roseman University Empowered Program):

Today, I want to share how we're addressing a critical health care crisis in rural Nevada. Drug induced deaths remain a leading cause of death for maternal death in our state, with a 38% increase in overdose deaths among women of childbearing age from 2019 to 2020. For pregnant women and new mothers in rural communities struggling with opioid use disorder, accessing specialized care can feel impossible due to distance, transportation, and other barriers. That's why we are launching the Empowered Rural Response Road to Recovery Initiative. Through our mobile health unit, we will bring essential medical services directly to women in rural communities. We will provide medication-assisted treatment, mental health support, and coordinate prenatal and maternal health services through telehealth and remote monitoring technology. We're initially focusing on Lyon County, Storey County, Churchill County, and Carson City—areas with significant gaps in specialized care access.

Our mobile unit will serve as a vital lifeline in these communities, breaking down barriers to care and meeting women where they are. Through partnerships with local health care providers and community organizations, we're building a comprehensive network of support.

Every person in Nevada deserves access to the care they need regardless of where they live. Together we can ensure that geography never stands in the way of hope and healing for Nevada's mothers, infants, and families. I humbly ask that you support funding of mobile opioid units through the use of funds made available through the Fund for Resilient Nevada. Thank you.

JONATHAN NORMAN (Nevada Coalition of Legal Service Providers):

I just wanted to make two comments. One on Item R, Foreclosure Mediation [*sic*]. The Foreclosure Mediation program serves as an essential counterweight to Nevada's rapid non-judicial foreclosure process, the most prevalent form of foreclosure in Nevada. Before a foreclosure sale can proceed, the Foreclosure Mediation program mandates that a mortgage lender must demonstrate their authority to foreclose by presenting the necessary documentation during mediation. All too often lenders have failed to meet this burden and their illegal attempts to foreclose have been stopped due to the safeguards imposed by this program. It is a critical program to continue when economic times are good, and I know that means that the program has to seek funding from IFC, but it is like having insurance, you know, you do not need insurance until things are tough. If bad economic times come again, this program will save a lot of Nevadans' homes.

Then I also wanted to comment on Item N.82, the Summer EBT program. I think a commenter already commented on it, but it helps, in 2024, over 300,000 kids in Nevada. We think it is a very important program. Thank you so much.

[LCB ITS-AUDIO VISUAL AND HEARINGS STAFF]:

Once again, to provide public comment, please press \*9 on your phone or raise hand in your Zoom window to take your place in the queue.

Chair, there are no additional public comment callers at this time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Again, we will have another opportunity for public comment at the end of today's meeting.

Could we let the record reflect that Senator Buck has joined us? Please mark her as present.

JOHN MUNOZ (Director, Clark County Juvenile Justice Services) provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit G-2](#)).

STEVEN COHEN provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit G-3](#)).

LEO MAGRDICHIAN (Vice President, Operations, WestCare) provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit G-4](#)).

THE HONORABLE SOONHEE BAILEY (Judge, Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division) provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit G-5](#)).

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, MEETING.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

With that, we will go to the next item on today's agenda. It is the approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2024, meeting. Members, you should have received those minutes and had an opportunity to review them. Are there any questions or edits? If not, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, MEETING.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2024, MEETING.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

The next item on our agenda is the approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2024, meeting. Again, members, you should have received those minutes. If there are any edits or questions on the minutes? Not seeing any, with that I will entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2024, MEETING.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER [UNKNOWN] SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**E. STATEMENT OF IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT BALANCE.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, going back to the top of our agenda, Item E on our agenda is the Statement of the IFC Contingency Account. Ms. Coffman, if you can give us that.

SARAH COFFMAN (Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

Thank you, madam chair.

There was a withdrawal last night for one of the IFC Contingency [Account] requests, so there has been a revised statement that has been posted to NELIS [Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System] [*sic*] and there is a separate document at the dais for all of you for the IFC Contingency [Account].

Just to provide you with a summary of it. There are six unrestricted General Fund requests as well as 13 restricted General Fund and Highway Fund requests. If all of the requests today are approved, the unrestricted General Fund would go from \$15.5 million to \$12.2 million with a \$3.1 million ask. There is no ask for the unrestricted Highway Fund, so that would remain at \$1.6 million. For the restricted General Fund and Highway Fund, the rate...the amount remaining, or the amount currently is \$139.4 million with a \$6.4 million ask. If those requests are approved today, the remaining would be \$133.0 million.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the statement. Members, this is not an action item, but does anyone have any questions on the presentation from Ms. Coffman?

Not seeing anything. We will move on to the next item on our agenda, which will be F.2, and that will be heard with Item N. 86.

**F. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATIONS 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. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- a) Request for an allocation of \$154,634 to fund a shortfall in the 1/5 Retirement Credit Purchase Program for FY 2025.

Agenda Items F.1a and F.1b were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item F.1b.

- b) Request for an allocation of \$374,572 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.

Agenda Items F.1a and F.1b were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

MEGAN PETERSON (Deputy Superintendent, Nevada Department of Education [NDE]):

Good afternoon. Thank you, members of the Committee. Before you today, we have two requests for Contingency [Account] funds. The first is to support a 1/5 Retirement Credit Purchase Program, totaling 1,000 [sic]...\$154,634. These are funds that are used to supplement a retirement credit for eligible teachers within the remaining districts eligible, Clark County and Washoe County.

The second request is for our state Special Education Contingency Account, which is required by statute to maintain a balance of \$2 million. The request today is for \$374,572 to replenish this account for requests that were reimbursed in prior fiscal years. I am available for any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the explanation of the work program. Members, do you have any questions for the NDE? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Members in Northern Nevada or joining us virtually, do you have any questions? Not seeing any, then I will entertain a motion.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS F.1a and F.1b.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion for approval and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to F.4, the Department of Corrections.

2. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Division of Child and Family Services - Request for an allocation of ~~\$796,160~~ **\$823,120** to support the Adoption Subsidy program within the Rural Child Welfare budget account. **REVISED 11-27-24.**

Agenda Items F.2 and N.86 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item N.86.

3. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION
  - a) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation - Request for an allocation of \$1,216,748 to support an increase in services provided to Nevadans with disabilities and to provide a state match required to draw additional federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM N.88.**

Agenda Items F.3a, F.3b, N.88, and N.91 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item N.91.

- b) Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired - Request for an allocation of \$78,728 to support an increase in services provided to Nevadans with disabilities and to provide a state match required to draw additional federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM N.91.**

Agenda Items F.3a, F.3b, N.88, and N.91 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item N.91.

4. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Request for an allocation of ~~\$3,759,855~~ **\$448,228** to fund costs associated with the Peer Support and evidence based program. ~~pursuant to Senate Bill 413 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session~~ **REVISED 11-20-24, 11-26-24, AND 11-27-24.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

BRIAN WILLIAMS (Deputy Director of Operations, Nevada Department of Corrections [NDOC]):

Good afternoon, everyone. Good morning, IFC chair. Well, it's afternoon now, I'm sorry. Good afternoon, IFC chair and esteemed members of the Committee.

Joining me today are Kitty DeSocio, Deputy Director of Support Services, Kaytlyn Malm, Employee Development Lieutenant, and Dr. Chad Venters, Employee Development Manager. We are here to discuss the reallocation of funds previously designated for our department in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Specifically, ~~\$400,000~~ specifically, \$448,228 allocated for training under Category 30, aimed at implementing a peer support program for our correctional officers. Unfortunately, these funds were not utilized due to time constraints, and at the time of approval, the agency was under the impression the funding would have balanced forward into State FY 2025.

The peer support program allows peers to assist each other with wellness needs, coming from the perspective of culture competency, and assists with appropriate recommendations. Additionally, we will be building a Crisis Management Team, also known as CISM, designed to assist first responders and personnel who have experienced critical incidents that may have left them emotionally or physically affected, such as assaults, disturbances, and other traumatic events. This program enables peers to support one another in processing their experience, facilitating a smoother return to their duties and daily lives. The crisis management team ensures that we have dedicated personnel ready to assist their colleagues in recovering from these incidents.

Our objectives: to foster an environment that prioritizes mental health with wellness for our staff; to develop a committee-approved curriculum that establishes clear guidelines for a pilot peer support program; 3) to draft administrative regulations that outline the framework for the establishment of the peer support team; 4) to create a network of certified peer supporter specialists trained by our employee development team.

We are committed to enhancing the wellbeing of our workforce and believe that these funds will significantly contribute to this goal. We appreciate your attention to this matter and are ready to answer any questions you may have as we seek to reallocate these funds for the betterment of our staff. Thank you and we will welcome any questions at this time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the presentation. I know that we do have a few questions. We're gonna go to Senator Neal first.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you, Mr. Williams for the breakdown of where you guys are at in the planning. What's your timeline for the implementation of the program, and what accomplishments do you...have you actually achieved to date? In...I think you guys expended \$8,000 in 2024, but what has actually been accomplished so far?

MR. WILLIAMS:

I would defer that to our Training Lieutenant Malm, who's up north, along with Dr. Venters.

KAYTLYN MALM (Employee Development Lieutenant, NDOC).

Thank you for your question. As of right now, we have started a needs assessment. The needs assessment is being conducted by researchers at Oxford University and Claremont Graduate University to evaluate what a successful peer support and crisis management team implementation looks like. Additionally, research has been conducted by the department evaluating peer support programs and law enforcement nationwide. Finally, a peer support manual has been written by the department, which is still under review by our executive team. We do hope to have full implementation of our training for our staff by June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2025.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you for that. Madam chair, follow-up? If approved, can you confirm if the requested IFC Contingency Account allocation of \$448,000 would be fully expended in FY 2025?

MS. MALM:

Yes, those will be expended through our needs assessment as well as the implementation of our curriculum.

SENATOR NEAL:

Do you expect any additional funding that you're going to need in the future for the peer support program to implement the recommendations that you currently have being reviewed and assessed?

MS. MALM:

We foresee that there may be expenditures in the future; however, we plan on building that into our budget for the following biennium. We believe that the current funding will get us through the biennium.

SENATOR NEAL:

I need to... madam chair, can I follow up on that? When you say the biennium, you're saying 2025, 2026, 2027 or are you saying when you come into the 2025 (83<sup>rd</sup>) Session, you are going...I'm not clear on what you mean. You...the \$448 [sic] is going to be...last you until [2027]?

MS. MALM:

Correct, that's what we anticipate.

SENATOR NEAL:

Then you have an expectation that after 2027, you may need more, but you're not clear on what that projection could be after your Oxford study.

MS. MALM:

Correct. Through attrition, we plan on implementing a training that is through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. Through attrition of our staff, we may lose staff members who are going to be certified in this specific training. Our plan is to...right now, our department does not have anybody who is certified to teach these classes. Our plan is to eventually have one of our staff members become certified to teach this curriculum so that we can deal with attrition rates as they come.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you. Thank you, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I just have a question. Thank you for your dedication to make sure this program went through, after the mix up at the last IFC with this *[sic]* dollars. As you look at training out the staff, will that training be part of a field training officers program or a specialized person doing the peer-to-peer?

MS. MALM:

We are trying to find the best officers, staff, mental health staff, nursing staff, fiscal staff, to fit the needs of our department. A wellness program isn't just built on dealing with somebody in crisis; it's about building resiliency within our staff so that they may move forward and be successful through uses of being financially responsible, learning how to become healthy themselves so that our attrition rates become lower within that scope. With that being said...sorry, I lost my train of thought. With that being said, we will be moving forward to implement this curriculum in the future, and...I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I'm sorry. I just wanted to know if you're looking to have a specialized unit that would be doing the peer-to-peer and training folks for that, or would you be utilizing some of your field training officers or people that are already in your training division to get them trained to be specialists in peer-to-peer support.

MS. MALM:

I apologize. It would be up to the discretion of our wardens to pick the best people they think would be suitable for this program. An application process will be started for anybody who wanted to join this team. We want people to join this team for the right reasons and understand that peer support is a program that can be very demanding on the peer supporters who are providing care. That means that they need to know that they may be called while they're off hours to help somebody who may be in crisis. We're evaluating a plan to find the best people for this within our department. Additionally, yes, our training division will be implementing this and be trained on how to implement this. Does that answer the question?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

It did. Thank you so much. I appreciate it.

Members, any other questions? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Is there anyone in Northern Nevada or in our virtual room with questions? Not seeing any. Then I will entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM F.4.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

MR. WILLIAMS:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on. Items F.4...F.5 and F.6 were both withdrawn, so we'll move on to Item G, which will be heard with Item S.1b.

5. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - Request for an allocation of \$87,921 to fund travel and operational costs associated with providing dignitary protection. **WITHDRAWN 12-4-24.**
6. DEPARTMENT OF SENTENCING POLICY - Request for an allocation of \$57,712 to fund a new Management Analyst position and associated costs for the remainder of FY 2025 to address the increased workload associated with the Subcommittee on Misdemeanors of the Nevada Sentencing Commission established pursuant to NRS 176.01332.

This agenda item was withdrawn.

- G. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 4.3 (GENERAL FUND) AND 4.7 (HIGHWAY FUND) OF ASSEMBLY BILL 468 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) - GOVERNOR'S FINANCE OFFICE - Office of Project Management** - Request for allocation of \$1,575,537 from the General Fund and \$369,571 from the Highway Fund for costs associated with the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning System.

Agenda Items G and S.1b were discussed jointly.

BRIAN BOWLES (Project Director, Office of Project Management [OPM], CORE.NV Project):

Good morning, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

How are you?

MR. BOWLES:

Hello. How are you? With me today, I have our Administrator, Brady Phillips, and CGI's Senior Vice President, Greg Hussey, who is in charge on CGI's side of our CORE.NV project. One quick question before we begin, would you like to take the informational item first or the item for possible action?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

You can go through both of them, then we'll go to questions.

MR. BOWLES:

Thank you, ma'am. I will go ahead and start for you...

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

MR. BOWLES:

...to give a [sic] overview of the project activity over the reporting period for the reports that you have in front of you, and I'll give you a sneak peek and tell you exactly where we are all up to date today, because I'm sure that is also weighing on your mind and you have questions of how the project is doing to date.

Throughout the reporting periods, the integrated CORE.NV teams consisting of OPM staff, project managers and support staff from Barry Dunn, IV&V [Independent Verification and Validation] staff from Plante Moran, and staff from Advantage 4 product vendor CGI, have worked diligently against the tasks in our project plan to make CORE.NV a reality.

For Phase 1a Finance, we completed the build phase and are now deep in the achieve phase, with go-live just 19 days away. We have held the first of three "go /no go" decision meetings with our executive committee just this last Tuesday and have received a "go" decision. The next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> with the final decision on the 19<sup>th</sup>, just before we sunset the Controller's Office's Advantage 2 finance instance on the 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for cutover. I am pleased to report that as of this moment, we are on track to go live with CORE.NV Finance on January 1, 2025 and on track to go live with CORE.NV

HRM [Human Resource Management], as well as bring NDOT [Nevada Department of Transportation] into the finance system on June 30, 2025; meeting our within-the-biennium goal we communicated to you during the last legislative session.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our team for the incredible hard work and perseverance they have demonstrated thus far, to get us this far, and let them know that they are the reason that we are able to report this anticipated success to you today. Here are a few highlights from the quarterly reports you have before you on activities, decisions, and accomplishments of the CORE.NV team.

In the first reporting period of April, May, and June, the following things were accomplished or decided: IV&V vendor, Plante Moran, was onboarded during the months of April, May, and June. We initiated governance plan work to determine what this project is going to look like in the steady state of the future. Change request eight was added, which made CGI responsible for delivery of end-user training to all of our end users throughout the length of the project. The build stage for the HRM and Phase 1b was initiated. Cost accounting and accounts receivable functionality were moved to Phase 2 for all but NDOT at that time. Our iterative user acceptance testing (UAT) was initiated. Our finance team continued their build and established a chart of accounts and budget structure for the state. We made the decision to maintain the Human Resources (HR) helpdesk staff and personnel within the Office of the CIO [Chief Information Officer], where they had been previously for the long term. We began hiring contract programmers for interface and data warehouse work to augment our staff.

In the following reporting period you have in front of you—July, August, and September—the build phase continued for both the finance and HRM sides of the house. IV&V finally fully integrated on the project with the first three reports to CIO Tim Galluzi. The OPM instituted a mandatory overtime for all staff to increase our resource levels, to mitigate the risks identified by IV&V, and to ensure making our project deadlines.

All CORE.NV status reports were made publicly available on our website, and that is from all three of our entities, the IV&V, our Barry Dunn project management staff, and our CGI vendor staff. There's [*sic*] a lot of reports out there now that are fully transparent and visible. Our training room in Carson City was outfitted with technology and made ready for use during the reporting period for end-user training; while the Las Vegas training room was under construction and completed in early October to meet our goals of getting end-user training done on time. Our iterative UAT completed and transitioned to the final end-to-end UAT during this period, which has now since been completed. The decision was made during this period to move the NDOT finance participation out of January 1 to June 30 of 2025. We are here available to answer any questions on this informational period. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the presentation. I know that we do have a few questions for you. We will go first to Assemblymember Watts.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you for the update. Just to make sure that we have it absolutely clear, you are currently on track to meet all of the go-live dates as previously laid out? Is that correct?

MR. BOWLES:

Thank you for the question, sir. Yes.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Great. Thank you. I want to touch briefly on the NDOT aspect. Can you please explain why they withdrew and why they were moved to that later date, and what other impacts or effects are gonna happen besides them moving that six months down the timeline? Are there any other impacts that we can expect from those changes?

MR. BOWLES:

Again, thank you for the question. The decision to move NDOT off of this date was due to the massive amount of work that it would have taken to give them functionality that they expect day one from their finance system.

As you may be aware, there are two instances of Advantage 2 finance that exists within the state. There's the Controller's instance that takes care of the vast majority of our Executive Branch agencies and others, and NDOT's instance, which they have for their in-house finance system. It was our task to build Advantage 4 and the CORE.NV system, to integrate both of those instances into one. We did so with what we called an "MVP methodology"; that is meeting the minimum viable product, so that we can continue to do business tomorrow exactly as we can today in this first Phase 1 of our project. We realize that over the last month of the diligent hard work we've been doing, that those MVP methodology means different things for the Controller's instance than it did for NDOT's instance. Most notably, the cost accounting functionality that NDOT used Advantage 2 to complete their critical functions. The Controller's instance does not use the cost accounting functionality of Advantage 2. That amount of work was an incredibly large amount of work.

With the help of our IV&V vendors, Plante Moran, and our project managers from Barry Dunn, we quickly were able to realize that the amount of work that we had the resources to complete for that cost accounting was potentially insurmountable

by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Thankfully, because of the existing infrastructure of having those two instances of Advantage 2, it made the decision possible to continue to have NDOT continue with their instance of Advantage 2, build the necessary temporary interfaces for the intervening six months, between January and June 30, and continue them with business as normal while we could bring Advantage 4 on for the rest of the state. As far as what further impacts we will have going down the line, whether it be in the next six months or further, we are still diligently working on the cost accounting piece with NDOT; in fact, I was just speaking to Deputy Director Felicia Denney out in the hall about that thing just a moment ago. We anticipate bringing them on in June and we think that there will be no lasting impacts. We're still working on tying up the last bits of ribbon on our project and some of those has to do with those interfaces with NDOT that we had to pivot to, but we do not anticipate any further negative impacts.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you for that. I think you're doing a good job of explaining this. I just want to make sure that I have got it clear in kind of layman's terms. Essentially, NDOT is gonna continue to use their legacy product for an additional six months and you have built in some kind of bridges to make sure that it can work with some of the other things that are changing throughout other parts of the system. Is that a fair characterization?

MR. BOWLES:

Yes, sir. You've got it right on.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Fantastic. Also, I do...I want to thank you, your team, and everyone that is working on this. Overall, I know that there are some cost overruns associated with trying to meet these timelines. It's good to hear that we are on track and appreciate the overview of some of the milestones that've been hit.

I do have some concerns looking through the last quarterly report, which I understand ended in September, from Plante Moran. They highlighted several areas that were critical risks or issues that could jeopardize the project's success without immediate intervention. That included some of the impacts of NDOT's transition out, scope changes, technical work for various aspects of the project. I was just wondering if you could provide us with some updates on those red, kind of critical issues and what actions have been taken since September to address them and ensure that we hit those go-live dates without any delays, risks, or hiccups.

MR. BOWLES:

Again, thank you for the question. Those reports certainly were concerning to us as well, but they were doing the exact thing that they were intended to do, and the reason why we brought Plante Moran with their IV&V efforts on board. That was to arrive with unbiased eyes, but with a very critical bias as to what we were doing to show us the things that we needed to pay attention to that we perhaps could not see, given that our horizons are normally “what are we doing for the next sprint”? and we’re really “eyes on our computers” doing the work. They have that 90-to-180-day vision to be able to show us the risks that we may be coming up on in the future. Plante Moran staff have been absolutely great in integrating with our staff and they hold us accountable for that best practice project management methodology.

Obviously, with a crash project timeline like this, we have to make decisions that remove delays and get things done immediately. That doesn’t always take with what the book says, the project management, which is what we’re being graded against from Plante Moran. That being said, just because something is in red and is identified as a critical risk, doesn’t mean that we’re going to fail in that particular area. Conversely, if something is tagged as green and not at risk, that doesn’t mean that we couldn’t stumble on that.

All that being said, the actions that we have taken in all of those, what you call “red areas,” have been generally immediate. Plante Moran is involved with us on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Our project managers from CGI and Barry Dunn are involved with the project team. As you can imagine, hourly, they’re just a part of our team, as is Plante Moran. We move on these items when we can see the risk coming and we have mitigating strategies. I couldn’t speak to any one of the individual items that you’re speaking about because there are so many, and they are so down in the weeds; I don’t know that it would bear diving into. When we get a risk from Plante Moran, our project management team immediately takes that and adds it to what we call our “raid log.” That log provides the visibility to the entire team to see what it is that’s been called out and have that back and forth between our team and theirs to come up with a plan to mitigate that risk. It’s been that process through our project management staff that have enabled us to identify and provide mitigation for each one of these risks. It’s why when we got to our go/no go decision on Tuesday, we were able to present our executive committee with a plan that looked very favorable to success with no red items on the project health rubric that were presented, and mostly greens with a few yellows and plans to mitigate those that were still in a cautionary state. Without getting into all of the weeds on those specific items, there are literally hundreds, I hope that answered your question, sir.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you. Is Plante Moran involved in those go/no go decision conversations?

MR. BOWLES:

Yes.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thanks. Then there's just three items, since I know you said there are many in there. Can you give us an update on where things stand with the completion and testing of interfaces, data conversions, and the data warehouse components to address some of...again, I understand...you don't need to get into a granular level of each component, but just discuss where you're at and how you're feeling, since those were highlighted as red items in the last quarterly evaluation.

MR. BOWLES:

That was data warehouse work, interfaces, and the third one, sir?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Data conversions, data warehouses, and interfaces.

MR. BOWLES:

Thank you. For data conversion, we go through mock cutovers with that conversion data and then iterate on that data as we find inaccuracies. We are currently in our final mock cutover, mock cutover four. I might have to ask Mr. Hussey to chime in on where we're at with those mock cutovers, as he is deeply in the weeds with his team on those.

With respect to the data warehouse work that is ongoing, I believe the last time I saw our rubric, we were approximately 87% done with just a handful of work left to go.

With interfaces, I believe we have three or four that are still being worked out and tested and validated with those agencies. One nice thing about the interface work and the data warehouse work is that it is independent of our code freeze and cutover; so that work can continue until the end of the month, prior to go-live. We feel confident that those will be done on time. Mr. Hussey, if you had anything to add for conversion.

GREG HUSSEY (Senior Vice President, CGI):

Thank you very much. We have gone through three mock cutovers. The intent of the mock cutovers is to execute these conversion programs and then to do data validation across those source tables. We've done three of those. Along with them, we executed the end-to-end UAT; there was converted data in the application that was being used as part of that test process. Now we're coming into our final mock

cutover, which will start on Monday. The intent of that one is to get our final timings to inform our cutover checklist, and then to do one last set of validation against the data we're receiving out of the legacy system to confirm we're ready to go live.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you so much. If I may, madam chair, just one last question. I know we had some significant overtime, and bringing in some additional contract expertise, as we rush to the finish line for the end of this year. Knowing that we're gonna continue to have a further roll out into next calendar year, do you currently have any ideas if we can expect additional, similar expenditures on contract assistance or overtime?

MR. BOWLES:

Thank you for the question again. The short answer is yes, and that is enumerated in the action item here that we have for the work program. I will defer speaking of the actual finances to Administrator Phillips, as he has got the good information on that, sir.

BRADY PHILLIPS (Administrator, OPM):

Good afternoon. Just follow-up, the answer is yes, we do have multiple contractors. We are already planning to extend to assist with moving forward through both the NDOT data warehouse, and the HRDW [Human Resources Data Warehouse] data warehouse. We pay for contractors for subject matter experts that other agencies have lend [*sic*] to OPM and are stationed in our office working full time. We backfill at the home agency with contractors and then we are also paying overtime for some of those SMEs [subject matter experts], because those home agencies do not have the resources or the budget to pay for it. We have taken on that liability as well as the overtime for our own personnel. All of that is expected to remain as outlined in the work program moving forward.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Just to be clear, so out...even after this work program, we can expect some similar expenses to come before the IFC at future meetings?

MR. PHILLIPS:

No, this work program is hopefully going to carry us through FY 2025 and then we will readdress moving into FY 2026 from there.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

That's what I wanted to know. Thank you very much. Thank you, madam chair, for the indulgence.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the questions. Members, any other questions on this item? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Any questions in Northern Nevada or in the virtual room? Not seeing any there. With that, I will accept a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM G.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER KRASNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, we have gone to Item O, and the presenters were not in the room. They are there in the room now, so we're going to go to Item O, and then after Item O we will break for lunch, half hour lunch because we're already running behind. We will start back up with [Item] H when we come back from lunch.

- H. REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY ADVANCE FROM THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO NRS 387.1213(6) - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** - Request for a temporary advance of \$845,796,784 due to a delay in the receipt of expected revenues in the State Education Fund.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon. Believe it or not, we actually came back really close to on time. Welcome back to the IFC. We will go to the next item on our agenda, which is Item H. We will invite the presenters to the table, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE).

MEGAN PETERSON (Deputy Superintendent, NDE):

Good afternoon, chair, members of the Committee. Before you today, we have a work program providing authorization for advances from the Education Stabilization Account, to provide funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan account. Throughout the year, revenues may not come in as needed in order to facilitate the monthly payments. This advance would provide the funding that is needed to meet those monthly obligations. With that, I stand ready for any questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I know we have a few questions. We're gonna go to Assemblymember Mosca.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOSCA:

Thank you, chair, and thank you for the presentation. Does the NDE anticipate it will need a permanent transfer of Education Stabilization Account funds to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan budget account in FY 2025?

MS. PETERSON:

At this point in time, we cannot confirm that. We are continuing to track revenues based on recent Economic Forum projections. It appears we may not receive the revenues that were anticipated. However, due to decreases in enrollment, this may offset those declines in revenue. We will be able to confirm that once the fiscal year closes.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? Not seeing any here in Las Vegas. Are there any members with questions in the virtual room or in Carson City? Not seeing any. With that, I'll entertain a motion.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM H.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and second on Item H. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to the next item on our agenda will be Item J, and that will be heard with Item N.26.

**I. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) TO IMPLEMENT LANGUAGE ACCESS PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ASSEMBLY BILL 480 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Next, we will go to our staff, Ms. Coffman, to go through the items to be pulled from List[s] I, M, N, and S. Ms. Coffman.

SARAH COFFMAN (Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

Thank you, madam chair. On item, or excuse me, on List I, Requests for Allocations from the IFC Contingency Account (General Fund) to Implement Language Access Plans Pursuant to Section 1 of Assembly Bill 480 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session, there are no items that have been recommended to be pulled.

Going on to List M, the Approval of Work Program Revisions for the Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, in accordance with NRS [*Nevada Revised Statutes*] 353.220, there are no items on the first page or the second page. On the third page, items recommended to be pulled are Items 8 [Office of the Governor] and 9 [Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services], heard together; Item 11 [Office of the Governor], which is heard with Item P.6 [Department of Administration, State Public Works Division]. On page 4, Items M.12 [Office of the Governor] and M.13 [Department of Corrections], heard together. There are no other items recommended to be pulled on List M.

Moving on to List N, there are no items recommended to be pulled on pages 1, 2, 3, and 4. On page 5, Item 23 [State Public Charter School Authority] is recommended to be pulled. On page 6, Item 26 [Nevada System of Higher Education] is recommended to be pulled with Item J [Nevada System of Higher Education]. There are no items on pages 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11. I would note on page 12, we received a request from the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) to pull, or withdraw, Item 61 [Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy]; Item 61 is no longer being requested—it is recommended to be withdrawn. There are no items on page 13, there are no items on pages 14 and 15, there are also no items on page 16. On page 17, Item 86 [Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services] is recommended to be heard with Item F.2 [Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services]; Item 88 [Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation] is recommended to be heard with Items F.3a [Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation], F.3b [Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation, Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired], and N.91 [Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired]. On page 18, Item 91, again is recommended to be pulled and heard with Items F.3a, F.3b, and N.88. On page 19, Item 97 [Department of Corrections] is

recommended to pulled. There are no items recommended to be pulled on page 20. On page 21, Item 109 [Department of Public Safety] is recommended to be pulled. There are no items on pages 22 or 23. There are also no items recommended to be pulled on pages 24 and 25. On the last page, under *Reclassifications*, the GFO has requested to withdraw its request for a reclassification of an Administrative Assistant. That concludes the items recommended to be pulled for List M [*sic*].

Moving on to List S, Informational Items, Item 1.b [Office of the Governor] is recommended to be heard with Item G [Governor's Finance Office, Office of Project Management]. On the second page, Item 8 [Nevada Department of Transportation] is recommended to be pulled. There are no other items recommended for List S.

Madam chair, I would be happy to go through any of those work programs recommended to be pulled again.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, do you need the list repeated of the items to be pulled? Are there any members that have any other items that they would also like to have pulled for further discussion at today's meeting? If so, go ahead and let me know what those are now. Not seeing any other items. With that, I will take a motion to approve all of the other items that were on today's agenda that were not pulled for further discussion to be approved.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING  
WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS  
UNDER AGENDA ITEMS I, M, AND N.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion for approval and a second of all of the other items that were on today's lists that were not pulled for further discussion to be approved at this time. All in favor of the motion. Any opposed? Seeing none then it is approved.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

For those of you that joined us that were on the agenda, and you are now free because your item was not pulled further discussion, we wish you a very happy and safe holiday. We will stand at ease to give you all an opportunity to go on with the rest of your day and then we will get back to the meeting. Happy holidays.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

As I stated at the top of the meeting that we would be taking some things out of order. We've got the list together. The first item that we are going to hear today is Item O on today's agenda. My apologies, Item Q on today's agenda.

1. **Office of the Governor - Governor's Office of Finance - CORE.NV - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$35,716 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
2. **Department of Administration - State Library - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$75,375 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
3. **Department of Taxation - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$247,339 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
4. **State Department of Agriculture - Administrative Services - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of ~~\$184,323~~ **\$127,736** to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081. **REVISED 11-27-24.**  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
5. **Department of Business and Industry - Business and Industry Administration - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$209,400 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
6. **Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Cultural Affairs Administration - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of ~~\$366,200~~ **\$360,800** to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081. **REVISED 11-27-24.**  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
7. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Office of Health Administration - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$39,700 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.  
  
Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.
8. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Administration - FY 2025**

Request for an allocation of \$2,430,000 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**9. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2025**

Request for an allocation of \$142,732 to implement translation of documents in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**10. Department of Public Safety - Director's Office - FY 2025**

Request for an allocation of \$320,000 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**11. Department of Public Safety - Records, Communications and Compliance Division - FY 2025**

Request for an allocation of \$471,423 to implement a new dispatch system in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**12. Department of Public Safety - State Board of Parole Commissioners - FY 2025**

Request for an allocation of \$8,671 to provide inmates with certified translation services at parole hearings in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**J. REQUEST PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(1)(b) OF SENATE BILL 504 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION - NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION - University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine - Request for an exemption to establish \$12,000,000 in revenue authority to receive academic support payments from Renown Health and Western Emergency Physicians. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM N.26.**

Agenda Items J and N.26 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item N.26.

**K. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.**

1. Statement of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations and remaining unobligated balance.

BRODY LEISER (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno, members of the IFC. I'll walk through Agenda Item K.1 ([Exhibit H](#)), the statement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations, and remaining unobligated balance; as well as summarize the items submitted for consideration today by the Committee. I've tried to amend my notes to account for some of the actions that have already been taken. The table has been provided as a separate handout outside of the meeting packets. Members should have a hard copy, and it is also available on the Committee meeting webpage under meeting...listed under *Meeting Material*, Agenda Item K.1 (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2023/Committee/1969/Meetings>).

At the top of page 1 ([Exhibit H](#)) is a high-level summary displaying the actual expenditures for FY 2022 through FY 2024, the amounts currently authorized inclusive of requests that were submitted before the Committee today, and the remaining unobligated balance. Through FY 2024, the state has expended approximately \$1.4 billion, or just over 52% of the total \$2.7 billion award. That does not account for any FY 2025 expenditures to date. As a reminder, these funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. The table generally lists program descriptions and amounts in chronological order based on the budgetary approval date. As with prior practice, any revisions or updates to existing rows on the table following the October IFC meeting are identified in red text.

As discussed at the October IFC meeting, with the deadline to obligate these funds quickly approaching, we anticipated that the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) would be submitting work programs for consideration at this meeting to identify any savings and/or authority that would go unused to ensure that those funds can be repurposed and obligated by the deadline.

As reflected at the top of page 1 on the table ([Exhibit H](#)), with all items submitted for consideration today, 100% of the funding authority would be obligated. I would just note that with the previous actions taken earlier by the Committee this still holds true, pending there's one agenda item still yet to be heard...that will be heard...that's Agenda Item M.11, and that will be heard with Agenda Item P.5.

Before I summarize the work programs for consideration today, which begin on page 25 of the document ([Exhibit H](#)), I did want to point out that there's one new item that has been added to the table under the row labeled 283 that we just wanted to make the Committee aware of. This is an award that was issued in January of 2023 to UNLV [University of Nevada, Las Vegas] to support a Climate Advisor position. The GFO did make LCB Fiscal aware of this award in October and it does not appear that any prior communication to the Fiscal Analysis Division occurred to identify this award, nor was there a separate work program processed to establish the authority for this award; therefore, it was not previously being tracked by our office.

There were 20 work programs submitted for consideration today by the Committee and those are listed on rows 284 through 298, beginning on page 25 ([Exhibit H](#)); however, Agenda Item M.1 was withdrawn by the GFO. The 19 remaining work programs would facilitate the following: there's [*sic*] four work programs that would align previously approved budgetary authority with the award; there were five work programs that would deobligate funding that was previously approved and either realized as savings or the agency and the GFO are requesting to not move forward with those projects. Two of those were...two of those agenda items were M.8 and M.9 that the Committee...Committee's action denied those requests earlier. With the savings identified through the remaining deobligation request, the GFO was requesting to repurpose those funds through the following: there was two work programs that would authorize new funding for the Department of Corrections; those were heard earlier this morning by the Committee. Based on the actions to deny Agenda Items M.8 and M.9, the request for Department of Corrections was reduced from \$4.9 million to approximately \$1.1 million and would focus, as the department testified, would now focus on equipment to be purchased for Northern Nevada Correctional Center. There's [*sic*] two work programs submitted to authorize additional funding for support of the Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy to address a projected shortfall, and there are six work programs submitted that would provide authority for unfunded portions of awards issued by the GFO. These awards have been partially funded through prior work program requests and/or funded by the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislature; however, authority to fully fund the awards issued by the GFO was not previously requested. Mainly, this impacts requests for the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, staffing for the Controller's Office, funding for the Governor's Office, and funding to continue support for the ARPA team at the GFO. Madam chair, that concludes my remarks, and I would be happy to address any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much, Mr. Leiser. Members, this is an informational item only, but does anyone have any questions for Mr. Leiser on his report? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. It doesn't appear there's anyone in Northern Nevada with questions. Anyone in the virtual room? Thank you so much, Mr. Leiser. Moving on to [Item] K.2.

2. Status report on the administration, obligation and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

Good afternoon, madam chair and members of the IFC. Before I make the presentation on the ARPA, I would really like to express my heartfelt gratitude to not only my staff, to LCB Fiscal staff, and the agency fiscal staff, or agency staff in general, as we've been trying to manage and track these ARPA funds. Our spreadsheet ([Exhibit I](#)) also matches Mr. Leiser's with the quick math that we had to do from previous actions that happened today. The only thing that I would add is that the expenditures for 2025 that we have, as of November 30, 2024, is \$167,729,934. We have completed about 36.7% of the notice of allocations. I don't want to say projects because some projects have several notice of allocations.

The GFO has implemented monthly communications with the agencies to check on status of projects and to ensure projects are on track to be spent. One of our big overhauls was, actually, we were reconciling notice of allocation awards with work programs. This is how Mr. Leiser and myself came up with the discrepancies and fixed them. I appreciate him more than he knows, so I'm gonna give him kudos throughout this presentation. There has been...for the advances for 2025, we considered the needs on a case-by-case basis as there was a significant amount of unspent cash in 2024 that we balanced forward to 2025. With that, I stand for any questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I do have a few questions, and they come from the presentation that Mr. Leiser presented. As you heard him say that in October of this year, your office made us aware that there was an award of payment to UNLV for the Climate Advisory [*sic*] position that was approved by your office in January of 2023. But, since the process to issue that award does not require legislative approval or prior communication, this award was not being tracked by the LCB Fiscal staff. Could you let us know, and please confirm, whether there are any other awards that have been issued for programs that are not currently identified on the K.2 tables as presented today.

MS. STEPHENSON:

Thank you, madam chair. As I mentioned earlier in my presentation, we did a reconciliation from even before I... 'cause ARPA started before I even started this position. I... when I assumed this position, I just picked up and assumed everything was correct from behind. That was a wrong assumption; we know what assuming does. I'm very thankful that I went back and reconciled them. I can say, as of today, that we're tracking... LCB Fiscal and my office are tracking exactly the same thing and there's [sic] no other projects out there.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that. Could you also confirm whether 100% of the awards issued by the GFO would be accountable for within the state budget, if the requests submitted today are all approved?

MS. STEPHENSON:

Thank you, madam chair. That is correct. That would all be accounted for. Again, it's part of that reconciliation process that we went through.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Just a few more. Could you explain to us why the GFO did not previously seek budgetary authority for 100% of their awards that it issued to support staffing in the Controller's Office, the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Governor's Office, and the GFO? When were those awards initially granted? I know you stated that some of these things happened before you got to the office. Do you know when they were granted?

MS. STEPHENSON:

Thank you for that... for the question, madam chair. These were actually awarded prior to my... prior to me getting there. They were awarded when ARPA funds first came out. I'm not quite... the way that they were issued, they put into multiple fiscal years. They were... it's a bunch of confusion and I can go through some, but there was an assumption that those were gonna go into the budget. That's why we didn't ask for prior authority, just the way it was being managed before I got there. Those... these are the ones that we thought they were going into a budget, and they didn't. They're work programs that needed to happen. It was an error and now we are trying to fix that.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Okay. Well, that's good. Are there... what previously approved programs, if there were any, are at risk of not expending 100% of the award by the federal expenditure deadline, as of December 31, 2026, and what efforts are being taken to ensure that the funding will be expended for these projects?

Ms. STEPHENSON:

Thank you, madam chair...

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

If I'm asking you to repeat, I apologize.

Ms. STEPHENSON:

Oh, it's okay; I don't mind. Currently, we're...all projects are on track to spend by December 31, 2026. We are doing monthly communications. By communications, it's not just a phone call. There are meetings that say, "What...are there any hiccups? Do we need to help you move anything along? Can we figure out the...if it's not a contract"? But, we're currently working with every agency, almost on a daily...monthly basis. When we do have any questions, we actually loop in Mr. Leiser from LCB Fiscal, and we brainstorm and collaborate to figure out what we can do to make sure that that gets paid. We have included both your staff and our staff so that we can make sure these funds get expended.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that and thank you for the work that both you and Mr. Leiser, and your entire team have been doing on this. It's been a heavy lift, I know. If additional savings are identified after December 31 of this year from individual project allocations, could you please explain whether any such savings would be eligible to be re-obligated to existing projects, or if those amounts would be required to be returned to the federal government?

Ms. STEPHENSON:

Thank you, madam chair. If there are savings from projects, and I don't want any; there won't be any because it's not gonna happen. But, if there are savings...now, you're jinxing it 'cause you are making me say this out loud. If there are savings, we can allocate...according to Treasury [U.S. Department of the Treasury] guidance, we can allocate to previously approved and obligated projects.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

It's good to know. No, that makes sense.

My last question, and then I'll ask members if they have any. Going back to the conversation earlier on [Items] M.8 and M.9 [inaudible] conversation. Do you know if the DCFS [Division of Child and Family Services] has a contractor for that project...for the build out? If so, do they have until December of 2026 to spend the funds?

MS. STEPHENSON:

Thank you. I'd have to double check on the contractor. I believe that they...our obligation was to the DCFS so that our notice of allocation obligated the funds, so I'd have to verify on the contractor. But they were on track to spend that through December 31, 2026. The items came up...the previous items came up because they thought there was a better way to spend that, not that they couldn't spend it.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Perfect. Thank you so much. Members, do you have any questions? Not seeing any in Southern Nevada and not seeing any hands raised in Northern Nevada. Anyone in our Zoom room? Thank you so much for the presentation and your patience with me with all the questions.

MS. STEPHENSON:

Thank you.

- L. WORK PROGRAM REVISION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220(5)(b) - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - REQUIRED EXPEDITIOUS ACTION WITHIN 15 DAYS - NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION - Performance Funding Pool - Deletion of \$109,487,799 in Budgetary Transfers to distribute funding based on performance outcomes to the universities and community colleges. **Work Program #C73088. RECEIVED 10-25-24.****

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to the next item on our agenda, that is Item L, informational only. I believe it is the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).

Members there does not appear to be anyone in the audience at this time from NSHE. We will come back to that item, and we will move on to Item M.11 and we will hear Item P.6 with that.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I will invite NSHE to the table.

Robin Hager (Budget Director, NSHE):

Thank you. Good afternoon. This work program fixes a technical error to change the category on a work program that was approved at the October 2024 IFC meeting. We just needed to change the category from Category 19 to Category 10. The dollar...there's no dollar change. I'm happy to take any questions, if you have any.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I do not have any questions. Members, do you have any questions for this agenda item? Not seeing any. Thank you so much for coming in and coming back to share that information with us. Happy holidays to you.

Moving on to the next item on our agenda. That will be Item P.1. It's the State Public Works Division, Request to Modify the Scope of CIP Project 21-E01, Loading Dock, North Las Vegas Readiness Center.

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

**1. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$343,105 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Administration category, \$1,850,056 to the ARPA Assembly Bill 484 category, \$84,142 to the ARPA Broadband Initiatives category, \$34,407,370 to the ARPA State Agency Allocations category, \$100 to the ARPA Universal School Meals category, \$971,541 to the ARPA Crisis Care category, \$1,059,922 to the ARPA Children's Mental Health category, \$1,661,797 to the ARPA Public Health category and \$4,382,699 to the ARPA Grants to Tribes category from the Loss Revenue Reserve category, and a transfer of \$637 from the ARPA Senate Bill 461 category, \$1,727,872 from the ARPA Projects category, \$530,818 from the ARPA Community Recovery Grants category and \$4,610,457 from the ARPA Services for Specific Populations category to the Loss Revenue Reserve category to align the expenditure categories with the applicable project allocations for each category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Public Health category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132734. WITHDRAWN 12-2-24.**

2. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Children, Youth and Family Administration - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$232,771 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to support a management analyst position for the division's contract unit. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.4. Work Program #25FRF31454. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

3. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Family Support Program - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$72,911 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to support the Emergency and Planned Respite category and transfers of \$30 from the Operating category and \$104 from the Information Services category to the Family-to-Family Peer Support category in support of the system-of-care services statewide contracts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Family-to-Family Peer Support category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FRF31464. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

4. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Family Support Program - FY 2025**  
Deletion of \$232,771 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account and a transfer of \$46,112 from the Personnel category to **support contracts in** the ARPA Children's Behavioral Health Authority category ~~to support a Management Analyst position for the division's contract unit.~~ Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative adjustment amounts to the Personnel category exceed \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.2. Work Program #25FRF31465. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

5. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$372,317 in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to align previous year grant award authority for the Day Treatment program, and place \$24,821 of General Funds into the Reserve for Reversion category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ARPA Day Treatment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25FRF32811. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

6. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$347,798 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category to fund a notice of award granted to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for its Digitization of Water Records program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.7. Work Program #25FR132746. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

7. **State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Water Resources - FY 2025**  
Addition of ~~\$223,797~~ **\$571,595** in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to align previously approved authority and to increase authority to align the budget with the overall notice of award for the Digitization of Water Records program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Studies category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM M.6. Work Program #25FR417101. REVISED 11-22-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

8. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$3,804,562 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - ARPA Children's Mental Health category to the Loss Revenue Reserve category to deobligate funding authority due to the requested cancellation of renovations of Building 9 on the Las Vegas West Charleston Children's Mental Health campus. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the ARPA - Children's Mental Health category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.9. Work Program #25FR132735. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items M.8 and M.9 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item M.9.

9. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - FY 2025**

Deletion of \$3,804,562 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account due to the requested cancellation of the renovation of Building 9 on the Las Vegas West Charleston Children's Mental Health campus. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the ARPA Intensive Care Facility category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.8. Work Program #25FRF36464. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Agenda Items M.8 and M.9 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good morning and welcome to IFC.

JACK ROBB (Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Governor):

Good morning, madam chair. I have a team in Carson City and here with me in Las Vegas to answer any questions on any of those projects you may have, and we have some maps with us so when we go over these agenda items, we can refer to them for more clarification.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Mr. Robb, are you going to make any sort of presentation on this item at all so that not only the Committee members, but the public has an understanding of what [Items] M.8 and 9 is [sic] all about?

MR. ROBB:

For Agenda Item [M].8, the removal of the COVID funds that was scheduled to go onto Building 9. Building 9 is one of the buildings that has been slated for disposal and destruction removal for the incoming Campus for Hope. We've been working with the Campus for Hope to take over in excess of 20 acres on that north end of the campus to serve a lot of the needs that the Southern Nevada campus currently fulfills and expand the mission to help keep people out of chronic homelessness or catch them before they get into chronic homelessness. This is an item that we wanted to go forward with, but when reviewing Campus for Hope and the best location in town for that and how to make that campus come together, we found it prudent to not go forward with this project and find other ways to meet the need that was going to be in Building 9. I am sure there's going to be questions on Campus for Hope and other buildings. Will you bring up a map of that northern end where Campus for Hope is going to go? I can go over high-level what buildings we're looking to dispose of so that you have a good idea of what we're doing.

On the left side of the screen, the top one in purple is Building 1. It will be disposed of and everything north is...

HEATHER HOLMSTROM (Project Manager and Architect, State Public Works Division [SPWD], Department of Administration):

North is to the left of the page and this road right here is Transverse [Drive]. We're looking at the north end of the property, which is mostly the purple and orange buildings to the left end.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

What is that corner? What's the cross streets at that corner?

Ms. HOLMSTROM:

This is Charleston [Boulevard]. This road here is Jones [Boulevard], Community College Drive, and the campus of Southern Nevada is at the lower end of the page.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

From where we're sitting, it would be the upper right-hand corner. Is that what you are referring to? The upper left, which...

Ms. HOLMSTROM:

The upper left would be Charleston and Jones. Upper right is Charleston, or Jones and Oakey [Boulevard]. If you're familiar with the Charleston campus for the CSN [College of Southern Nevada], that's at the bottom of the page.

MR. ROBB:

All buildings depicted north of that Transverse Drive that intersects the campus there, with the exception of 17, 4, 5, and 6, will become the new Campus for Hope. That is what the plan currently is.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I want to make sure I understand it. Building 17, Building 4, Building 5, and Building 6 would remain, everything else would be...would go away?

MR. ROBB:

That is correct. There is a short timeframe while we are getting the new forensic hospital built, that Building 3 and 3A would need to remain in place to accommodate the beds that are required, and even keeping those two buildings in place, we fall far short on the beds that we are required to have. That is our plan is to deed those over into the future, but just not at this time why we have the forensic hospital project ongoing.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Could you tell the Committee how much money has been spent on Building 9 to date that we're now not moving forward?

MR. ROBB:

My understanding is a little in excess of \$80,000 in the planning phase. We're looking for other options to place the need. Everything that we're getting rid of on the campus, we've identified other locations that they can fulfill their mission and even improve the way they fulfill their mission. The buildings that we're looking to dispose of have long since passed their useful life. Building 1, for example, it was built in 1967, and nothing is of modern code, standard function. A good number of these buildings on the campus were prior hospital, prior living quarters. They are not built for the need that we're using them for today. They are not fulfilling the mission the way they should.

We are finding locations in very close proximity to the campus. Down Jones Street, we have multiple buildings that we have toured, that we're currently in negotiation with the landlords to secure and get staff moved down. When we show staff the locations that they can go to, they have told me multiple times, it is like Christmas. I can tell you one thing I really want to mention is our staff that shows up to this campus to fulfill the needs of the citizens in need, they need to be really recognized. We're asking them to serve a tough clientele in poor conditions. I truly believe moving these buildings, or moving out of these buildings into better locations will help us with our recruitment/retention of individuals. I could only imagine being a person looking to get hired on the State of Nevada and be shown some of the locations we have sent to perform their duties. I would love to take you on a tour of that campus anytime and show you what I am explaining. We can do better for our employees and for the people we serve by moving out of these buildings.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Mr. Robb, you said a lot. You hesitated after you said the \$80 plus for planning and there was a pause. Is that the only money that is been expended? The \$80... I believe the total is \$83,600, for planning, have there been any other dollars spent? Because you made a pause in your statement.

MR. ROBB:

I will ask Heather [Holmstrom] to follow up on that question.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, GFO):

I can actually confirm that for you. The amount spent, the only amount spent just on planning is \$83,600 and there's no other money that has been spent.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

No other money other than just the planning dollars? My question I asked because there was a pause in that statement.

MS. STEPHENSON:

Agreed, but we just verified all of that, so I wanted to make sure you had your answer.

MR. ROBB:

Madam chair, I just want to make sure we don't have any outstanding bills so we're accurate in what I've said. We're good. No outstanding bills. We're good.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I have two more questions before I go to other members. Who are in the buildings you spoke about employees, which we are all very much concerned about. Who are in those buildings? You talked about Christmas. Christmas in my house can be expensive. I have far too many grandchildren. You talked about it would be Christmas for the employees. Where are you looking to put those employees? How many employees are going to be displaced? There's been a lot of conversation about renovation. Why wasn't this conversation had a long time ago when we put money in for renovations? All those things.

MR. ROBB:

Total number of employees being relocated as a result of this is 236. I don't know all the programs, I know it's adult mental health. I am going to look for some help on this one. I know what the programs are, but I can't speak to them as other people can. I'll look to Marla [McDade Williams] to help me through that. We are... I want...before we go into what they are, we're looking at the programs, looking at the location that these programs serve, and looking for places to move the individuals—the 236 on campus—to locations that work for them. Some of those people on campus are actually moving to this campus because they're back of house, they're not direct services. A good number of those people will be relocated here.

Some other people would be relocated to 1350 Jones, which is currently under lease, but the people at 1350 Jones were moving on to the campus because they're back of house. Other people...it's a shuffle to make sure we keep the

programs and the people that are served by these programs in a general vicinity of the campus, within a quarter mile of the campus, so when they come in in crisis and they need help, they do not have to go to another part of town to seek that help that they need at that location they've become accustomed to going to.

6161 is the address on Charleston; that's Building 1. It's an adult drop-in center. People can go get counseling, go get medications and other things. The 6161 people we're looking to move within a quarter mile of the campus so when those people were within crisis, they do not have to go a long ways [sic] to get the help that they require. It's a big shuffle of individuals. Two hundred and thirty-six on campus, but when you move everybody, because we're moving people off campus around to get people close to the campus, it'll be 260, 270 people in the end that we move.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I did say that was going to be my last question, but the more you talk, the more questions come to mind. Of the buildings that our 236 employees are currently working in, what is the rental payment of those buildings now? Then by moving them, you had said about leases, how much more is that going to impact the state's budget by moving those employees out to lease buildings?

MR. ROBB:

Currently, I do not believe that there is any rent paid on those. The agency owns those buildings themselves; they are not public works [SPWD] buildings. I do...I am not familiar with how the agency funds buildings that they own themselves. They're not under public works [SPWD]. Per building that we're looking at—there's multiple buildings—two that we know of right now, they're about \$500,000 annually, but those buildings are a great increase in structure design and the way that we can serve the public that we're charged with serving at those locations.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

For the agency's budget, they will go pretty much from zero impact to their budget to a \$500,000 impact to their budget moving forward.

MR. ROBB:

That is correct.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Where is that money coming from?

MR. ROBB:

We are working through the budget process right now. We're in the middle of "Gov Rec" and that will be factored in during that time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

By factoring in that \$500,000, is that going to impact services to their clientele because now they have to take on this \$500,000?

MR. ROBB:

I can't speak to what it will do to the programs, but I can tell you the ability to serve their clientele will be increased in the new locations. It'll be a better location for the people we serve without a doubt.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I appreciate the thought of a better location, not happy with a \$500,000 impact. Knowing that it's difficult to get staffing, that \$500,000 could go to staffing, programming, that \$500,000 could go to programming.

My last question before I go to my vice chair is, why isn't this demolition project being requested as part of the 2025-27 CIP [Capital Improvement Program]?

MR. ROBB:

The demolition will not be completed by the State of Nevada. There will not be any funds expended by the State of Nevada. That will be all covered through a lease agreement that we hope to then take that lease agreement and deed this property over to Campus for Hope. They will be in charge of 100% of the demolition. They would assume the property as is and to develop the Campus for Hope into something that they need and can use. They will be financially supporting 100% of the demolition of the buildings.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I have another question; however, I am going to go to Senator Dondero Loop and come back.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, madam chair. Good morning. Thank you for being here. Mr. Robb, you and I have been down this road multiple times with buildings, from last session through interim, what have you. I feel like we always end up in the same spot. We start okaying, or approving something and then after we do that, there's always a switch. I thought this is what we were doing, but now I want to do this. First of all, I have had zero people contact me regarding this project, whether it's local entities or the state entities. I haven't had anybody talk to me.

My question is, because this agency is going to...the agency indicates that the services that they are doing for girls with autism spectrum disorder will be provided in Building 14, so that was what was supposed to be happening. What is the difference between the planned services in the remodeled 9 and the services that will be provided in 14? Coupled with that, I am really concerned about this location. Nobody has talked to me because I would have told them you have Opportunity Village, CSN, Bonanza High School, Seventh Day Adventist School. I believe there's a Montessori Academy. Right around the corner is Rose Warren [Elementary School], which I taught at. Down the street is Doris Hancock [Elementary School]. I mean, I can keep going here, I can keep going here. There are multitudes of schools and children and disabled people that are on that corner. And when I say children, I mean, also students that are at CSN, obviously, they are not all children, we have a lot of adults at CSN, but we also have high school students that are doing dual credit that are at that building. I find this location...not only the fact that we are sort of displacing these girls that are with autism issues. As we know with autism, there is a large spectrum, so they're not all just in one area. I just find it overwhelming that we are doing this without some discussion. I don't know when the discussion's been, because I can tell you, I have not had anybody reach out to me. I just can't displace girls with autism and put a building—a Campus for Hope—in this location with all those schools around there. That just makes my head come off my shoulders. I would like some...I guess my question is, you can start with, why that location? Why hasn't this been a more public discussion? Please tell me the difference between the planned services and the remodeled 9 and what would be happening in 14?

MR. ROBB:

I apologize for not talking to you sooner. Director of Special Projects, Tawny Polito, and myself were put on this project late October. I'm trying to get up to speed on this project.

Why the location? It is a location that was 6161 and the drop-in center. The current clientele in the valley, there's a code term on the street...if you are in mental crisis and you don't have the means to get to a hospital or something, there's a code term on the street, "you need a 6161." A 6161 is the address on Charleston where these people go to get these type of services and it's already there. It's built in this... what the Campus for Hope is going to do dovetails very well into the existing use on that campus. I understand about young women with autism that we're

supposed to serve with this remodel. I can assure you we're working diligently on trying to find locations for every function that is covered in every single building that we are trying to remove to make this campus work. I have spent a lot of time since the end of October on this campus. I am impressed with the staff, but I am really disappointed in the buildings that we have that we're trying to perform vital functions to the people who need them. One way or another, this change needs to happen so these agencies can serve their public in a proper manner. I probably didn't answer your total question on the autism part. Hopefully, I did answer your question on why this location, because it is already seen within that community as the place that you go for help.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I don't think I have a clarifying...a clarity on Building 14. I don't think I got...and I understand what you're saying that maybe some of our clientele is going there, whether the address is 5151 or 6161, I get that some of our clientele is going there. But developing a whole campus is different than having some clientele go there. First of all, I think there's probably another location we might be able to use, but second of all, I'm going to go back to the fact that that area just happens to be a concentration of schools. I just think we need to think through where the clientele actually is, because that is on the west end of town. We also need to think about, so maybe a more central location for them, because certainly if I'm down at the [Grant] Sawyer [State Office] Building and I have to go to West Charleston and Jones, that's a pretty good little jaunt, bus ride, whatever. I just, I am just very confused as to why we are doing this and why this wasn't thought out before it all happened. I mean, like I said, I haven't had any conversation with anybody. I get that you were put on the project in October, but we've spent money and we're switching gears, and I just think it's a bigger conversation.

MR. ROBB:

I understand what you're saying, and I understand about the money spent. I truly believe spending any money on the buildings north of Transverse Drive is a poor spend of state resources, because we're throwing good money after bad buildings.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

We have done that before, by the way.

MR. ROBB:

Not a lot, and that's why we're currently sitting in the building we're sitting in is we need to change.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Yeah, FYI [for your information]. Yeah, like I said, you and I have been down this road several times. I just, I am kind of to the point where I'm thinking this is like our M.O. We say, "I am going to buy 10 blue mugs. I bought 10 blue mugs, then I got them, and I decided I didn't like them, so now I'm gonna go buy 10 gray mugs, and by the way, sorry that I bought the blue mugs, we'll do something with them."

MR. ROBB:

We bought the blue mugs in 1967, and those mugs were wore out.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

No, we bought the blue mugs when we spent the \$80,000.

MR. ROBB:

The \$80,000 pales in comparison to what we should be doing to get the proper locations for those services that we provide.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Jauregui.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

It's funny, those buildings were good enough for young girls in the summer of 2024, right? But they're not good enough now.

I have a couple of questions, madam chair. First, I want to clarify something, Director Robb, you listed Building 1, 17, 4, 5, and 6 as the only buildings we were keeping. Am I correct?

MR. ROBB:

Not Building 1. Building 1 is the address 6161. That one is going away.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

The only buildings that are not being demolished are 17, 4, 5, and 6.

MR. ROBB:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

I received information saying that you were going to move the displaced young girls to Building 14, but Building 14 is one of those buildings that is listed as being demolished.

MR. ROBB:

We're currently working with other entities because some of these buildings are leased to other entities, like the county, to find suitable locations, and that's what we are diligently working on. We're working to make sure that all people are covered, and we will not disrupt service. We're working with the people developing Campus for Hope to work on the timing of when we move people out of each one of these structures to make sure that we do not have a disruption in service. We will not stop a function. We will not move out of a building until we have something to replace that building, if that makes sense.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Follow-up, madam chair?

Are the Stein [Hospital], where forensic services are done, and then Rawson Neal [Psychiatric Hospital], are those slated to be demolished?

MR. ROBB:

No.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

I share the same concerns as my colleague, Senator Dondero Loop, about the location of the Campus for Hope because we do have so many children and other vulnerable populations in that area. But one of my biggest concerns is these young girls—these children with autism disorders who can't be placed in foster care—because during the summer, just five months ago, six months ago, you guys were before us asking for \$3.8 million, \$3.8 million dollars to renovate Building 9, because it needed to be renovated for these young girls. My concern is these young girls. We were gonna renovate a building for them so that they had a suitable place to get services, and now we're just displacing them, and we don't know where we're putting them. This building was good enough for them in the summer, but now you're telling me it's not. What happens if we put \$3.8 million into Building 9 and give these girls what we promised them? What you guys were before us in the summer telling us that there was such a need. You guys were here telling us there was a need for this money, \$3.8 million, so we can give them a renovated building and provide them the services that they need, and now it's just not important. What happens if we stick to our original plan? What happens if we put the \$3.8 million into Building 9?

MR. ROBB:

As I've stated, we will not displace anybody. We're committed to making sure everybody's served.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Director Robb, that's not answering my question. My question was what happens if we stick to our original plan? What happens if we put \$3.8 million into Building 9 to renovate this building for these young girls, these children with autism, who were promised a building where we can provide services? In the summer, this was important. In the summer, it was so important that there was a request for nearly \$4.0 million made, and now it's not. What happens if we stick to our work program that was given to us in the summer?

MR. ROBB:

If we stick to that plan, we can refurbish that and spend the \$3.8 million. In the meantime, I would still be looking for a place to relocate them to get them off that campus so we can build the Campus for Hope. I really, I can't stress enough, spending any money on any of those buildings on that campus is a bad spend.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Then why was it requested in the summer? Why then, if spending money on those buildings is such a bad idea, why was it a good decision in June of 2024 to spend that money?

MR. ROBB:

That was the option that was available at that point. We are working with the county and others to make sure that these programs are kept whole and improved going into the future.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, madam chair. I just want to go back to some comments that were made because I want to understand. When you were talking about...when the chair asked you, there will be a certain amount of buildings that go from \$0 to \$500,000. What is the number of buildings that will go from \$0 to \$500,000?

MR. ROBB:

At this point, I would say three.

SENATOR NEAL:

Three, okay.

Second question, the lease arrangements where they are currently owned by the... or they're leased under the county and there's going to be some rearranging. Subpart of that question, who is absorbing the cost of those leases? Two, is the county expecting some kind of reimbursement or will there be some kind of conversation about, "well, now you moved them from one space and now this lease is higher." Talk to me about those conversations that you're actually having within that framework of the lease rearrangements and how many leases.

MR. ROBB:

Until we determine where they're going, I can't tell you how many leases.

SENATOR NEAL:

Do you have a theory?

MR. ROBB:

No, but we are working with the counties, and the Campus for Hope has agreements with the counties and the City of North Las Vegas, City of Las Vegas, and Henderson is getting ready to do their agreement with Campus for Hope for the services they will provide.

SENATOR NEAL:

Do you have a fake estimate, like 10, 20?

MR. ROBB:

At this point, no.

SENATOR NEAL:

Do you have a projected idea of what those lease arrangements or rearrangements would cost? Is there potentially a double cost? Is it now going to be like just simple math? If it was \$1,000, now it is going to be \$2,000.

MR. ROBB:

Until we determine that, and we are working with the entities to make sure that we meet their needs and the needs of the people we serve and they serve are met, I'm not going to venture a guess at that.

SENATOR NEAL:

Here's my third question, you also made the statement that...and maybe this is the current point in time...that you don't expect for there to be any more cost to the state because the transfer of these buildings would go under the Campus for Hope nonprofit. Am I saying that accurately?

MR. ROBB:

That is correct. At the time that they assume the lease, all upkeep of that campus, all demo of that campus, everything to do with that campus will be paid for through the funds that were given in [Assembly] Bill 528 (82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session) and the private funds that, the mandatory matching funds, the \$100 million in matching funds that they have secured. That money will be used for the demo and the build of the new facilities on that campus.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you for that. I am so glad that you mentioned A.B. [Assembly Bill] 528, that you mentioned Section 16, because the state did put in \$100 million, yes?

MR. ROBB:

That is correct.

SENATOR NEAL:

It is not a zero cost to the state because they are actually an equal partner in this bill, because it's \$100 million and then a matching. If the structure of the bill created \$100 million from the state and then it was matched, how can you say that there will be no future absorption by the state, when the state was equal partner in the funding that is getting ready to do this activity?

MR. ROBB:

What I was stating was there will be no additional cost. Those costs have already been encumbered through prior legislation. There will be no additional costs, and it is on the Campus for Hope that has their application in with GOED [Governor's Office of Economic Development] right now to be the party that receives that \$100 million.

SENATOR NEAL:

Madam chair, can I have one more question? I also...that's amazing. Listen, I like you, I respect you. I know last meeting, I think in the summer, I called you "Superhero Buildings." However, in this particular circumstance, I'm really trying to understand how when you're going to take buildings from a \$0 to \$500,000, you know when we sit in CIP, we talk about maintenance, we talk about all of these things that come up. The air conditioner and all these wonderful things that happen to stop working. Then we sit and we talk about who's going to pay for it. Typically, it's the state. Then, when we talk about these lease rearrangements, we're talking about North Las Vegas, Henderson, and the City of Las Vegas, and the county doing some kind of rearrangement. The question I want to ask you there on what you have not theorized or what you have not projected and what you don't know at this moment in time, is that what I understood was in the bill, A.B. 528, the entities, the cities, were expected to give up to \$15 million in their share of this work. When it came down to them being asked—I think it was a month ago, I sat and I heard it—that they said, "Oh, no, we're not giving up any money. Actually, we're going to do zero. We're not giving up the \$15 million...up to \$15 million." Within that conversation, right, having that as a backdrop where they sat with the entities who are part of the Campus for Hope and said, "You know what, I know I came to the table and testified and I said, amen and thank you, Jesus, for this project. Then at the end, I said, I am giving zero for the \$15 million in the bill." Although not mandated but strongly and deeply encouraged. Now, you're saying that these entities will then rearrange their leases and not have one word to come back to the state and say, "You know what, by the way, we incurred a cost because of the state and therefore, we're seeking dollars because we took on this risk because the state asked us to." You're believing that that won't occur?

MR. ROBB:

In working with the individuals that are bringing the Campus for Hope to fruition, I have full confidence in them, and I have stated that I have full confidence in us being able to work with our partners to find suitable locations to fill the needs of the people we serve currently on that campus.

SENATOR NEAL:

Did you know that the cities had said that they would not give up to the \$15 million? Did you know that?

MR. ROBB:

No, I did not.

SENATOR NEAL:

Are you going to now calculate that behavior that I, I know I sat in the meeting with seven or eight other people, and when I heard it, I, of course, I had a response. But are you going to take that into your calculus, that if you won't give what was encouraged and not mandated in A.B. 528 as your participation, that somehow along the road that they're going to come up with another excuse? Because I...and you know, I don't gamble, but I would gamble that they're probably going to come up with another excuse. If you won't do what's in the law now, that's not even mandating your behavior but encouraging you, and they're not participating now, what makes you think that you're going to rearrange their lease and they're not going to put it back on us and say, "We incurred this cost because we listened to the state to do it."

MR. ROBB:

As I stated before, I have full confidence in the people that are putting the Campus for Hope together, the direction they're going, the partners that have partnered to bring the private funding together and working through those political hurdles with the local jurisdictions.

SENATOR NEAL:

You're going to work through the political...okay. Then just one final question. In everything that you're doing, because it came...and I don't know if it's accurate or not, but it popped up in some of the public space on how they feel. There's a question on...because they say there's this DOJ [U.S. Department of Justice] finding on mental health related to children and that this activity on this campus is somehow...could be impacted because the DOJ is saying there are services or failure to perform services in this space. Now with this rearrangement and activity that there may be, I guess, some gaps or missteps or alignment with what they're actually telling the state to do in regards to these children. Have we calculated that into our decision?

MR. ROBB:

As I have stated before, I can assure you we're going to maintain all the programs that are currently completed on that campus. We are not going to seize any of those programs, we're not going to turn anybody away. We're going to make sure that those people are covered.

I can't answer the other part of your question. I would ask to ask somebody from the DHHS [Department of Health and Human Services], because I'm not familiar with some of the parts that you are asking.

SENATOR NEAL:

Marla [McDade Williams]?

MARLA McDADE WILLIAMS (Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, DHHS):

From a perspective of the DOJ settlement, the criticism of the State of Nevada was that we do not, as you said, provide enough community-level services, and we rely on residential placements and out-of-state placements to meet the needs of children throughout the system.

Residential facilities are not necessarily a priority under that, particularly locked residential facilities. There is really a desire for community-level services to be provided, so as you know, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, through the Medicaid program, has an initiative to increase, stand up, new services that are more community-based, and in some cases, increased rates to ensure that children who do still have a level of residential need, that we can have enough providers to step in and meet those needs.

I will just say that...currently Building 12 is occupied under a contract with Clark County operated as a qualified residential treatment program through a contractor. We had a contract on Buildings 11 and 14 through the summer prior to moving into this ren...proposed renovation for Building 9; that contractor stepped away. What we are doing as a result of no longer moving forward in Building 9, we are going to stand up those services for the girls with autism in Building 14. I believe there's another building, I always get these building numbers mixed up, but there's another building where there are services being provided for boys with autism. Now, we're getting these kids primarily from commitments through the courts so that rural community-based service array is still something that needs to be built in the state by all of the systems that participate. But, as Director Robb indicated, for where we currently have residential services, they are intended to be the last entities that are affected in the move. Right now, our administrative activities are planned for move. We have Youth Parole Bureau on that site that are planned for move, and then we have outpatient children's mental health that are planned for move. Desert Willow Treatment Center, which is our psychiatric facility for youth, is not intended to be affected by any of the changes.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you for that. Thank you, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Senator Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I just want some...to couple up with my colleague, I just want some clarification. The land is owned by the state. Am I correct?

MR. ROBB:

Yes, it is owned by the...

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

When we own land in the state and we lease it, doesn't that lease have to come before the Board of Examiners and the IFC?

MR. ROBB:

That is correct, yes.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Wouldn't we have to...we can't just lease it out. I mean, we just can't do it to Campus for Hope. Where is the timeline with that?

MR. ROBB:

Campus for Hope currently has their application in with GOED to be the people funded through A.B. 528. As that process goes along, I'm working with [the Division of] State Lands, Charlie Donahue, to draft leases...the draft lease language has been prepared, it's going back and forth with attorneys. You will see that coming forward here in the next few IFCs, it's forthcoming. It's in process. The application with GOED is also in process. There's [sic] multiple things in process.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I understand there's [sic] multiple things in process. I guess it just goes back to the original question of the confusion of how we got here. How we started out with one idea, one process, and now we're clear over on the other side of the process. If Campus for Hope has submitted those applications, are they on a website? Is there someplace I can go look at them? Because isn't Campus for Hope considered a nonprofit?

MR. ROBB:

Yes, Campus for Hope is a nonprofit.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Is there some place that you said that they had already submitted their applications, and you said that they're already there? Is there someplace we can go look at those?

MR. ROBB:

I will find you where you can get those, and I will get them over to LCB staff.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I don't mean next week. I mean, if they're already there and ready, I'd love to have them today while we're doing this meeting.

MR. ROBB:

I will get hold of Director [Tom] Burns and see how we can get that accomplished.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Assemblymember Hafen.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HAFEN:

Thank you, madam chair. I just want...there's been a lot of discussion and seems like I am starting to get more and more confused. I think that what you guys are trying to do is fulfill the obligations under A.B. 528. I think some of the conversation maybe is the location, it appears. I just want to confirm that your goal here is to fulfill the obligations under A.B. 528. Correct?

MR. ROBB:

Our goal is to not only fulfill the obligation of [A.B.] 528, but to do it in a location that that population is very well accustomed to going to. Like I said, the street term if you are in mental crisis, is "I need 6161." That is a very common term within that population that they know where those services are provided, and it is consistent with what the Campus for Hope is trying to do. If the Campus for Hope cannot fulfill that individual's needs, we will have another location a half mile down the road that is operated by the state to fulfill those needs of that individual.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HAFEN:

I know we had the conversation of having to relocate some of the individuals, but if I understand correctly, that we were going to propose to rehabilitate the building, and now we're talking about just permanently relocating. If we were to rehabilitate the building, we'd have to relocate them anyways. Correct?

MR. ROBB:

Currently, a couple of the housing units are vacant, so there is no relocation of those individuals.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Senator Nguyen.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you. Obviously, you can feel some of the frustration. I think a lot of it has to do with the lack of communication. I know, in particular, I became aware because this sits in the middle of my Senate district, that this was being proposed as a possible location for this Campus for Hope project. That was in late 2023, early 2024. Obviously, I assume that a different location had been proposed when in June of this year, we allocated money to rehabilitate some of those properties that were in this location. While I appreciate that we are not going to rehabilitate a property that potentially would be demolished in some time and we can potentially reallocate that money to other projects, I do have some of the same concerns that my colleagues recognize. That something that was so important for not only just a vulnerable population with young girls with autism spec...that are autistic, these aren't just children with...that have challenges, this is our highest risk, highest needs individuals, and we still have not found a solution for them. I mean, there's a couple of things going on there. Obviously, I want to know what we're doing for those individuals. Second of all, I think that also highlights the communication problem that we're having here that just in June of this year, we were asked to allocate this money to a project that would potentially be demolished if this goes through. I guess my other question is as soon as...as recently as a couple of months ago, I sat in that same meeting with Senator Neal, and it was indicated that obviously some of the municipalities we are not contributing what they had initially testified and promised to, one. We were also told that there were potential other locations for this property. It sounds like from what you have testified today in this hearing in this Committee that this is the location. Has this been finalized as the location for this Campus for Hope project?

MR. ROBB:

Yes, I would say this is our primary and preferred location. As I've stated with 6161 and the population we currently serve, and the services provided on that campus is consistent with those services. It's consistent within the community requesting those services to come to that location. It is hands down in town, the most consistent use of that property and the most consistent way to keep that clientele serviced in the way they need, so they don't fall further into crisis.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

When I talked to some of the, I guess, some of the people that were taking the lead on, I guess, on the nonprofit side, when I first heard at this location, they said they were going to be undergoing different conversations with stakeholders and there would be different meetings. Obviously, I know you're new on to this project, I think you said in October, so just a couple of months in on get trying to get up to speed; but can you share what kind of meetings took place in determining that this met

the best needs for this clientele, for the lack of disruption of services, to consolidate these services, to fulfill the mission of this bill for this Campus for Hope project? I wasn't aware of any public meetings; I don't know of any things. Obviously, it sits in the district that I represent, and I know that none of my neighbors, none of my constituents, have ever had an opportunity to be a part of these conversations that are in there. Do you know or can you share with us what type of community engagement, what kind of interaction with even the communities that serve this potential population, were had to know that...to make that determination that this was the ideal location for this project?

MR. ROBB:

I cannot speak to what happened prior to my involvement, but I can speak to what I have learned since I have become involved and working with staff on that campus, meeting with multiple individuals, touring every building multiple times, seeing the clientele that comes there. I don't know what meetings occurred to choose that location, but I can say beyond the shadow of a doubt, dealing with staff, seeing the clientele, seeing what goes on on that campus and the services we provide, there's no better location in town. It's consistent with where people seek that type of help, it's consistent with the Campus for Hope mission, which is consistent with the services the state provides and which will be provided...the state services will be provided within approximate...not too far from the campus. We don't have the negotiations done, so I don't want to call out addresses and then have something fall apart. I can tell you these buildings do not serve the public correctly, they do not house our staff correctly, they're failing to meet our missions. We need to do better. By removing these buildings and starting over with something new is the best thing we can do. Providing those services that are critical in close proximity is a huge step forward.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

May I ask a follow-up, chair? It's fair to say that we don't have, at least on the state perspective, we don't have a timeline per se at this point because we have to wait to see whether or not GOED awards, who they award, I guess this project to. I'm assuming it's going to be probably the only organization that put in an application or is putting in an application for that Campus for Hope nonprofit. Are there things...obviously you said that there are multiple, I guess, moving wheels going on trying to prepare for this. Is there something that you need to have in place before, I guess you, we have an idea of what these deadlines are going to be and what the timeline is going to be?

MR. ROBB:

When it comes to the timeline, I'm not quite sure what the timeline is with GOED, but I do not see another nonprofit bringing \$100 million to bear. I don't see much competition in nonprofits bringing \$100 million to match that type of money. There's a...the casino industries bought in, other people have bought in, there's a lot of hope around this Campus for Hope of being able to put \$100 million of private

money into solving a need in this valley. Timeline, leases, I can tell you we're diligently working with Campus for Hope as they're going through the process with GOED, to have a lease agreement that is acceptable to them and to the State of Nevada, and something will pass the IFC and BOE [Board of Examiners] and work through that lease process. I can tell you in the meetings we've had with staff, we're looking to move some of the staff members off this campus as early as February 1. We're in the middle of furniture purchases; we have some buildings on this campus. When we bought this campus, we wanted room for growth or room for movement, so we've filled up all of our buildings to an 85% threshold knowing that there will be additional staff coming in the future. Some of those buildings that have that 15%, 20% cushion are going to absorb some of these people off the campus. There...we're in the process of getting people ready to move, without a doubt, so it's coming sooner than later. Some of these people will be moving regardless of this project going forward because it's the best thing to give them a location that they can complete their task that we have asked them to do.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

My final question as it has to do with the service...the people that will receive these services, I appreciate that you're trying to find location...relocation service areas that are within that quarter mile that you said. However, even having worked in a professional capacity with a lot of the population that utilizes the services at this West Charleston campus, what kind of effort and what kind of resources is the agency now...and I don't know, this might be for Marla...what kind of agents...what kind of resources are you going to be asking in the next session that are going to be necessary to re-educate, re-inform this clientele, where this address—you said it yourself, this address is synonymous with these services and with these resources, everyone knows where this is. They...everyone knows where this location is. You have an extremely high-risk, vulnerable population that has difficulty even under the best of circumstances, and moving any of their resources, even a quarter of a mile, even across the street if we're being honest about this, can cause huge heartache and can mean life or death situations for some of these individuals that are seeking immediate services in an area where they know to go. I'm curious, and this may be a future question for the DHHS to be able to look into on what kind of outreach are we doing to clients, other providers, jails, prisons, probation officers, school districts, hospitals, all the people that know to send people to this address are now going to have to send them to potentially a couple addresses in the same proximity, but it will be very different. I am wondering what kind of resources are going to be necessary to effectuate that change. In addition to the employees having a place to do, and I'll take you at your word, these buildings are old, so I don't disagree that being in a better, nicer location to deliver services might be better, but how do you get the people that know where they are supposed to go into that? What kind of effort and what kind of funding are we putting behind that re-information distribution to the clientele...the clientele that needs it?

MR. ROBB:

I can't answer that question sitting in my seat right now, but I do want to follow up. You said better, nicer facilities to meet the need. I can tell you, I do not believe these facilities meet the current need in the shape that they are in. No matter what, I would highly recommend if the Campus for Hope can go to this location, that we try to figure out how to upgrade Building 1, specifically, at the beginning and then work through the rest of them. Some of the buildings on this campus are mobile units that have been there 30, 40 years that shouldn't be that type of duration to fulfill services or provide services to people.

Do you have anything to add to that, Marla? I can tell you we would have a robust outreach and Campus for Hope is working very well with the community and we would work with them, work with the people, like you said, school districts, other entities, police departments, to make sure that these people knew where to go when we change out of 6161 to this new location. That change is going to happen someday, and I hope that day's sooner than later.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Assemblymember O'Neill.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'NEILL:

Thank you, chair. I understand, Mr. Robb, you just came into this project. Okay, now, I think I'm working, I apologize. I understand, Mr. Robb, you just came into this project in the last couple of months, so when we talk about what had been proposed back during the summer, these multimillion dollars upgrade for it, your analyzation was that that wouldn't have been a proper use of the money. Senator Dondero Loop said we keep be buying blue mugs and then not needing blue mugs. You, we want to move them to better locations to better fulfill the services and this money is...if we don't deobligate the money out of the ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] funds, it's going to cause ripple effects down through that on the expenditures. We have to have that done by the end of the month, if I'm not mistaken. Help me just understand that difference between what was that summer and what we're trying to do now, because I think you have the best of intentions, and I agree with you that this is actually a cost savings to us. If we don't pass this today, it will affect other obligations in the ARPA...or the whole ARPA spreadsheet.

MR. ROBB:

When it comes to the ARPA funding, there are other items, such as kitchens at correctional facilities, that need to be taken care of so we can meet modern health standards. We do have places to get this taken care of and make sure we do not revert any of that money.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'NEILL:

Thank you. I just wanted to make sure I understood part of it. Thank you, chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, chair, for the opportunity. It's really important to try to get some of this stuff on the record. I appreciate all of the hard work that's been done relative to these previous conversations and what the Campus for Hope stands to do. Really enjoyed having the opportunity to consider that bill during session and look forward to really serving this at-risk population.

Back in 2014, the federal government passed the federal Settings Rule, and states were given an opportunity to transition. The federal Settings Rule identifies that home and community-based services that are Medicaid waiver funded must be done in a community-based setting, and there are exclusions to congregate care. The property that we're talking about right here has a mental health hospital on one side, a children's psychiatric hospital on the other, and we are proposing to locate a homeless mental health population that requires crisis care and intervention. We have multiple populations that are being served that have high risk on one concentrated area that also includes children and Desert Regional [Medical] Center, which is intellectual and developmental residential care, so it's considered, and many in the state don't like when I say this, but it is the state's institution. It's the only one we still have for intellectual and developmental services, but it is our state-run institution. The Settings Rule tells us that we can't collocate services and that we must be home and community-based, right? To Ms. McDade Williams' statements earlier, we really have to find community-based solutions.

I bring this up because it is a federal provision. Is there a waiver process that we could potentially go through as a state? There is...it's pretty involved with regard to the federal government, but you know that there are lots of other services for multiple populations. In my experience, folks with intellectual and developmental disabilities are very different than folks who have mental health diagnoses and require crisis intervention. We started this conversation talking about care for youth who are on the autism spectrum, who require significant and intensive services. And now I'm confused because while there's a number of buildings on that property, I heard that the building that we're moving folks, or proposing to redo, to care for this program, is one of the buildings that is slated to be demolished. Is that in fact, the case? I get that we need to redo it. My concern is federal prohibitions against what we're doing for congregate institutional care on the site and mixing multiple populations.

MS. MCDADE WILLIAMS:

I'm not certain I have an answer to your question. You know, as noted, the buildings that we currently have designated for residential care will be the last buildings that are affected by any move forward. Up until the time that there is a location for them, for us to move into, we will not disrupt the services that are there. That's all I can commit to at this point.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you. I appreciate that. Thank you, chair, for the opportunity to really be clear about what a federal expectation is and the prohibitions to how we're mixing populations that we're serving on this particular...any one site. I'm concerned about what does that mean for approvals for Medicaid waiver dollars that will come in to support these populations.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Assemblymember. I appreciate you bringing the facts associated with this because some members of the Committee may not have known that; I appreciate that. Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, madam chair. I just have one final question. In these lease arrangements, what is the legal liability that is going to be associated with these buildings, the services or failure to provide the services? I think there's [sic] two parts to this question: you have a lease between the nonprofit and I'm assuming the state, and then you have these other lease arrangements, or rearrangements, which affect people and services. Who's liable, who's on the hook if something happens? Is it the state or is the nonprofit?

MR. ROBB:

With the leases we have, some of them are with the county for these residential units and we will continue to work with the county to make sure that those services are provided. We're working with Campus for Hope to make sure that their development plan takes into account the services we have not moved off yet or found suitable location that is as good or better than their current location at a cost that we can all afford. When it comes to that liability, this campus isn't going to pop up overnight. We've got time to make some of these moves and make sure that these people are taken care of in a way that they need to, and we meet our statutory and legal requirements and keep these people protected.

SENATOR NEAL:

I'm going to ask it differently. Have we had a conversation of who will be sued if something happens? Is it the state or is it the nonprofit? Because that is not a down the road conversation before you sign a lease. That is a now conversation because the state would need to know who's on the hook. You're giving control to another entity, in part, so I think that needs to be fleshed out and we haven't talked about it.

MR. ROBB:

I have not reviewed the leases on those residential units, but I can tell you, we will ensure that everybody is protected.

SENATOR NEAL:

"Everybody" being the state?

MR. ROBB:

The state...we're going to make sure that...we have these...we're not going to be moving the Campus for Hope on and putting these people at risk. We're going to have something in place before the Campus for Hope is up and going. We're going to have different avenues. Whatever risk...on that campus today, whatever risk is already assigned, is already there, whether it's to the county or to the state. If something happens on that building currently, that has already been decided, and I do not see anything changing in the next 18 months to 2 years of use on that property that would put those individuals at risk that would change the state's liability or the county's liability. By the time we get there, we will have different solutions to take care of those individuals and mitigate the risk that you're speaking of.

SENATOR NEAL:

You're assuming that the nonprofit, Campus for Hope, will not have any liability attached to any issues or incidences that occur. Is that what you're believing?

MR. ROBB:

We are working with the Campus for Hope on finalizing lease language. Like I said, none of this stuff has been finalized; we're in process. I want to go back to Senator Dondero Loop's question when I say nothing's been finalized. Campus for Hope is working with GOED currently, and Director [Joy] Grimmer brought this up because she checked on it while we were having this discussion, the GOED application is not due 'til December 16. Campus for Hope has 'till close of business on December 16 to submit to GOED, and none of GOED's staff is available for comment today. They didn't know that this was going to be the issue it is today.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I believe we have two more questions. Senator Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, madam chair. If nothing's been finalized, is the location still up for question or discussion? Where are the 12 girls with the autism spectrum disorder now, and is that up for discussion and where they're going to be placed? If nothing's been finalized, then can we continue this conversation? Because it sounds to me like, at least a majority of us up here, are not sure that that is the right location and don't have all the information that we need to make the decision.

MR. ROBB:

Again, I apologize. I thought you guys were further up to speed on this whole process than you are. I will take it upon myself, and I will work with the Campus for Hope individuals and with GOED to make sure that this body is informed with everything we know, and we will keep informing. If I didn't know you were more up to speed, I would have been having these conversations before. I will give you my word, we will continue to work through this process; we will continue to work with GOED, work with the Campus for Hope, work with the nonprofit people that are bringing \$100 million to bear to make this project go forward. We're going to do a better job; I can tell you that.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I don't think my question was answered, I'm sorry. I get that we weren't brought up to speed, I get all that, and I appreciate you giving that apology, but if we are in the discussion era, is it possible that this can be placed somewhere else? Coupled with that question, I would like to know where the girls with autism are currently located.

MR. ROBB:

Can it be located someplace else? Yes, but at what cost? And when you increase cost, what does that do against that \$100 million of state money and \$100 million of private money? How far does it go then? If we look someplace else that you have to purchase and have other things go on, it becomes real [sic] costly.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

There's the Grant Sawyer Building; it's up for, I don't know, maybe there's the spot, maybe Cashman Field, I don't know.

MR. ROBB:

We all know that the Grant Sawyer location is...

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

No, we don't, but that we don't know what's going on with this either, so that's kind of my point. I just feel like, well, because there's been lack of discussion, there's lack of discussion. It's that simple. We don't have all the facts and, I'm not sure that it's the right location. Can you...I get what you're saying when you say, well we'd spend \$100 million, blah, blah, blah, but to what extent? If we spend that money and we don't put it in the right location, then it doesn't matter. It's, you know, back to the mugs. We buy 10 blue mugs, and they aren't the right mugs, they just aren't the right mugs. I think we need to spend money wisely and we need to have more conversation, and I don't know if Ms. McDade Williams knows, but where are the 12 girls that have autism right now?

MS. MCDADE WILLIAMS:

Thank you, madam chair. Likely, they are pending placement in Child Haven, or they've been sent to some other out-of-state institution, or they're struggling in some other in-state placement that isn't adequate to meet their needs. What we did when...as you know, I've been with the division a little over a year, and in my time, one of the things I heard is that we don't have enough supports for people with multiple needs. We took advantage of the buildings that we have on campus to figure out how do we fill gaps, how do we prioritize the real challenging children in the system, and this was one of the groups that we identified. Again, when we moved forward with the plan to renovate Building 9, I moved out staff that we had there, and it had to...all of the buildings that we occupy were formerly some type of a residential setting. We had to undo the office setting that that building had been placed into, turn it back into a residential setting.

Again, it does not make sense for us to put money into a building that will likely not be there in the future. But I...if plans change, then it will still be there to renovate and then we still have again, Building 11, Building 12, Building, I believe it's 13 and 14 that are currently available for residential placements. Now, going into a policy discussion about that, there are challenges to actually staffing and all of those other things that come with it, which is why we do our best to contract out those services. Because, we continue to have those vacancy rates that make it very difficult for us to staff. But again, we are just looking to fill gaps in the system. We don't anticipate not having those youth to come into this facility once it's ready to go.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Well, this makes me very sad that we're placing kids out of state, so we're paying for that. I'd like to know where they are and how much that costs us, if we have those records. I don't believe, my recollection and my knowledge of Child Haven is that they would not have the resources to work with those children. As I always say on any issue, until it happens to you, until it's your kid, until it's your grandchild, until it's your neighbor's daughter that you know, until it happens to you, we can all say, "Well, we just ship them out of state. Oh, we just ship them to Child Haven," until it's your family or your kid. This is just an incredibly sad conversation to me because of the lack of knowledge, what we're doing, the location, and most of all the 12 or more autistic children that we're putting at risk.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. I will try to keep this brief. I think the difficulty we're having is we're being forced into a discussion about the Campus for Hope when that is not even in front of us right now. What's in front of us right now is the deobligation of the money that was going to be used for, I am going to get the building numbers wrong, but for the building that was going to be renovated. I guess, here's my question, and I appreciate that we're having this discussion because we're faced with a December 31 obligation deadline that comes from the federal government. Here we are two weeks before that deadline and we're having this massive discussion about a transformational project on this location, when previously, we did have plans, and we approved to remodel a building for a specific purpose. Now we're being told that's not a good use of money because we believe the building is going to be demolished. But there's a lot of contingency here. We don't know how this is all going to play out. My question, that I hope will help us come up with the right decision today, is if we rejected the deobligation of this money, do we anticipate the remodel of the building would go forward realizing that we don't know what will happen with that building in the future? The second question is, if we decided we wanted to agree to this and deobligate this money, is there a similar use or purpose to which this money can be used? Because when you came before us in June, the idea was to help these youth with autism spectrum disorder. What I'm not seeing in the rest of the IFC agenda is a similar work program where we would try to use that money for something similar in purpose. We haven't gotten to this agenda item yet, but it looks to me like the money is being asked to be transferred to purchase equipment for the Nevada Department of Corrections, culinary equipment. Twofold question, if we say no, is the remodel going to happen? If we say yes, is there a possibility before the end of the month to find a different way to repurpose this money so it's going to something similar in purpose?

MR. ROBB:

If you say no, I would highly recommend against spending that money at that location. Like I have stated many times, those buildings have far exceeded their useful life to fulfill the mission they're required to fulfill. I believe when it was brought in front of you, it was the only option on the table, and I think we can find better options. I don't think, I know we can find better options, and I'm committed to make sure that these individuals that need this care, we work with this body and make sure that they are provided the care that they deserve and need.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, Mr. Robb. I would just ask the secondary question is, if we do agree to deobligate this, but we would like the funds to be used for something similar in nature, because that was important to this Committee, and it was important to the agency requesting the money of this Committee. Is there the possibility to do that before the end of this month? Realizing we would likely need to have some kind of a special IFC meeting or an emergency work program to do so.

MR. ROBB:

We could work with the DHHS to see if there's something else that fits this need. It would be...I don't know how we would find that need, find the project, get the project plan designed and completed in the timeframe that we have left. I know that the projects that have been slated for [the Department of] Corrections are projects that are far enough along in the process that that money can be fully allocated to the process. But if we came up with something to replace for autistic children, I think we would fall short and we would revert that money. I don't know how we could find a project and get it to completion in that timeframe.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Mr. Robb, you saying that brings up another question, and you may not be able to answer it. Within the next two weeks, and we may not be able to find a project but is there a nonprofit in the State of Nevada that does the work with children battling autism that could do the work if this money was allocated to do. It was to help these young ladies suffering with autism that were not able to go into other placements. Is there a nonprofit...autism nonprofit that does the work with these children within our state that this money could be directed to so that the money would be used for the purpose that it was intended?

MS. MCDADE WILLIAMS:

Madam chair, I would have to check with my staff. My sense is that there is not, and which is why we stepped in to fill the gap for this. But, if they had additional supports, could they do it? I will ask that question.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. That would be good to know. Before we go to a vote, we're going to take a short recess.

Chair Monroe-Moreno called a recess at 11:35 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for your patience. We'll bring the meeting back to order. Mr. Robb, as you can see, as I indicated to you, there was a lot of discussion and concerns about this work program, which is why I wanted to take a recess and gauge the feelings of the Committee from the hearing that we have had. I think we have come to a conclusion, and I am going to ask Speaker Yeager to make the motion.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. Before I make the motion, I just wanted to say a couple of things. I think this has been hashed out, clearly more discussions have to happen with this Committee about what the long-term planning is for that campus. I think it has been abundantly clear that many folks just had no idea where we were in this process. I do find it pretty difficult to say that we approved this project in June, realizing it was the best option then, but here we are in December and being asked to take this money away. I believe we had an IFC [meeting] in between where we discussed the so-called "Pie Bill" and about whether all this money would in fact be spent before the reversion date. We were assured then that it would. Obviously, something has changed fairly dramatically in the last few months.

With all that being said, madam chair, with your permission and the Committee's pleasure, the motion I would like to make is the following: I would move to not approve Item M.8 and M.9. I want to be clear, I know we're under the gun right now, but I...my request, this is not part of the motion, but my request is that we all work together in the next 19 days to figure out if we want to deobligate this money and not to be spent on this project. We've gotta be able to find something that fills the need that we were trying to accomplish back in June. I believe that we can do that in the next 19 days. I know there are holidays in there, we have a lot going on, but we are as committed as always to making this work. My motion is to not approve but to work together to come up with something on an expedited and/or emergency basis that this Committee can approve before the end of the year to make sure that this money is obligated appropriately and does not revert to the federal government.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Second.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER MOVED TO DENY AGENDA ITEMS M.8 AND M.9 AND REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE GOVERNOR'S FINANCE OFFICE TO DETERMINE AN ALTERNATE AND APPROPRIATE USE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Assemblymember Hafen.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HAFEN:

Thank you, madam chair. I just want to make sure that...we're looking at a very, very short window...if that is going to give staff enough time to ensure that this money does not revert back to the federal government.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Exactly who are you directing your question to?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HAFEN:

Actually, it would be both for Director Robb and our own staff.

MR. ROBB:

I understand your motion and understand the direction I have been given, and I'm committed to work in that direction. My biggest concern is I happen to have somebody that I share a house with that works in this type of field. Some of the biggest constraints is lack of private people to perform services and lack of capacity within those entities to provide the services that we're looking for. I believe if there was additional capacity, at least this time, those services would be provided. I think we're lacking the availability to provide those services. We're going to go ask for something in short order that I don't think anybody's staffed up to do. That's my honest opinion, and I have lived in this world for quite a while, not personally, but through my spouse. That is my biggest concern with this motion is our ability to find somebody with the capacity to take this on in short order.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. I mean, just to be clear, I'm moving to not approve Items M.8 and M.9 so the money will stay obligated as it is now. If indeed we're not able to come up with something before the end of the year—and by the way, I think we're going to be able to—if we're not able to come up with something by the end of the year, the money would stay obligated for this purpose of renovating the building as approved in June. Obviously, it would be...we can't force you to do anything, but I think that's a clear statement by the Legislature that this was an important project and we believed in the mission of it. Now, I fully understand what was discussed today, but again, express my frustration that we're being forced to make this decision in really, an absence of meaningful information about what the plan is going forward. That's not your fault—that's a timing issue; that's a Campus for Hope issue. I wanted to make clear the money would not go back to the...it would not...it would still be obligated by the end of this year. As it was done when we approved the project, as it was when the representations were made to this Committee that all the money would be obligated and spent by the December 31, 2026, deadline. There shouldn't be any issue where the money would not be spent. It's going to be a question of, is it going to be spent on this project as approved in June, or is it going to be spent on something else that fills a similar need? I would just say that you don't necessarily have to come up with another project; there are places, I believe, that money can be spent in this state that it can get out the door quickly and can be utilized. All we have to do is obligate that by the end of the year with the spend by the end of 2026.

MR. ROBB:

As I stated, I do understand that and we will work through that, but I do have the concerns of capacity. But, I don't know everything and we're going to look for everything, because I'm committed to not reverting any of this money back.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes, Senator Titus.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you, Mr. Robb, for all the presentation. Unfortunately, I feel this became more of a policy discussion versus a fiscal discussion, and we really got sidetracked on it. I will be a no on Speaker Yeager's motion. I think that it is...we had the presentation of why these funds are going to be moved the way it is. I think we need to support that, so I will be a no on this motion.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any other discussion? Assemblymember Hafen.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HAFEN:

Thank you, madam chair. I do believe that this project is worthy, we should reobligate it; however, I am going to support the Speaker's motion today and work with the Speaker and Director Robb to ensure that in the next 18,19 days we can ensure that this money gets obligated.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Any other discussion? See none, all in favor of the motion, please say aye. Could you state your name for the record, because I believe those in opposition are joining us virtually.

SENATOR TITUS:

Nay.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER O'NEILL:

Nay.

SENATOR KRASNER:

Nay.

Thank you so much, and the motion does pass.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT  
(Senator Krasner, Senator Titus, and Assemblymember O'Neill  
opposed the motion.)

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for the discussion, and I look forward to working with you in the next 19 days to see what we move on. I know you have a few other things on the agenda; don't go too far, we'll get to those very quickly.

Still going out of order, as I stated earlier, we will do [Items] M.12 and M.13 at this time.

10. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$2,019,084 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Children's Mental Health category to the ARPA - Loss Revenue Reserve category to deobligate unspent authority relating to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services' Children's Behavioral Health Program so that the authority can be repurposed. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the ARPA - Children's Mental Health category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132736. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

11. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of ~~\$1,953,859~~ **\$1,953,218** from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - State Agency Allocations category to the ARPA - Loss Revenue Reserve category to deobligate funding authority due to the requested cancellation of Capital Improvement Program Project 19-C16, Renovation of Collections Storage Building 19, Stewart Facility. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the ARPA State Agency Allocations category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM P.6. Work Program #25FR132740. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Agenda Items M.11 and P.6 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, State Public Works Division [SPWD], Department of Administration):

Good afternoon, madam chair and Committee members. I have with me Deputy Administrator, Brian Wacker. I also have Project Manager with the SPWD, Heather Holstrom, up [sic] in [Las] Vegas. I am here ready to present the Item P.6 if we're good to go with that.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes, we are. You can proceed.

MR. LEWIS:

Pursuant of NRS 341.145(1)(j), the SPWD requests to cancel CIP Project 19-C16, Renovation of Collection Storage Building 19 at the Stewart Facility, and to allow for expenses only through the advanced planning phase of the project will require returning \$710,947 in federal...well, in ARPA funds on cash on hand as well as the remaining \$1,242,270 of ARPA authority. With that, I'll pause if you have any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any questions? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Members in Northern Nevada, do you have any questions? Not seeing any and not seeing any hands raised in our virtual room. With that, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS M.11 AND P.6.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

Thank you so much.

MR. LEWIS:

Thank you, madam chair.

**12. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$4,935,891 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - State Agency Allocations category to provide a subaward to the Nevada Department of Corrections for replacement of culinary equipment items at Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Ely State Prison, Warm Springs Correctional Center, and Lovelock Correctional Center. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA - State Agency Allocation category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.13. Work Program #25FR132741. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Agenda Items M.12 and M.13 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item M.13.

**13. Department of Corrections - Director's Office - FY 2025**

Addition of \$4,935,891 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account for replacement of culinary equipment at Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC), Ely State Prison, Warm Springs Correctional Center, and Lovelock Correctional Center. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ARPA NNCC Culinary category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.12. Work Program #25FRF37105. RECEIVED 11-18-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Agenda Items M.12 and M.13 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Do we have anyone at the table in Carson City?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DICKMAN:

We do now, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Before you get started, hearing the conversation with the last work program item and knowing that the two were kind of tied together with the deobligation of the funds from the last one that did not happen, do you still want to move forward with these two items?

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

Thank you, madam chair. We would like to move forward but revise it down to the amount of \$1,131,329. I do have members from the [Department of] Corrections (NDOC) that can give a presentation on what that would pay for.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the revision. If we could have the members from the NDOC go ahead and give a presentation on that.

KITTY DESOCIO (Deputy Director of Support Services, NDOC):

On the fly, we've discussed that our reduced ask would be going to Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) as the NNCC culinary facility is in dire need and there are state health risks there, and it would be best in the interest of the NDOC and the state to do that. The other, we will address that some other time. If you have any questions, additional, we'd be more than happy to answer them.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. With the revision, the questions that I have are null and void. Could you state the amount again, so I make sure I have it correct in my records?

Ms. STEPHENSON:

Thank you, madam chair. That number is \$1,131,329.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

In my backup documents, I had the NNCC at \$1.6 million was the original request. Would you be scaling back the equipment at that location to fit the dollar amount that you stated today on the record?

Ms. DESOCIO:

Yes, that is correct, ma'am. We would scale back. At this point, I would not be able to tell you what on that quote would be pulled, but yes, we would scale back to meet the approved funding.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Perfect. Members, any other questions? Not seeing any questions here in Southern Nevada. Are there any questions up in Northern Nevada? Not seeing any, I'll entertain a motion to approve the revised amount.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

So moved.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That would be for both M.12 and M.13.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

So moved.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEMS M.12 AND M.13 IN THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$1,131,329.

[UNKNOWN] SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion in the second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any, all in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Director Robb, I know that you have another location to be at, so we'll go ahead and go to your other items later in the day. We'll go back to the top of the agenda so you can go ahead and fulfill that other obligation you have. Thank you.

**14. Office of the Governor - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$57,223~~ **\$32,956** in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to align previously approved authority to support work relating to ARPA and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the ARPA Act category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25FRF10004. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**15. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**

Transfer of ~~\$88,000~~ **\$85,962** from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category to support an allocation to the Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM M.16. Work Program #25FR132742. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 11-22-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**16. Office of the Lieutenant Governor - Office of Small Business Advocacy - FY 2025**

Addition of \$85,962 in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs account to fund a shortfall in the Personnel category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM M.15. Work Program #25FRF10213. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

17. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$17,467 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Projects category to the ARPA Loss Revenue Reserves category to deobligate unspent authority relating to the Governor's Office project to create and maintain a database for appointments to various boards and commissions so that the authority can be repurposed. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the ARPA Projects category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132743. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

18. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$1,223,891 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category to fund the difference between the notice of award and previously approved budgetary authority for support of staffing costs within the Controller's Office. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA State Agency Allocation category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132744. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

19. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$28,048 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA Administration category to fund the difference between the notice of award and previously approved budgetary authority for the Governor's Office to continue to support work relating to ARPA and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the ARPA Administration category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132745. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

20. **Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**  
Transfer of ~~\$1,078,196~~ **\$1,142,380** from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Loss Revenue Reserve category to the ARPA Administration category to fund a difference between the notice of award and previously approved budgetary authority for support of staffing costs within the Governor's Office of Finance relating to the administration of ARPA funds. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Administration category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132749. RECEIVED 11-21-24, AFTER THE 11-12-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 12-2-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**N. 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.**

**1. Office of the Governor - Office of the Chief Information Officer - Agency IT Services - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$221,313 from the Reserve category to the General Fund Payback category to cover the second repayment of the General Fund appropriation loan received pursuant to Senate Bill 426 of the 81<sup>st</sup> (2021) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the General Fund Payback category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72549**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**2. Office of the Governor - Office of the Chief Information Officer - Computer Facility - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$3,857 from the Reserve category to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to cover the cost of rekeying doors at the computer facility. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72988**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**3. Office of the Governor - Office of the Chief Information Officer - Data Communications and Network Engineering - FY 2025**

Transfer of ~~\$366,734~~ **\$326,186** from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund the purchase of web filtering software. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72474. REVISED 11-22-24. WITHDRAWN 11-22-24.**

**4. Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,317,411 in federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Energy Auditor Training (EAT) grant funds and deletion of \$26,832 in transfers from the Renewable Energy Account to implement a state ~~residential~~ **commercial** energy auditor training program and ~~align~~ **fund a portion of existing staff's** personnel costs appropriately. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the BIL EAT 40503 - Commercial category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C72540. REVISED 11-18-24. WITHDRAWN 11-21-24.**

5. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,697,199 in federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Energy Auditor Training (EAT) grant funds and deletion of \$26,832 in transfers from the Renewable Energy Account to implement a ~~state workforce~~ **residential** energy auditor training program and ~~align~~ **fund a portion of existing staff's** personnel costs. ~~appropriately~~ Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the BIL EAT 40503 - Residential category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C72585. REVISED 11-18-24. WITHDRAWN 11-21-24.**
6. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$7,458,951 in federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill grant funds and deletion of \$111,328 in transfers from the Renewable Energy Account to continue prevention of power outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid to the state and Indian tribes. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Grid Resilience category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72790. WITHDRAWN 11-22-24.**
7. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$532,408 in Property Tax revenue transferred from the Renewable Energy Account to align authority for the federal State Energy Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72912. WITHDRAWN 11-21-24.**
8. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Deletion of \$96,200 in Property Tax revenue transferred from the Renewable Energy Account to realign the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebate 50122 grant funds to fund personnel expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative change in IRA Home Energy Rebate 50122 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72913. WITHDRAWN 11-21-24.**
9. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Deletion of \$96,200 in Property Tax revenue transferred from the Renewable Energy Account to realign the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebate 50121 grant funds to fund personnel expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative change in IRA Home Energy Rebate 50121 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72924. WITHDRAWN 11-21-24.**

**10. Office of the Governor - Office of Science, Innovation and Technology - FY 2025**

Addition of \$10,886,865 in Highway Funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to serve as state matching funds to the federal Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure program to build the eastern Nevada middle mile fiber network. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NDOT-Middle Mile Match category exceeds \$350,000. ~~This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C72961.~~ **REVISED 11-18-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**11. Office of the Secretary of State - Help America Vote Act Election Reform - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$1,157,618 from the Help America Vote Act Title 1 Reserve category to the Administration of Elections category to continue to fund the implementation of a centralized database to collect and store voter pre-registration and registration information. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Administration of Elections category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73121. WITHDRAWN 11-18-24.**

**12. Office of the State Treasurer - Nevada State Infrastructure Bank - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$14,000,000 from the SB1 One Shot category to the SB1 Transfer to BA 1106 category to place the credit enhancement funding in the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank Fund and allow the funding to earn interest pursuant to Senate Bill 1 of the 35<sup>th</sup> (2023) Special Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the SB1 Transfer to BA 1106 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72592**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**13. Department of Administration - Mail Service Division - Mail Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,524,840 in Postage revenue to support the Mail Services Postage category due to increased volume and costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Mail Services Postage category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72628**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 14. Department of Administration - Purchasing Division - Purchasing - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$121,326 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category to support disposal of expired personal protective equipment and to move oversized items to the new warehouse in Las Vegas. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72869**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 15. Department of Administration - State Public Works Division - Buildings and Grounds - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$826,041 *in Rental Income from Non-Executive Budgets*, \$1,739,558 in Building Rent funds, and a transfer of \$1,155,394 from the Reserve category ~~the the~~ to *the* Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year in the Operating, Maintenance of Building and Grounds, Conservation Camp Crew, Information Services and Utilities categories. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72945. REVISED 11-12-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 16. Department of Administration - State Public Works Division - Buildings and Grounds - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$131,957 from the Reserve category to the McCarran Tenant Security Deposit category to fund the return of security deposits received from the purchase of the McCarran Center for non-state tenants upon them vacating leased space from Buildings and Grounds. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the McCarran Tenant Security Deposit category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73047. WITHDRAWN 11-18-24.**

- 17. Department of Education - Data Systems Management - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,013,076 in federal Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) grant funds to expand and enhance the ability to collect and report on school-level finance data. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the SLDS 84.372A category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72627**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**18. Department of Education - Office of Early Learning and Development - FY 2025**

Addition of \$344,235 in federal Preschool Development Grants Birth Through Five grant funds to develop and improve the comprehensive statewide birth through five early childhood care and education system. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Renewal category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73021**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**19. Department of Education - Safe and Respectful Learning - FY 2025**

Addition of \$172,475 in federal Stop School Violence and Student Threat Assessments Program grant funds for payments to the U.S. Department of Justice for overdrawing prior year grant funds and to revert funds for grant costs covered by the General Fund. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73069**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**20. Department of Education - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - FY 2025**

Addition of \$933,838 in federal Indian Education Special Projects Demonstration grant funds to support tribal communities by promoting and preparing students for college and career readiness. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Indian Education Aid to Schools 84.299 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72933**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**21. Department of Education - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - FY 2025**

Addition of \$927,429 in federal Personnel Development grant funds for improving personnel preparation and professional development in early intervention, educational, and transition services to improve results for children with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal State Personnel Development Grant Aid 84.323 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73076**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**22. State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**

Addition of \$126,780 in federal Perkins Career and Technical Education Act grant funds to support students enrolled in career and technical education programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Perkins category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72614**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**23. State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$2,005,331 from the Reserve category to the FY25 Title II, Part A (TIIA) Non-Federal Supplemental category to fund the loss in federal Title II, Part A funding through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the FY25 TIIA Non-Federal Supplemental category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72786**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to the next item on our agenda will be from list N, Item 23. Good afternoon.

MELISSA MACKEDON (Executive Director, State Public Charter School Authority [SPCSA]):

Good afternoon. We're here to present on Item N.23 for your consideration. This item requests a transfer of \$2,005,331 from the Reserve category to address the unplanned reduction in federal Title II awards for charter schools. With me today is Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations, and I believe the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is in Carson City. We are here to answer any questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That was very short. We do have a few questions, and I am going to start the questions with Assemblymember Carter.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Thank you, chair. Yes, ma'am. Can you kind of expand on and discuss the error in the department's methodology for allocating the federal Title II, Part A grant funds to local education agencies and how the department plans to stop this from happening again?

MS. MACKEDON:

I can only address it from our side. I think probably the NDE is better to address it.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

If there's someone at the table in Northern Nevada from the NDE, could you respond to the question from...? There we go.

MEGAN PETERSON (Deputy Superintendent, NDE):

Thank you. Earlier this...late summer, it was identified through collaboration with our school districts and charter schools that there was a misinterpretation of the counts and how they were being applied within our Title IIA allocations. Once that error was addressed, we continued to work with the school districts to address the information. We reached out to the U.S. Department of Education to identify what our next steps were and are continuing to work through those conversations through the U.S. Department of Education to understand the full impact and what our next steps are. In terms of addressing this going forward, we have reviewed our policies and practices and have added additional levels of review including within our fiscal department to ensure that we have appropriate interpretations and validations in place to make sure this does not happen again.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

You alluded to part of what my follow-up was going to be and that's how are negotiations going with the Department of Education with the federal department to address the allocation errors in prior fiscal years and what possible solutions are being discussed? Finally, what are the ramifications for our local schools, for our state, and our public schools?

MS. PETERSON:

Our conversations are going well. We are discussing a timeframe in which the funds need to be repaid, which also identify the sources of the repayment of those funds. We are currently reviewing opportunities within funding that we have currently to self-heal. What that would look like in terms of potential ramifications is that partners that we have previously partnered with through either subgrants or contracts, we would not be able to enter into those agreements with them at this time. But that would serve to support the offset of districts that were previously underfunded as a result.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Is there a clawback on this going...and how far back is it going to impact the SPCSA?

MS. PETERSON:

We're currently in negotiations with the U.S. Department of Education. We're looking at approximately a five-year timeline. There's not a clawback but we are, we would be revising allocations going forward and we are still continuing to identify which opportunities exist for reallocation within existing funding.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. I have to admit in reading this item, I was quite disheartened to realize that this is an error that hasn't just happened this interim but looks like it's going back several years. You know, in my mind, it was an error, obviously in favor of the SPCSA, but by definition of the way the funds were distributed, it came at the detriment of our traditional school districts, I guess. In reading this, it seems to me, I could be wrong about this, but that this was not an error that the NDE identified itself; it was actually one of the school districts who identified the error. When we are talking about...there's been a lot of scrutiny on some of the errors that have happened with the local school districts. I just found this to be quite concerning because we're talking about a few million dollars this year and who knows how much in the prior years, I guess that's still going on.

Just for my edification, I have some notes here, but could you talk about...and this is a question for the NDE, could you talk about what exactly the error was? What happened to...for this allocate, for this money to be misallocated, and then exactly how you were notified of that? I mean, I just, I heard you say that you worked in collaboration with some other folks, but if you could just give us a little bit more detail because I will say it's highly concerning that we're looking back potentially six years and having to claw back money. It's not fair to the SPCSA, it's not fair to the local school districts, so if you could provide some additional information about the error itself and how it was identified, please.

MS. PETERSON:

There was a mispointing of formulas within the workbook and so the incorrect enrollment counts were pulled. That is where one of the school districts through their own validation, and when we send these books out after we've had our 8 sets of eyes on it, we now have exposed it to 70+ entities times their 2 eyes, so over 150 eyes looking at this and they were able to identify a mispoint in this calculation within the formulas. That is when they brought it to our attention and we did then sit down and look at those in more detail to make sure that it was not broader in scope, but also just within those areas that we were identifying.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Torres-Fossett.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER TORRES-FOSSETT:

Thank you and thank you for coming here today. I just have a couple clarifying questions. Have any of the SPCSA schools obligated any funding since after they were notified in September 2024 to your knowledge?

MS. MACKEDON:

No schools have obligated additional funds since we alerted them to this situation.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER TORRES-FOSSETT:

Thank you, and for the benefit of my colleagues too, can you discuss some of the impacts that this funding has on the charter school operations and just like a standard charter school, public charter school here in our community? How does this change impact them?

MS. MACKEDON:

Absolutely. At the time that we identified this issue, or the NDE identified this issue and let us know on August 1, obviously, school had started in Clark County. Teachers were back to work. We immediately determined that our schools had obligated over \$3 million in salaries. These are people who are at work, in most instances, those are learning coaches that are hired at charter schools to do the job of a learning coach. In some instances, they're also mentors, stipends that teachers are being paid to support say a teacher on alternate route to licensure. Additionally, they were used as, or they could, they were obligated to be used for retention incentives and stipends so that, those are major. In addition, there was about \$220,000 that were allocated for professional development on things like recently adopted curriculum or other identified areas of need in school improvement plans or school performance plans, so vendors that they had contracts with to come in and provide PD [professional development].

ASSEMBLYMEMBER TORRES-FOSSETT:

Thank you. I appreciate that. I just think about the impact that this is gonna have on those students, and on the school directors that are putting together their budgets, and they are planning for this money in their budget. Now they're dipping into other pots of money, possibly their "SGF," possibly other funds, other grant funds, or they're cutting and eliminating positions that...and they design the school year. I think that sometimes, with my education background, that's my frustration with this process on our side. I think it's something we have to consider because we're constantly making these changes. Principals, they're spending their summer planning, and they create their budget around that plan. A last-minute change like this has a significant impact on a school. I mean, we're talking that positions could've been cut as a result of these errors. I hope that the NDE understands the gravity of these concerns and of these issues.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Could you tell us why the SPCSA is not requesting to replace the funding needed to hold all of its sponsored charter schools impacted by the grant distribution error harmless.

MS. MACKEDON:

Yeah, truthfully, we felt like the right thing to do was use our reserves to make these schools as whole as possible. Really, we just believed that a more conservative ask would have a higher probability of approval. Obviously, if it's the will of the Committee to make these schools whole, we can absorb the increase in transfer from reserves, and we are prepared to do that if it is the will of the Committee.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I think my next question then would be also why isn't the SPCSA not requesting to reduce its sponsorship fees in lieu of utilizing its reserves to provide relief to all sponsored charter schools for the reduction in the federal Title II, Part A grant subawards?

MS. MACKEDON:

Right now, our Title II award, even the reduced award, has not been approved by the NDE, so our schools have had no access to Title II dollars, and we're halfway through the year. By creating this special use category, we can disperse these funds to schools immediately once the state system comes back online in January and get them access to these dollars. Whereas a reduction in fee would be honestly, overly complicated. We would have to work with other agencies, we would have to reduce the fee, then we would have to up it, move it back up. The time when we would move it back would vary from school to school. It would just be really complicated and overly burdensome for both the SPCSA and the NDE. We need to move those reserves; we can't leave them at a lower rate indefinitely because we have identified projects going forward that they are necessary for.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Have you thought about or considered doing a holiday on the fees until you meet that reduction amount?

MS. MACKEDON:

No, we have not considered that. But again, I think it goes to the special use category is...seems like the fastest way to get the money in the schools' hands and start giving them reimbursements right after winter break

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? It's not a wonderful position to be in for the schools or us. Not seeing any questions from any other members here in Southern Nevada. Any members in Northern Nevada or in the virtual room with questions? Not seeing anything, with that, I will entertain a motion. Senator Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR THE RESERVE REDUCTIONS OF \$2 MILLION TO PARTIALLY REPLACE A REDUCTION IN ALLOCATED FEDERAL TITLE II, PART A GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY-SPONSORED CHARTER SCHOOLS.

DIRECT THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE AT ITS JANUARY 2025 MEETING DISCUSSING THE PROGRESS IT HAS MADE IN ITS NEGOTIATION WITH THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

DIRECT THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY TO REVIEW ITS RESERVES TO DETERMINE IF A REDUCTION TO THE SPONSORSHIP FEE CHARGED TO ALL SPONSORED

CHARTER SCHOOLS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO ITS CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE REDUCTION IN FEDERAL TITLE II, PART A FUNDING. IF A SPONSORSHIP FEE REDUCTION IS APPROVED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY SHOULD SUBMIT A WORK PROGRAM OR REPORT BACK TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE THE SPONSORSHIP FEE REDUCTION.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Long motion. We have a motion and it's been seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any one here with discussion on the motion in Southern Nevada, not seeing any hands raised in Northern Nevada or in our virtual room. With that, I will accept...all in favor? Any opposed? Who was the nay?

SENATOR BUCK:

Carrie Buck.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have one nay from Senator Buck. The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT  
(Senator Buck opposed the motion).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Next item will be [Item] N.97.

**24. State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**

Addition of \$28,380 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Homeless II grant funds to support efforts to provide homeless children and youth with wraparound services arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ARPA Homeless II category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73033**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

25. **Nevada System of Higher Education - University of Nevada, Reno - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$551,771 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72141**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

26. **Nevada System of Higher Education - UNR School of Medicine - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$12,000,000 in academic support payments ~~to the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine~~ **and authorize the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine** to pay the non-federal share of certain Medicaid Supplemental Payment programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Medicaid Intergovernmental Transfer category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM J. Work Program #C72979. REVISED 11-18-24.**

Agenda Items J and N.26 were discussed jointly.

PAUL HAUPTMAN (Dean, School of Medicine, University of Nevada, Reno [UNR]):

Yes. Good afternoon, madam chair and members of the Committee. I'm joined by Senior Associate Dean, Philip Clark, and Stacie Weeks, Administrator for Nevada Medicaid.

Item N.26 asks for the addition of \$12 million...approval for the addition of \$12 million in academic support payments and authorizes UNR School of Medicine to pay the non-federal share of certain Medicaid supplemental payment programs. I'd like to ask Mr. Clark to read a statement regarding that ask.

PHILIP CLARK (Senior Associate Dean, UNR School of Medicine):

We're submitting a request to re-budget \$12 million in state operating funds for FY 2025 from the UNR School of Medicine state appropriation. This request is to provide intergovernmental transfer to the state's Medicaid program to facilitate supplemental matching federal dollars to increase funding and access to care. This request follows a similar item presented in June 2024 to the IFC for re-budgeting funds amounting to \$12 million for FY 2024. I'd like to ask if there's [sic] any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, do you have any questions on Item J or Item N.26? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Is there anyone in our virtual room or in Northern Nevada that have a question? Not seeing any. With that, I'll entertain a motion for approval.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS J and N.26.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion from Senator Dondero Loop, a second from Assemblymember Jauregui. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

MR. CLARK:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Next on our agenda will be [Item] N.23, excuse me, we're gonna go to [Item] K.1 followed by [Item] K.2; it's the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus Recovery Fund, and we'll invite Mr. Leiser to give his summary first and it'll be followed by GFO [*sic*] [Governor's Finance Office] Stephenson.

**27. Nevada System of Higher Education - University of Nevada, Las Vegas - FY 2025**

Addition of \$758,064 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72147**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**28. Nevada System of Higher Education - UNLV School of Medicine - FY 2025**

Addition of \$55,692 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72120. WITHDRAWN 11-1-24.**

- 29. Nevada System of Higher Education - UNLV School of Medicine - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$5,400,000 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance for the costs of operations and expansion of class size at the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Senate Bill 457 Expansion Medical School category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72703**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 30. Nevada System of Higher Education - UNLV Dental School - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$106,588 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72126. WITHDRAWN 11-1-24.**

- 31. Nevada System of Higher Education - Great Basin College - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$76,248 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72115**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 32. Nevada System of Higher Education - Western Nevada College - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$52,020 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72143**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 33. Nevada System of Higher Education - College of Southern Nevada - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$365,007 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72144**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**34. Nevada System of Higher Education - Truckee Meadows Community University - FY 2025**

Addition of \$153,238 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72131**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**35. Nevada System of Higher Education - Nevada State University - FY 2025**

Addition of \$44,880 transferred from the Governor's Office of Finance to fund retention incentive payments for classified employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the NSHE Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72145**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**36. Nevada System of Higher Education - Nevada State University - FY 2025**

Addition of \$90,041 transferred from the Nevada System of Higher Education Special Projects account to expand undergraduate nursing programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Senate Bill 375 Nursing Program Expansion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72963**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**37. State Department of Agriculture - Pest, Plant Disease Noxious Weed Control - FY 2025**

Addition of \$883,372 in federal USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funds, \$259,746 in federal FDA Food Safety Modernization Act grant funds, \$203,576 in federal USDA Cooperative Weed Management Areas funds, \$169,394 in federal Animal and Plant Inspection Service grant funds, and \$21,577 in federal Western Plant Diagnostic Network grant funds to align state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service - Food Nutrition Safety category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72692**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**38. State Department of Agriculture - Pest, Plant Disease Noxious Weed Control - FY 2025**

Addition of \$87,351 in federal USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service grant funds to fund the purchase of two vehicles. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Equipment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73035**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**39. State Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,247,202 in federal Child Nutrition Technology Improvement grant funds, \$627,599 in federal Farm 2 School Grant funds, \$407,241 in federal USDA State Administrative Expense grant funds, \$248,685 in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Childcare and Development Funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Support Services, \$197,827 in federal USDA Summer Food Service Program grant funds, \$5,349 in federal USDA Special Milk Program grant funds, and transfer of \$118,790 from the Reserve category to the Farm 2 School category to realign state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Child Nutrition Technology Improvement category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72438**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**40. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2025**

Addition of \$450,000 in federal Bureau of Land Management Assistant Agreement for Securing Nevada's Abandoned Mines grant funds and a transfer of \$31,669 from the Reserve category to the Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement category to support efforts to secure abandoned mines throughout Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70158**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**41. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$242,197 from the Reserve category to the Special Projects category to fund projects and contracts approved by the Commission on Mineral Resources. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Special Projects category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72695**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 42. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$157,416 from the Reserve category to the Abandoned Mine Land Support category to fund the purchase of two vehicles and fund the remaining authority on a public awareness support contract. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Abandoned Mine Land Support category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72760. WITHDRAWN 11-13-24.**

- 43. Public Utilities Commission of Nevada - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$88,020 from the Reserve category to the Training category to support training for professional staff. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Training category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72871**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 44. Department of Business and Industry - Division of Insurance - Insurance Regulation - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$390,303 in federal State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Cycle II grant funds to carry out activities relating to health care access to Nevadans. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the State Flexibility Grant II category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72256**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 45. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Weatherization - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$8,088,144 in federal Department of Energy (DOE) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) grant funds to provide assistance to eligible households with energy-related home repairs and improvements. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the DOE WAP category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70936**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 46. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Weatherization - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,371,773 in federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons grant funds to continue providing weatherization assistance to eligible households. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the DOE Subgrants category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72977**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**47. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Weatherization - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$1,829,506 from the Reserve category to the Universal Energy Charge category to continue providing assistance to eligible households with weatherization and other energy-related home repairs and improvements. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Universal Energy Charge category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73010**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**48. Department of Business and Industry - Labor Commission - Labor Commissioner - FY 2025**

Addition of \$799,881 in federal U.S. Department of Labor - Apprenticeship USA Grant funds to expand and develop state apprenticeship opportunities and to revert \$142,001 in General Funds that were otherwise budgeted to support expenditures that are eligible to be funded with the federal grant. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the State Apprenticeship Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72321**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**49. Department of Business and Industry - Labor Commission - Labor Commissioner - FY 2025**

Addition of \$58,000 in federal State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation grant funds transferred from the Nevada Office of Workforce Innovation and transfer of \$20,178 from the State Apprenticeship Program category to the Apprenticeship Expansion category to support a contract position to assist with the State Apprenticeship Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Apprenticeship Expansion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72331**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**50. Governor's Office of Economic Development - Nevada State Small Business Credit Initiative Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$4,179,980 in federal U.S. Department of Treasury grant funds to provide a technical assistance program to the State Small Business Credit Initiative. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Small Business Opportunity Program grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72065**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**51. Governor's Office of Economic Development - Procurement Outreach Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$105,808 in federal U.S. Department of Defense grant funds to reimburse the General Fund for federal expenditures incurred in FY 2024. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72378**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**52. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Division of Tourism - Cultural Affairs Administration - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$220,550 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Tourism category to fund projected operational expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Transfer to Tourism category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72948**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**53. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Division of Tourism - Cultural Affairs Administration - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$928,000 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Tourism category to be used as the match requirement for the construction of the Nevada State Adventure Centers Project to promote tourism. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Transfer to Tourism category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.56. Work Program #C72980**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**54. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Division of Tourism - Cultural Affairs Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$10,000 in funding from America250.Org, Inc to support programming and other commemorative work related to the United States Semiquincentennial in the State of Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Promotion and Advertising category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73120. WITHDRAWN 11-18-24.**

**55. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Division of Tourism - Tourism Development Fund - FY 2025**

Addition of \$220,550 in Lodging Tax Revenue transferred from the Cultural Affairs Administration account to cover a projected shortfall in operating and information technology costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72947**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**56. Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs - Division of Tourism - Tourism Development Fund - FY 2025**

Addition of \$928,000 in Lodging Tax funds transferred from the Cultural Affairs Administration account to be used as the state match requirement for the construction of the Nevada State Adventure Centers Project to promote tourism. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Adventure Centers category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.53. Work Program #C72989**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**57. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Fund for Resilient Nevada - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$6,624,564 from the Reserve category to the Opioid Allocation category to continue statewide projects to address the impact of opioid use disorder and other substance abuse disorders. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Opioid Allocation category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.67. Work Program #C73024**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**58. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Senior Rx and Disability Rx - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$148,679 from the Personnel category, \$9,826 from the Operating category, \$99 from the Information Services category, and \$22,007 from the Aging and Disability Services Cost Allocation category to the Prescription Assistance category to realign funds transferred from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to assist priority populations across Nevada with the high costs of prescription medication. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the Personnel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C69788**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**59. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Facility Outreach and Community Integration and Money Follows the Person - FY 2025**

Addition of \$4,900,572 in federal Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration grant funds to align grant funding and budget authority and to assist eligible participants in transitioning back to community living settings. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Transfer to Aging and Disability Services Home and Community-Based Services System category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70988**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**60. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Adult Protective Services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman - FY 2025**

Addition of \$127,745 in federal Administration for Community Living (ACL) grant funds to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of Adult Protective Services (APS) to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older persons. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the APS-ACL Elder Justice category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72595**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**61. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$5,860 in federal Title XIX grant funds and \$518,400 in Katie Beckett Premiums revenue to provide additional case management and oversight for the Katie Beckett program and to revert \$512,540 in General Funds that were otherwise budgeted to support expenditures that are eligible to be funded with the premium revenue. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70683**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

**62. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$395,960 in federal Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration grant funds to continue to develop an oral health service delivery infrastructure by expanding the number of providers that can offer dental health services in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Oral Health Workforce Activity category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72125**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**63. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$209,137 from the Reserve for Resident Protection category to the Civil Monetary Penalty Payment category to fund ongoing projects related to the receipt of Civil Monetary Penalties. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Civil Money Penalty Payments category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for this category. **RELATES TO ITEM N.74. Work Program #C72962**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**64. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Low-Level Radioactive Waste Fund - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$800,000 from the Reserve category to the Perpetual Care Fund category and \$46,133 from the Reserve category to the Division Cost Allocation category to fund improvements to the low-level radiological waste grading profile and associated indirect costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Perpetual Care Fund category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72736**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**65. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$696,301 from the Personnel category to the Mental Health Tech Services category to fund projected costs for contracted mental health technicians. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Mental Health Tech Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72460**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**66. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$3,242,657 from the Personnel category to the Professional Services category to fund projected contracted medical staff expenses. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Professional Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72776**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

67. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$200,000 in Opioid Settlement funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Fund for Resilient Nevada account to provide funds to the City of North Las Vegas Fire Department to implement its crisis response team. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the City of North Las Vegas Crisis Response Team category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for this category. **RELATES TO ITEM N.57. Work Program #C72836**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

68. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$2,019,562 from the Personnel category to the Professional Services category to fund projected costs for contracted psychiatric services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Professional Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72596**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

69. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$96,575 from the Community Triage Center category to the Mental Health Court category and \$96,616 from the Community Triage Center category to the Community Diversion category to fund projected shortfalls due to caseload increases. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Mental Health Court category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72604**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

70. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$383,888 in federal Clinical High Risk for Psychosis Program (CHRP) for Youth grant funds to continue to prevent and lessen the impact of psychotic disorders in help-seeking adolescents and transition-age youth. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the CHRP for Youth category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72504**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**71. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Immunization Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$5,079,435 in federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Immunization, and Vaccines for Children grant funds to facilitate the Bridge program, the Vaccine Confidence program, and to fund a projected shortfall due to cost-of-living adjustments. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Vaccines for Children category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72380**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**72. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Communicable Diseases - FY 2025**

Addition of \$4,904,651 in federal Health Resources and Services Administration Ryan White Part B Supplemental grant funds to continue to provide supplemental support for the Ryan White Part B and Auto Immunodeficiency Syndrome Drug Assistance program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Ryan White Supplemental category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C71197**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**73. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Communicable Diseases - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,978,727 in federal Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention grant funds to support HIV surveillance and prevention programs and to achieve viral suppression among persons living with HIV in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the HIV Prevention category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C71509**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**74. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Health Care Facilities Regulation - FY 2025**

Addition of \$209,137 in Civil Monetary Penalty funds transferred from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Health Care Financing and Policy account to provide training for nursing facility staff. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Civil Monetary Penalty category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM N.63. Work Program #C72318**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**75. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2025**

Addition of \$481,405 in federal Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) grant funds to provide cardiovascular screening, risk reduction counseling, and navigation of healthy behavior supportive services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the WISEWOMEN category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72446**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**76. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2025**

Addition of \$142,246 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funds transferred from the Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment account to support compliance with Synar requirements within the federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Synar category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72499**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**77. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Chronic Disease - FY 2025**

Addition of \$287,793 in federal Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) grant funds to provide services and increase capacity to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias through education and outreach. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the BOLD Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72803**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**78. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$117,147 in federal Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) grant funds to continue to improve the health of future mothers and babies in Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nevada PRAMS category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72444**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**79. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Office of Health Administration - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$271,141 from the Reserve category to the Data Infrastructure Grant category to fund a contract which supports the Behavioral Health Services Information System activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Data Infrastructure Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72541**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**80. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Emergency Medical Services - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$985,948 from the Reserve category to the Helmsley Grant category to fund the purchase of and train law enforcement on the use of automated external defibrillators. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Helmsley Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72551**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**81. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$650,160 in federal Title XIX Medicaid grant funds to provide structured family caregiving for recipients of Medicaid suffering from dementia. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the AB208 Dementia category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72210**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**82. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,283,684 in federal USDA - Food and Nutrition - Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) administrative grant funds for costs associated with administration of the Summer EBT program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Summer EBT Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72247**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**83. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$507,096 in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP) - Employment Verification System Procurement (VSP) grant funds to provide an electronic employment earnings verification system for eligibility determinations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the SNAP Employment VSP category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72956**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**84. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Welfare Field Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$172,889 in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAPET) grant funds to align revenue and expenditure authority with grant authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal SNAPET 100% category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72241**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**85. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Child Assistance and Development - FY 2025**

Addition of \$24,545,331 in federal Child Care and Development Discretionary Block Grant funds to align revenue and expenditure authority with grant authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the New Employees of Nevada/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Child Care category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72637**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**86. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Rural Child Welfare - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$1,097,218~~ **\$1,110,258** in federal Title IV-E grant funds to continue support for the Adoption Subsidy Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Adoption Subsidy category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72640. REVISED 11-27-24.**

Agenda Items F.2 and N.86 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

TIFFANY GREENAMEYER (Deputy Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services [DCFS], Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]):

Good morning, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

You can go ahead.

MS. GREENAMEYER:

Good morning, madam chair and members of the Committee. Here with me, I have Betsey Crumrine. She is the Deputy Administrator for Child Welfare. Would you like me to introduce both of these items at once?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That would be great. Yes, thank you.

MS. GREENAMEYER:

And then take questions? Okay.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes, that would be perfect.

MS. GREENAMEYER:

Item F.2, before the Committee today, requests an allocation of \$823,120 in IFC [Interim Finance Committee] Contingency [Account] funds to support the shortfall in the Adoption Subsidy program within the Rural Child Welfare budget. These dollars will serve as a match to the Title IV-E grant funds, which in the next item, N.89, requests the addition of \$1,110,258 in federal Title IV-E grant funds to support the total shortfall of \$1,933,378 through year end. The Adoption Subsidy program provides assistance to adoptive parents for children with special needs who are eligible under the federal Title IV-E funding under the Social Security Act. With that, we stand to answer any questions the Committee has.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. I know that we do have a few questions. I'm gonna go first to Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, chair. Thank you for the presentation and really for your good work. It looks like caseloads are continuing to increase with regard to these foster placements.

I'm curious if you could talk a little bit about what...if this request is not approved, what are the ramifications for those adoptive parents who are eligible to receive this?

BETSEY CRUMRINE (Deputy Administrator, DCFS, DHHS):

Currently, a majority of adoptive parents are relatives—they are grandparents, aunts and uncles, family member—who didn't necessarily plan on adopting children later in their life and didn't plan for, financially, the burden of raising their family members. The cost to them is real and it would be devastating. It may prevent people from actually being able to finalize adoptions with their family members that they're prepared to care for, emotionally, for the rest of their lives.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Wow. Thank you for that. Connecting real families with the dollars that we have the ability to allocate and really help raise healthy children, I think, is really important. I appreciate that. Could you just tell us...I see your caseloads. What are you...and you're projecting, it looks like 585, which is an increase of 41 individual placements. Do you have any idea what percentage of them are families that are working to adopt family members?

MS. CRUMRINE:

Anecdotally, today, I can tell you that approximately 70% of our finalizations are with family members and relatives.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you for that and thank you for your really good work. Thank you, chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any other questions?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Not seeing any questions from anyone up here in Southern Nevada. Do we have questions from any of the members in Northern Nevada on F.2, F.3a, and F.3b [sic], which is also...

[UNKNOWN]:

F.3a and F.3b is DETR [Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation].

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Correction, F.2 and N.86. Any other questions? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS F.2 and N.86.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion to approve. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor of approving F.2 and N.86, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to the next item on our agenda, which will be F.3a and F.3b, to be heard with N.88 and N.91.

**87. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Disability Adjudication - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$2,850,000~~ **\$2,882,221** in federal Disability Determination grant funds to provide ongoing quality, timely, and professional decisions to individuals who claim benefits under the Social Security Disability programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Medical Determination category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72629. REVISED 11-22-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**88. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Vocational Rehabilitation - FY 2025**

Addition of \$5,145,036 in federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds to continue to provide vocational services to eligible clients with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Client Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM F.3a. Work Program #C68779**

Agenda Items F.3a, F.3b, N.88, and N.91 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item N.91.

**89. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Vocational Rehabilitation - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$115,375~~ **\$103,675** in federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds to collect and report data required for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Semi-Autonomous Research Assistant Reemployment System category exceeds 20% of the cumulative amount for that category. **Work Program #C68869. REVISED 11-19-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**90. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Vocational Rehabilitation - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$163,000~~ **\$162,901** in federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds to implement enhancements and security of case management data and to improve communication with clients. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Client Information System category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72116. REVISED 11-19-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**91. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Bureau of Services to Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired - FY 2025**

Addition of \$174,250 in federal State Vocational Rehabilitation Services grant funds to continue to provide vocational services to eligible individuals with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Case Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM F.3b. Work Program #C72731**

Agenda Items F.3a, F.3b, N.88, and N.91 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

DR. DRAZEN ELEZ (Administrator, Rehabilitation Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation [DETR]):

Good afternoon, madam chair, members of the IFC. Today, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is seeking allocation of \$1,295,470...\$295,476 of IFC Contingency [Account] funds to serve as a match and unlock additional \$5.3 million in federal VR grant to support increases in needs for client services for Nevadans with disabilities, along with the increase in cost allocation and increases in salaries passed in the last biennium.

Last...in spring of this year, we have come before this Committee with a similar request. Essentially, our budget was built off of the base year... for our budget was 2021, and since, we have had about 229% increase in clients seeking our services. Part of that increase came from a significant improvement of accessibility in our agency as we have made folks applying for our services much easier. Also, improvements in client experience, making sure that our processes are efficient, that we don't have unnecessary things that we're asking for the public in order for us to be able to provide services and serve them. Also, outreach to community and engagement with community. As well as individuals with disabilities have been significantly impacted by the COVID experience and they were slower to return to workforce after COVID.

Additionally, we have significantly increased the number of students that we are serving. Some of those services are also translating to the VR clients. Inflation has also been a big part of this. The increase in cost of vendor services, along with increases in cost of the assisted technologies that our clients need in order for them to obtain employment and maintain that employment. I think that would conclude my presentation. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. I believe we have one, maybe two questions. I'm gonna go to Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, chair. Thank you, Administrator Elez. It is nice to see you here and I appreciate the report outta what you're doing.

We talked a little bit about the budget planning process and sort of the shortfalls that we knew were gonna come our way. I see that you're preparing the next upcoming budget cycle, and I just have a couple of questions. I would counter the reason for the shortfall, which we could see coming, I believe, with the passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). That federal law directs all of our youth who have Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) to receive career counseling and pre-employment transition services. There was a report that we

received during the last session that identified approximately 16,000 Nevada students that have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). I'm really curious to know what is the...what are the dollars going to be necessary in this next budget cycle, right? How much total General Fund appropriations do you think you could anticipate to be needed over the 2025-27 Biennium, given that we have a large number of students that are going to need these services, so that we can appropriately match those dollars?

DR. ELEZ:

Thank you, Assemblymember Brown-May. You're absolutely correct. The SSVO [State Services/Vocational Options] has changed. One significant change to WIOA was the requirement that state agencies set aside 15% of their federal grant on serving students with disabilities through pre-employment transition. The services...in the last meeting, I testified that in the previous federal fiscal year, we have served around 1,000...a little bit over 1,000 students. We definitely acknowledge that there's, I think currently, close to 18,000 students with disabilities with IEPs or 504 plans in Nevada that are over the age of 14, which...who we could serve. Current...in the fall...in this current federal fiscal year that had just ended, we have doubled that amount. We have served around 2,124 students. We definitely have increased our services by having...by significantly expanding our summer camps and winter camps that we put on for students with disabilities. We have had over these last couple of years, very specific camps that were put together. For example, in partnership with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, the camp for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Also, we had a camp for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We also had a number of other very specific summer camps that help indivi...that help students learn how to advocate for themselves, learn what type of assistance there is in the community for different aspects of their life, and more. Also, our main purpose is providing them with understanding what type of jobs are out there, how to get those jobs, and what services VR can provide in them obtaining that employment.

In the next biennium, we are still working with the Governor's Office and finalizing the budget. The estimates with the current numbers of clients that we are seeing that we probably need somewhere between \$13 million to \$15 million in federal...in General Fund allocation to the agency.

I would also just like to add that Nevada is one of the 15 states out of 70...of the 15 VR programs out of 78 VR programs in United States that is not fully matching its VR federal grant. In the...about two years ago, in the session...in the federal fiscal year, two years ago, we reverted about \$10 million of that VR grant. Last year, we reverted around \$6 million. With this allocation, probably, we will be reverting this federal fiscal year, somewhere around \$4 to \$5 million.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you for that, \$13 million to \$15 million is a good number to start with. The...I am hesitant because we're reverting federal fund dollars, right? This has been an ongoing problem. Do you see solutions to...how do we avoid the reversion of federal dollars that are available, right? Before you answer, I'm just gonna go on in saying that Nevada is a state that has traditionally not accessed all of the federal dollars that have been available to us, right? We as a legislative body have been working in a very dedicated way to stand up the Governor's Office of grants or other grant support programs so that we can truly pull-down federal dollars our citizens are entitled to. How do we avoid this reversion?

DR. ELEZ:

Thank you, Assemblymember. Really, the simplest way is just for us to have sufficient non-federal match in order for us to draw down all the funds. That non-federal match could come from various sources. The biggest one is always going to be the state appropriation to the agency in terms of the General Fund appropriation. We are currently looking for other ways of possibly supplementing that and finding different resources. That's really the simplest way, and the way in which most states are fully matching their federal grants.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, Administrator. I look forward to working with you. Thank you, chair, for the time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Senator Neal, did you have a question or was your question answered? Thank you. Members, any other questions? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada. Are there any questions from members attending in Northern Nevada? Not seeing any. Then I will entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS  
F.3a, F.3b, N.88, and N.91.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion, it's been seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

DR. ELEZ:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, we're gonna take one more item out of order. That will go to Item O; it's a request for transfer from the IFC's Account for Foreclosure Mediation Assistance.

**92. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Blind Business Enterprise Program - FY 2025**

Transfer of ~~\$500,000~~ **\$494,669** from the Reserve category to the Business Enterprise category to fund the purchase of initial stock and a loan to the incoming operator of the Hoover Dam gift shop and café. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Business Enterprise category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72006. REVISED 11-27-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**93. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Blind Business Enterprise Program - FY 2025**

Transfer of ~~\$175,000~~ **\$174,245** from the Reserve category to the Vendor Benefits category to fund an increase in operator health care and retirement benefits costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Vendor Benefits category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72277. REVISED 11-27-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**94. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security - Workforce Development - FY 2025**

Transfer of ~~\$25,525,634~~ **\$14,152,900** from the Reserve category to the Client Services category to fund projected contract costs for client services through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Client Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.134. Work Program #C72530. REVISED 11-27-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**95. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2025**

Addition of ~~\$535,577~~ **\$677,301** in federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tiger Grant funds, ~~\$499,330~~ **\$636,198** in federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act funds, and ~~\$955,785~~ **\$965,004** **\$1,551,111** in federal Pandemic UI Assistance grant funds to realign state authority with federal authority and continue to support unemployment compensation programs and processes. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Pandemic UI Assist category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72992. REVISED 11-25-24 AND 11-26-24.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**96. Department of Corrections - Correctional Programs - FY 2025**

Addition of \$65,329 in federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety and \$21,776 in transfers from the Inmate Welfare account to provide resident substance abuse treatment training for inmates to successfully reintegrate into the community upon release. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the RSAT - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C70713. WITHDRAWN 12-2-24.**

**97. Department of Corrections - Correctional Programs - FY 2025**

Addition of \$580,837 in federal Opioid Strategic Response grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment budget account to fund six temporary positions within the Nevada Department of Corrections to address the impact of opioid use disorder and other substance abuse disorders. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Opioid Allocation From - Division of Public and Behavioral Health category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72923**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

DR. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Medical Director, NDOC):

Good afternoon. I am joined by Kitty DeSocio, Deputy Director of Support Services for the NDOC, as well as Stephanie Cook, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention. We are here seeking approval to transfer funds from the DHHS to the NDOC to support a pilot program to expand the medications for opioid use disorder treatment.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I believe we have just a few questions. We'll go to Assemblymember Jauregui.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Thank you, madam chair, and thank you for being here. Just a couple quick questions for me. Can you discuss the NDOC future plans for medication-assisted substance use disorders treatments?

DR. WILLIAMS:

Yes. We currently have access to treatment provided by a community partner, Behavioral Health Group. This partnership is funded directly from the DHHS, and it allows us to continue medication-assisted treatment for offenders that transfer from the jail into the prison system. Our future goal is to expand that opportunity and be able to offer treatment to the offenders that are already in our custody. This program, this pilot program, will provide funding for six temporary staff members, two recovery specialists—one in the north, one in the south—and four licensed practical nurses to be assigned to Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Southern Desert Correctional Center, High Desert State Prison, and Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center. This will allow us to offer treatment to those individuals that are already in our custody, not just the ones that are coming into our custody from the jail or leaving. It will also allow us to offer Buprenorphine as well as Vivitrol upon departure.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Just one last question, but do you know, does the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) intend to provide funding from the Opioid Strategic Response Grant to the NDOC on an ongoing basis?

DR. WILLIAMS:

I will defer to Deputy Bureau Chief Cook.

STEPHANIE COOK (Deputy Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention, DPBH, DHHS):

Good afternoon chair and members of the Committee. I also serve as the Nevada State Opioid Treatment Authority. Our bureau oversees the state Opioid [Strategic] Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at the federal level. This discretionary grant oversees various initiatives to support prevention and treatment activities for individuals with opioid use disorders and stimulant use disorders. Our collaboration with the NDOC is a priority project of ours with support from our federal partners.

This project has been written into our current three-year grant running through September of 2027. We intend to support the ongoing needs of this project but must work within the limitations of our grant. The breadth of the scope of the MOUD [medications for opioid use disorder] needs within the correctional settings is unknown at this time. We know based on national data that as high as 80% of those incarcerated have a substance use disorder. As much as we are able, we are here to support the MOUD treatment needs of incarcerated individuals, ensuring the resources are available for NDOC staff as well as the individuals needing services. Our teams within both departments are committed to this work. Happy to answer any additional questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? Not seeing any from anyone here in Southern Nevada. Is there anyone in Northern Nevada or in the virtual room with questions? Not seeing any. I thank you so much for the presentation. With that, I'll accept a motion.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM N.97.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion to approve from Senator Dondero Loop and second from Assemblymember Jauregui. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

Thank you so much. Moving on to our next item on our agenda. It's gonna be N.109, Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal.

**98. Department of Corrections - Prison Industry - FY 2025**

Addition of \$280,000 in Miscellaneous Sales revenue authority and a transfer of \$85,700 from the Retained Earnings category to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center Mattress category to fund increases in Mattress and Printing/Bindery Shop expenses and to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center Printing/Bindery Shop category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C71880**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**99. Department of Motor Vehicles - Department Transformation Effort - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$2,607,627 in Highway Fund appropriations in FY 2025 to support the Department of Motor Vehicles Transformation Effort project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Required Implementation Costs category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.100. Work Program #C72769. WITHDRAWN 11-20-24.**

**100. Department of Motor Vehicles - Department Transformation Effort - FY 2024**  
Deletion of \$2,607,627 in Highway Fund appropriations in FY 2024 to support the Department of Motor Vehicles Transformation Effort project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the Required Implementation Costs category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.99. Work Program #C73257. WITHDRAWN 11-20-24.**

**101. Department of Public Safety - Director's Office - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$129,956 in federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds transferred from the department's Justice Assistance Grant Trust Account to support recruitment activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the JAG Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73048**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**102. Department of Public Safety - Director's Office - Forfeitures - Law Enforcement - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$75,495 from the Reserve category to the Director's Office category to fund recruitment activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Director's Office category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73087**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**103. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$158,666 in federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds transferred from the department's Traffic Safety budget account to continue the implementation of a database for use with the Ignition Interlock Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Office of Traffic Safety Ignition Interlock Database category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72681**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**104. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$100,000 of federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant funds transferred from the department's Traffic Safety budget account to purchase sequential flares. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Office of Traffic Safety Flares Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72727**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**105. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$158,448 in federal Highway Safety Grant funds transferred from the department's Traffic Safety budget account to provide vehicle crash training. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Office of Traffic Safety Training Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72757**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**106. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$139,783 from the Uniforms category to the Lab Services category to fund projected lab services for the remainder of the year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Lab Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72763**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**107. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Highway Safety Grants Account - FY 2025**

Addition of \$101,650 in federal U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant funds to provide technology deployment support and planning. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Innovative Technology Deployment Grant Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72714**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 108. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$173,000 from the Staff Physicals category to the Going Home Prepared category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Going Home Prepared category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72893**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

- 109. Department of Public Safety - State Fire Marshal - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$744,437 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category, \$5,364 to the Operating category, \$26,203 to the Equipment category, and \$3,872 to the Information Services category to fund projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72134**

JOE RODRIGUEZ (State Fire Marshal and Deputy Administrator, State Fire Marshal Division, Department of Public Safety):

Good afternoon, madam chair and Committee members. Ready?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

I understand there's some questions going on. I do understand that there's a series of questions possibly from this Committee, but overall getting things started, we're looking to reserve...move some reserve funding into our operations and covering a series of things: a new Fire and Life Safety Inspector position and as well as some COLA [cost of living adjustments] that were granted last session [82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session] that we're accounting for. With that, I also have our fiscal Bureau Chief Jennafer Jenkins here as well.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. As you stated, we do have a few questions for you on this agenda item. We will go to Senator Nguyen.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I have a couple of questions. I know that we are informed of...as of July 1 of this year that the three local fire agencies had discontinued fire inspection services for child care facilities in Washoe County. Can you kind of discuss what led to those three local fire agencies no longer performing the fire inspections at those child care facilities?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Yes, ma'am. Well, to some degree. I can't speak for the City of Reno, Sparks, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection as far as to necessarily what caused them—I can't speak for them—as to why they stopped. However, through NAC [*Nevada Administrative Code*] through the DHHS, it does fall to us through that NAC that they will consult with us or a designee. For instance, the City of Las Vegas, they take it upon themselves to provide this service; however, other areas do not. That obligation and commitment falls to the State Fire Marshal Division.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I also had some...kind of some follow-up questions around this. I mean, we were told, or the information that we were given is that since resuming these fire inspection duties for child care facilities in Washoe [County], nine out of ten failed to meet fire code and approximately 50% of them exhibited serious violations. Is there not some sort of common inspection requirements? Why would those be so different?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Ma'am, as of July 1 when this was brought to our attention that these obligations and commitments were falling on to our division, we have conducted about 86 inspections as of right now in Washoe County, and those numbers are not too far off. About 75% of them do have some serious fire code violations. That's where we were trying to work with them. Again, for nearly two decades, these agencies were providing this service, so this is new to us. I'll just be honest with you, ma'am, it's a little bit shocking to see some of the violations there, so we are looking to educate these businesses, and we want to keep them open, we're working with them and it's not our goal to shut places down. However, we're trying to toe that line of safety and security for these kids, especially as a vulnerable community as well being sure that we help keep these businesses open. We are in the process of trying to get word out to them and understand that this is the base fire code; we do have these things in place, different education materials that we can provide.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I guess my question is, is there a different standard that these county agencies and county fire code are held to?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Ma'am, so with the state, we do set the base fire code. That goes throughout from Reno to Elko down to Vegas; however, local agencies do have the ability to be more stringent than the base fire code, and that is up to those local agencies to see if that is something they want to do. However, there is a minimum fire code, absolutely. That is what we inspect by when we go into these facilities. The standard is the same throughout the state when we do inspect these child care facilities.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

If the state, or the city, or the local municipalities have more stringent, potentially... at least base what you guys have and more...potentially more stringent. They would have been failing all of those. I mean, on one hand, I have serious issues with the fact that you potentially have all these county fire inspectors that have been okaying child care facilities at, according to your records, at an alarming rate that they do not meet fire code. Is there...is that something that your office does as far as evaluating these other agencies across the state that are doing these inspections? Does that make sense? I know I was rambling on a bit here. It's just shocking, the numbers are shocking.

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

As a resident of Washoe County, I agree, ma'am. To some degree...if we do have a local agreement, say with a rural community, let's say, or a fire protection district, Lyon County, Douglas County, things like that, we do run audits. They're doing these inspections on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Division. We try to do it every year, we're running audits to make sure that they are in compliance and doing things by our standard. However, by statute, outside of Washoe, Carson [City], and Clark County, we don't have too much jurisdiction aside from making sure that they are adhering to the base fire code that we set.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

If we have approximately 50% of these have exhibited serious violations and nine out of ten have failed to meet the fire code, what kind of steps is the State Fire Marshal taking to assist these child care facilities to achieve compliance with this code?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Yeah, so that...kind of circling back around, ma'am, to we're trying to educate these businesses because sometimes people don't...they don't understand that these...something could be very minor from a standpoint of locked doors or things like that. We can...those are things we can spot correct. But overall, we try to, for less serious violations, we give them about 30 days' notice to...let them know here's what we're seeing and work ways out to be sure that they can correct them.

For more serious matters, it's kind of dependent on the inspector or the Bureau Chief that oversees that bureau. For more serious violations, it could be, you need to get this fixed within seven days depending on what the violation. For instance, a fire alarm control panel that has been disarmed and is not working. That could be a very serious matter for the child care facility.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Well, in this case, you said that 50% of them were serious violations. Other than informing them of what the violation is, is there any other steps or programs that we...that you use to educate these businesses before they get shutdown or kids are injured or hurt?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Yes, ma'am, for more serious violations, we can look at fines and we can look at shutting down these facilities if that's what is needed, if it's an imminent threat to the community. We do have plenty of different mechanisms in place to gain compliance, to enforce compliance. Although, it is more of our goal to educate and make sure that we can get...keep businesses running, again, while maintaining that healthy line of making sure that these children are safe.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

This kind of answers my next question, the consequences for a child care facility that fails to meet these fire code or exhibits these serious, I guess, violations, could be either a fine or completely shut down, and the timeline is somewhere between 7 days and 30 days depending on the type of violation.

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Overall, yes, ma'am. Again, if we have an inspector that goes to a facility that has not been inspected in some time, in Washoe County or really anywhere for that matter, if they see some egregious violations, they know to run it up the chain, especially if we're looking at shutting down a place like a child care because that can cause a ripple effect in a community. We discuss what they are seeing, and we try to, again, if we're able to, gain compliance, but if it's an imminent threat, we won't hesitate to shut the place down in a matter of protecting life and property. We do have policies in place for those inspectors out there.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Sorry about that, I didn't mean to interrupt you. Thank you so much. Thank you, chair.

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Dickman.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DICKMAN:

Thank you so much, madam chair. I just was wondering, did these cities and counties notify you in advance they weren't doing the inspections or was there a period of time where you just kind of found out and they just weren't being done for a long time? I mean, is that possibly part of the reason there were so many that failed...when we finally did them?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

I'm sorry, ma'am, I didn't mean to interrupt you. We found out in the beginning of July. The DHHS, they'll send over inspection requests to our division. At that point staff is like, okay, this is Washoe County, and they forward it there, or if the City of Las Vegas, they forward it, or if we have a local, they shuffle it to the right agency that's gonna handle that. Again, at the beginning of July, we found out Washoe County was no longer serving or conducting these inspections; that was news to us. I'll just be honest, kind of through the game of telephone, it was just decided that...my understanding is the DHHS was going to defer to us by the NAC to these inspections in Washoe County. Honestly, to answer your question, ma'am, we were given really no notice.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DICKMAN:

Thanks for that.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. I guess I have two questions. First a comment—thank our lucky stars that nothing happened at one of these facilities, and we would be here asking these questions about whether they weren't inspected or why the inspections didn't show these things. The first question is, under statute or regulation, are these facilities required to be inspected on some kind of a regular basis, or is it when you get a request to do an inspection?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Thank you, sir. We are required to do them annually, or if there's a new facility, a new build, or a new business that stands up, we'll conduct an inspection...an initial inspection as well.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Great. Then if I could, madam chair. My question is sort of this, I mean, it looks like under your analysis, or your inspection, you're finding a lot of potential violations, a lot of failures. I think it raises the question of whether the inspections that we thought were taking place, actually took place. The question I have is, after...do you have to put something in writing? Is there a report that talks about the inspections? Is there a checklist? Is there anything that we would be able to access to look back in time to figure out what the potential breakdown was here with why some of these errors or some of these non-compliance issues weren't identified earlier?

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

I can't speak for other agencies as far as what type of lists or how they go about conducting their inspections, whether it's paperback or technology. I can speak for, I know how we conduct our inspections. We do have lists; we go by different field guides and we're actually in the process of implementing technology starting next month. But I would venture to guess that there would be a record for these other agencies, especially agencies like Reno, Washoe, Sparks. I would venture to guess that they would have some sort of record. But again, that's set by statute, actually, and by and by the International Fire Code that they actually are mandated to have some sort of report, but how they go about implementing that in their policies, I can't answer to that.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? Not seeing anyone else here in Southern Nevada. It doesn't appear there's anyone in Northern Nevada with a question. Anyone in our virtual room with a question? Not seeing any. With that, I'll entertain a motion.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DICKMAN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM N.109.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion for approval and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much.

MR. RODRIGUEZ:

Thank you. Happy holidays.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Happy holidays to you too.

We have a presenter back in the room for Item L on our agenda, so we'll go back to that, and remember that this is just an informational item only.

**110. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Water Resources - FY 2025**

Addition of \$86,804 in federal U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency National Dam Safety Program State Assistance grant program funds to continue to support the state in the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of effective dam safety programs to ensure dam safety and to protect human life and property. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Dam Safety Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72517**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**111. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,474,417 in United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) federal Consolidated Payments Grant (CPG) funds to maintain and improve fire protection efficiency and effectiveness on non-federal lands and promote stewardship on private lands by providing financial, technical, and educational support for the establishment, enhancement, and health of trees and other natural resources. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the USFS CPG Grants category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72105**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**112. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$502,348 in federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) funds for the Community Wildfire Protection Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the IIJA/BIL - CWDG category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72157**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**113. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$56,467 from the Interagency Wildland Fire Dispatch category to the Utilities category to correctly place authority in each category for improved transparency. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Utilities category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72243**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**114. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$171,253 in Incident Business Unit assessment revenue transfers from the Fire Suppression budget account to cover shortfalls from fire billings and increases in rent costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Incident Business Unit category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72638**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**115. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$46,218 in Transfer from State Lands-Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program funds for the continuation of project work preserving and enhancing the natural environment in the Lake Tahoe basin. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72639. WITHDRAWN 11-18-24.**

**116. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,420,836 in federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Project Grant funds to assist at-risk communities with planning and mitigating against the risk of wildfire. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the IIJA/BIL CWDG Project Grants category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72650**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**117. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Fire Suppression - FY 2025**

Addition of \$11,047,282 in Prior Year Refunds and \$11,047,282 in Advances from the General Fund for expenses incurred in the suppression of fires and response to emergencies charged to the Fire Suppression budget account. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Fire Suppression Costs category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72680. WITHDRAWN 11-19-24.**

**118. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Nurseries - FY 2025**

Addition of \$289,590 in Seed Bank Sales revenue authority for the projected purchase of seeds for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Seed Bank category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72762**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**119. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Industrial Site Cleanup - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,085,355 in funds from Pulte Homes of Nevada as part of the Mine Remediation and Reclamation Agreement and Administrative Order on Consent for the Three Kids Mine remediation. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Three Kids Mine category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70272**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**120. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Air Quality - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,440,166 in federal Inflation Reduction Act - Climate Pollution Reduction Planning grant funds to develop the Priority Climate Action Plan, the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, and the Final Status Report for the State of Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72471**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**121. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Materials Management and Corrective Action - FY 2025**

Addition of \$143,909 in federal Superfund Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PASI) Environmental Protective Agency grant funds and deletion of \$22,760 in Management of Hazardous Waste funds transferred from the Hazardous Waste Management budget account to perform site characterization activities such as preliminary assessments and site inspections at potential or confirmed hazardous waste sites. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Superfund PASI category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72693**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**122. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Materials Management and Corrective Action - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,411,449 in federal State and Tribal Response Program grant funds and deletion of \$504,140 in Management of Hazardous Waste funds transferred from the Hazardous Waste Management budget account to support rural communities with underfunded economic initiatives throughout the state. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Brownfield Program Grant - Bureau of Corrective Actions category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72694**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**123. Department of Wildlife - Data and Technology Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,048,433 in Application Fees transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to fund a projected shortfall in contractual obligations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Application Hunt System category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72813**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**124. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2025**

Addition of \$590,000 in Dream Tag Project funds from the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada to support habitat rehabilitation and restoration projects. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Dream Tag Projects category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72774**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**125. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2025**

Addition of \$929,558 in Habitat Conservation Fees transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to fund habitat rehabilitation and restoration projects through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Habitat Rehab/Restoration category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72782**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**126. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2025**

Addition of \$313,284 in Upland Game Stamp fees and \$139,903 in Duck Stamp Fees transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to fund approved projects through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Upland Game category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72784**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**127. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2025**

Addition of \$704,040 in Industrial Development Mining Assessment funds transferred from the Wildlife Fund account to support wildlife restoration and rehabilitation projects through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Industrial Development Projects category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72785**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**128. Department of Wildlife - Habitat - FY 2025**

Addition of \$210,000 in federal All Federal Small Grants funds to align state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Nevada Partners for Conservation and Development Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73044**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**129. Office of the Military - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,436,679 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to support activities and functions of the Starbase Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Starbase Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73034**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**130. Office of the Military - FY 2025**

Addition of \$482,204 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to support activities and functions of the Air Security Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Air Security category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73036**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**131. Office of the Military - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,072,701 in federal Department of Defense grant funds to support activities and functions of the Environmental Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Environment category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73037**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**132. Office of the Military - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,832,499 in federal Department of Defense grant funding to support activities and functions of the Army Security Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Army Security category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73071**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**133. Department of Veterans Services - Office of Veterans Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$100,000 in federal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas grant funds to provide Nye and Elko County veterans transportation to health care and benefits appointments. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Elko County Transportation Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72181**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**134. Department of Education - Other State Education Programs - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,436,623 in Wage Assessment funds transferred from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Workforce Development budget account to fund the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM N.94. Work Program #C73473. RECEIVED 11-27-24, AFTER THE 11-13-24 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

**RECLASSIFICATIONS**

Position Reclassification – Governor’s Finance Office, Budget Division – Item withdrawn.

Position Reclassification – Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division – Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item I.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Agency/ Budget Account Number</b>	<b>Position Number</b>	<b>Present Class, Code, Grade &amp; Salary</b>	<b>Proposed Class, Code, Grade &amp; Salary</b>
Governor’s Finance Office / Budget Division	015/1340	0281	Administrative Assistant 2 Code: 2.212 Grade: 25/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$42,636.96	Management Analyst 2 Code: 7.625 Grade: 35/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$64,414.80
Department of Public Safety / Investigation Division	653/3743	0011	Management Analyst 3 Code: 7.624 Grade: 37/03 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$76,608.72	Intelligence Analyst 4 Code: 11.150 Grade: 37/03 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$76,608.72

**O. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT FOR FORECLOSURE MEDIATION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO NRS 107.080(13)(b) - Request for the transfer of \$15,964 to Home Means Nevada, Inc. for support of the program for foreclosure mediation.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Item O; I believe the presenters will be in Northern Nevada.

BRODY LEISER (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

Madam chair, there's no one coming to the table here in Carson [City].

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Mr. Leiser, when they do show up, if you'll just ping me and let me know. With that, members, we'll go back to the top of the agenda again. We'll go to F.1, the Department of Education (NDE).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

The presenters for [Item] O, I invite you to the table. The floor is yours.

PERRY FAIGIN (President, Home Means Nevada Inc. [HMN]):

Madam chair. Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Committee. I come before you today to request funding, once again.

First, I would like to express the financial situation of the HMN and the Foreclosure Mediation program. In April of this year, the board of directors voted and recommended that the Foreclosure Mediation program be transferred to another entity, such as an existing nonprofit or other organization. A letter was submitted with our IFC request at that time, and over the past year, plus, we have also been asked several times in these meetings how we're going to deal with the funding situation; to which I've stated publicly that based on current law, the HMN does not control notices of default filed, the fees paid, or the account to which the fees are paid to. This is a legislative concern, and we have met with some interested parties and presented ideas. However, it does not appear that there is a concerted effort at this time to make any changes regarding the current...the legislation as it stands.

As you may remember, this bill was brought in the last session, or there was a bill that was brought in the last session, but it did not receive a hearing. The only option for funding is either the LCB-owned Account for Foreclosure Mediation Assistance or Contingency [Account] funds. There is no sunset clause for the program due to the lack of continued funding. Based on the current numbers, we will need Contingency [Account] funding on a regular basis more than likely, moving forward. We don't believe this is what was

intended when the program was initiated back in 2017. There are better options and changes should be made this session, if at all possible. Should funding not be allowed for payment of the salaries, the expenses, and the HMN ceases to operate, banks and other such lenders will be unable to foreclose on a home in the State of Nevada. *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 107.086 requires that the HMN issues the certificate in order for the foreclosure to proceed. Without the certificate, they cannot do so. As such, the banks and other lenders would likely have a cause of action to seek court action to compel the HMN to issue these certificates and potentially request damages because of the HMN not issuing the certificate. I am hoping that members of this body, or the Legislature, would be willing to meet with me to discuss here in the very near future, how this program will be able to continue with some potential simple changes, is what I would hope. With that, I'm here to request the approval and transfer of \$15,964 in the Account for Foreclosure Mediation Assistance and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the presentation and the comments that you made. Yes, I think a number of members would be willing to sit down and have a discussion of how we can make improvements to this; it is much needed.

At the time that this work program was requested, the ask was \$15,964 in the account. Currently, there is approximately \$42,625 in the account. Members, I would like to make a revision to this item to that amount for approval. Any questions or discussions on the revised amount, \$42,625? Seeing no questions. I will entertain a motion to approve the revised total.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you, madam chair. I would move that we increase the amount to \$42,625.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Second.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM O  
IN THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$42,625.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much, and I look forward to the conversations about this fund.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

MR. FAIGIN:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, we are...thank you and happy holidays.

We're just after one o'clock. I'm gonna ask...your lunch that you ordered is here. I ask that everyone be back in their seats no later than 1:40 p.m. We'll be in recess for lunch until then.

Chair Monroe-Moreno called a recess at 1:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

**P. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - State Public Works Division**

1. Request to modify the scope of CIP Project 21-E01, Loading Dock, North Las Vegas Readiness Center, and to increase the authority to receive and expend additional funding of \$222,995 for additional site work, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(f). The additional funding is comprised of a transfer-in of identified savings of \$75,597 from CIP Project 21-E04, Security Fence Addition, Carlin Readiness Center, pursuant to Section 21 of Assembly Bill 492 of the 81<sup>st</sup> (2021) Legislative Session, and \$147,398 in federal grant funds from the Office of the Military, pursuant to NRS 341.121.

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Good afternoon, madam chair, Committee members. I have with me, Deputy Administrator, Brian Wacker, and Jamie Ivy, Deputy Director for Installations and Environment, Nevada Army National Guard.

We have before you, pursuant of Section 23 of the Assembly Bill 1 (34<sup>th</sup> [2023] Special Session), the SPWD requests to modify the scope of CIP Project 21-E04, which is a loading dock at the North Las Vegas Readiness Center. We request to increase the authority to receive and expend an additional \$222,995, which is comprised of \$147,398 in federal funds and \$75,597 in state funds. Pursuant of NRS 341.145(1)(f) as well, we request to transfer \$75,597 from CIP Project 21-E04, which is a security fence addition at the Carlin Readiness Center. As a side note that Carlin Readiness Center is complete, and it has available projected savings available for transfer with your approval. With that said, I'll entertain any questions you have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the presentation. I know we have one or two questions for you. We're gonna go to Assemblymember Nguyen.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you for being here this afternoon. Appreciate the information on the changes. But I am kind of curious, the additional site work that you state here in this proposal, it's kind of an increase of about 46%; that's a big job. The additional site work stated here—about 8,300 square foot [sic] of concrete paving—that somehow was not identified during the original project scope. Can you tell us why?

MR. LEWIS:

First of all, thank you for the question. The original, as you stated, the original CIP assumed a minimum amount of paving for the project; that was our goal. However, the agency requested a paved drive in lieu of gravel base...a gravel-base drive from the access road to the loading dock. In short, this was an agency request, and we thought it was advantageous to do that because of the maintenance that goes, or that comes along with a gravel-based drive.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? Not seeing any here in Southern Nevada, seeing no hands raised in Northern Nevada, or on our virtual screen. I'll entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM P.1.

[UNKNOWN] SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Moving on to P.2, request to cancel CIP Project 21-M49.

2. Request to cancel CIP Project 21-M49, Purchasing Warehouse Renovation, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(j).

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Madam chair, you have before you, and Committee members you have before you, pursuant of NRS 341.145(1)(j), the SPWD requests to cancel CIP Project 21-M49, which is the building renovation to the Las Vegas Purchasing Warehouse.

Upon your approval, I would like to add, approximately \$969,423 in agency funds will be available for future actions. With that said, I'll entertain any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I just have one question. Could you say that dollar amount again for me? I'm sorry.

MR. LEWIS:

Yes, approximately \$969,423 in agency funds will be available for future action.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any other questions? Not seeing any. With that, I'll accept a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM P.2

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and second for approval. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to Item P.3, request to cancel CIP Project 21-P01.

3. Request to cancel CIP Project 21-P01, Advance Planning, Grant Sawyer Office Building Remodel, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(j).

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Thank you, madam chairman. Pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(j), the SPWD requests to cancel CIP Project 21-P01, the advance planning of the Grant Sawyer Office Building. As many of the Committee members are aware of, that building is going through an auction as we speak.

Upon approval, approximately \$873,848 in state funds will be available for future actions. I'll entertain any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We do have one question. Senator Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Because this concerns Grant Sawyer and the cancellation of that, will that stand? I'm just wondering if we had any bids today, and if that...if we don't...if we didn't get any bids, will this still just be canceled?

JACK ROBB (Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Governor):

I am regretful in saying no, we did not receive any bids today. It wasn't a surprise; we were hopeful. We have plenty of interest. At the auction, the City of Las Vegas, there, Steve Ford with the city, we had good conversation. They're trying to get rid of Cashman at the same time we're trying to get rid of Grant Sawyer. What it comes down to is the zoning. There's plenty of interest, but nobody's going to put \$19.5 million on the line until they know for sure what that zoning is. On the Cashman property, the city is very diligent on that. They're hoping to be back out to auction in the next few months and we are going to team with them and go to auction and get both properties sold and be done with both Cashman and Grant Sawyer.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions? Not seeing any. With that, I'll entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM P.3.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on next item will be P.4, request to modify the scope of CIP Project 23-P04.

4. Request to modify the scope of CIP Project 23-P04, Advance Planning: North Las Vegas State Veterans Home to increase the size of the facility from 120,000 square feet to 156,700 square feet to align the 128-bed facility with space requirements of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and to accommodate the new lot size and shape of the new building site, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(f).

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Thank you, madam chairman. Pursuant of NRS 341.145(1)(f), the SPWD requests to modify the scope of CIP Project 23-P04, advance planning of the North Las Vegas State Veterans Home, to increase the size from 120,000 square feet to 156,700 square feet. This request will result in a no dollar change in funding. With that said, I'll entertain any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes, there are a few questions for you, and go to Senator Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. If this is approved, how would the additional 36,700 square feet requested in this scope modification impact the estimated construction cost to that North Las Vegas State Veterans Home.

MR. LEWIS:

That is an excellent question. Thank you so much for the question. The additional square footage will not affect the overall project budget since the additional square footage was already included in the [20]23 CIP. Thank you.

I'm sorry, I stand corrected, the [20]25 CIP request.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that correction. Members, any other questions? Seeing none, I'll accept a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM P.4.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to P.5, Request to Modify the Scope of CIP Project 23-P06.

5. Request to modify the scope of CIP Project 23-P06, Advance Planning: Southern Nevada Forensic Facility to increase the size from a single facility of 196,000 square feet to 360,200 square feet encompassing a forensic facility, administrative building, intermediate care facility and a therapy building, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(f).

WIL LEWIS (Administrator, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Thank you, madam chairman. Pursuant of NRS 341.145(1)(f), the SPWD requests to modify the scope of CIP Project 23-P06, which is the advance planning of the Southern Nevada Forensic Facility. We're requesting to increase the size from 196,000 square feet to 360,200 square feet. Again, this will result in a no change to funding, if approved. Again, I'll entertain any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I believe we do have a few questions on this, and I am going to start with Speaker.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. I just wanted some clarification. I think the original plan for this facility had double occupancy in the planning, but now we're...I think we're increasing the scope because of the need for a single occupancy for these particular offenders. Just wanted to ask why that wasn't caught initially or what caused you to have to modify to get to single occupancy when we were originally told double occupancy.

MR. LEWIS:

Excellent question. Appreciate it, Councilman [sic] Yeager. I would like to defer that to Project Manager Heather Holmstrom up in [Las] Vegas if she's there. Did I say the wrong thing? I apologize. Man, I'm bad at that. I am so sorry.

HEATHER HOLMSTROM (Project Manager, Architect, SPWD, Department of Administration):

Thank you for your question. During the initial CIP process, we used our latest psychiatric facility as our baseline for that estimate; that was Rawson-Neal, which services civilian patients. During the design process, we determined that the safety for patients and staff as well as the therapy models require single occupancy, not the double occupancy we have at Rawson-Neal.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you for that response. And no worries, I am happy when anyone calls me anything that's not a nasty name these days, so no worries at all. Thank you, madam chair, for letting me ask the question.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Jauregui.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

I have to ask because we're doubling the footprint. Are we building out, building up, because this is exactly in the same location we were just discussing this morning. How is...I mean, is this going to be impacted in any way by the Campus for Hope?

Ms. HOLMSTROM:

We are currently planning for the project to be on the existing solar field site that's no longer functional as well as a few of the other DRC [Desert Regional Center] buildings in that area. We are going up four stories.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Carter.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Thank you. That led into the existing buildings. Are they being...are they currently occupied? If so, what are the contingency plans for those operations that are in those buildings currently through construction and moving back in?

Ms. HOLMSTROM:

Yes, sir. Those buildings are currently occupied by the DRC facility. As part of this project, we are also planning replacements for those facilities and a construction request has been put in the board rec for 2025 CIP.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Help me understand. What's going to happen to those occupancies...occupants now and those operations during construction?

JACK ROBB (Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Governor):

The buildings that we're going to be removing to put in the new facility are very similar in nature to the buildings we talked about earlier today. They've long passed use...outlived their useful life. We will build the new buildings, move those individuals in, then tear down the buildings, and then start the construction of the new forensic hospital. There will be no disruption in service.

Ms. HOLMSTROM:

I'm going to jump in real quick. That's true for two of the new buildings. One building we'll be providing temporary offices to relocate one group of individuals and staff during the construction process.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER:

Okay, thank you. Finally, why were the now proposed administrative building, intermediate care facility, therapy building...how did they get missed in the original scope and why did they get missed?

MR. ROBB:

A lot of this planning has gone on over years and part of my role as prior Director of Department of Administration and my current role as Chief Innovation Officer is to challenge the status quo and look for a more holistic approach on how we tackle problems. If we stayed on the current site that was selected and not affect these other buildings, we would have gone seven stories, which increases construction costs tremendously when you go that high. A better solution, knowing that these other buildings had outlived their useful life, was to replace those buildings, spread that footprint out, and then have a better overall solution for both agencies affected and the people we serve.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, any other questions on this item? Not seeing any questions here in Southern Nevada. Are there any questions in Northern Nevada or in our virtual room? Not seeing any. With that, I will entertain a motion for approval.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA  
ITEM P.5.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? Was that a nay in Northern Nevada? Okay, we heard something down here. I'm sorry. The motion passes unanimously. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That finishes up [Item] P. We heard Item Q earlier in the day. We'll go on to Item R, an informational from the Department of Business and Industry Housing Division, Home Means Nevada Initiative.

6. Request to ~~cancel/ modify the scope and funding of~~ CIP Project 19-C16, Renovation of Collections Storage Building 19, Stewart Campus, due to the estimated construction cost exceeding the current budget, pursuant to NRS 341.145(1)(j). **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM M.11. REVISED 12-3-24.**

Agenda Items M.11 and P.6 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item M.11.

- Q. STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Division of State Lands** - Request for approval of a land lease agreement with Molasky Ventures LLC for occupancy and use of land at 1054 Commerce Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, pursuant to NRS 321.335.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Item Q is the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Good morning. I know you have a busy morning ahead of you.

CHARLIE DONAHUE (Administrator, Division of State Lands, DCNR):

Yes, thank you madam chair, members of the Committee. I serve as the Administrator for the Division of State Lands. In that capacity, I also serve as the State Land Registrar. Before you, with this item, is a ground lease for a piece of state property on Commerce Avenue. It's just under an acre. The term is for initial 30-year-period with two options for the lessee to invoke, for a total term of 50 years. The agency went out through the competitive lease process [NRS] 321.335. We had one interested party and then we entered into negotiations and those negotiations lasted about 8 months. With that madam chair first off, I'd like to thank you for extending the kind offer for allowing this to be taken out of order. The agency has a rather large mission trying to dispose of the Grant Sawyer Building later today. I really do appreciate your flexibility. With that, I would be more than happy to take any questions on this agenda item.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. We wish you much luck on the sale. We know the property across the street, that sale did not go as well as the City of Las Vegas would have hoped. Members, do have any questions on Item Q for Mr. Donahue? Not seeing any questions here in Las Vegas. Is there anyone in Carson City that has a question for Mr. Donahue? All right, not seeing any. With that, seeing no questions, I will entertain a motion to approve.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM Q.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

MR. DONAHUE:

Thank you, madam chair and Committee members.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Also going out of order, we're gonna go to Items M.8 and M.9; we will hear both of those items together. Then we're going to move on to Item M.12 and 13, and we'll hear those together. Then, Item P.5.

**R. 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.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

STEVE AICHROTH (Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry):

Good afternoon, chair, members of the Committee. Just going to give you a brief update on the Home Means Nevada funds. Currently, we've expended \$150 million...little over \$150 million in the total of \$500 million, representing 30% of the funds to date being spent.

We've had a couple of groundbreakings and grand openings that I have made you aware of and will continue to make you aware of. I did want to focus on one of those that recently happened and that is Railyard Flats. That was a project in Sparks. That is now open, serving 15 individuals. It's not listed in your sheet, and the reason it's not listed in your sheet is it was actually a land acquisition project. I wanted to just take a moment to put on the record to thank the City of Sparks, the Reno Housing Authority, the weather gods in Northern Nevada that allowed it to get completed so quickly. Those land acquisition pieces, we kind of envision those for future affordable housing and some of those have already come to the floor. I just wanted to make you aware of that. With that, I'll finish my report and be available for any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any questions on this informational item? Not seeing any questions for members here in Southern Nevada. Any in Northern Nevada or in the virtual room? Not seeing any. Thank you so much for the update on Home Means Nevada. Keep up the good work and happy holidays.

That takes us to Item S. We're going to go to Item S.1b. Oh, we did do that. [Item] S.8, the Department of Transportation.

**S. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1) OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - Governor's Finance Office
  - a) Division of Internal Audits - Annual Report for FY 2024, pursuant to NRS 353A.065(2).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- b) Quarterly reports on the CORE.NV Enterprise Resource Planning project for the periods April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

Agenda Items G and S.1b were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion under Agenda Item G.

- 2) JUDICIAL BRANCH - Supreme Court of Nevada - Report detailing salary changes for the period July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, pursuant to Section 13 of Senate Bill 58 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 3) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - State Public Works Division
  - a) Quarterly Report on the status of CIP Projects 23-C35, Purchase of Buildings for State Offices, Las Vegas, and 23-C36, Improvements for Buildings Purchased in Las Vegas, for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).
  - b) Information regarding the Project Status Exception Report, pursuant to NRS 341.100(9)(g).

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 4) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- a) Addendum to report on the review by the Department of Education and the Commission on School Funding on various issues regarding the Account of State Special Education Services budget account (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).
  - b) Quarterly report summarizing the approved projects associated with the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II, Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief III (ARP/ESSER), and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief II Funds for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 5) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY - Housing Division
- a) Annual report on the affordable housing component of the Mixed-Use Microbusiness Park project in Las Vegas and the expenditure and allocation of federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as requested during the December 15, 2022, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.
  - b) Quarterly report on the progress to establish a program for the relocation of persons residing in single-family residences in the Windsor Park neighborhood of the City of North Las Vegas, pursuant to Section 11.7 of Senate Bill 450 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 6) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- a) Director's Office
    - 1) Amended finalized Federal Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 Community Services Block Grant State Plan, submitted pursuant to NRS 428.375(4).
    - 2) Revised Expenditure Schedule and Notice of Funding Opportunity detailing how the department intends to award \$7.0 million in unallocated monies from the Fund for Resilient Nevada. This report provides information on the final award amounts by approved entities, as requested during the August 15, 2024, Interim Finance Committee meeting.
    - 3) Report summarizing grant funding and expenditures by family resource centers for FY 2024, pursuant to NRS 430A.200(2).
  - 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 pursuant to NRS 449.520(1).

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 7) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Prison Industries - Status of accounts receivable related to a program for the employment of offenders through September 30, 2024, pursuant to NRS 209.461(1)(i).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 8) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - Notice of the addition of one new Personnel Officer 2 position to support the human resource section within the department.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Again members, this is only an informational item. Good afternoon.

FELICIA DENNEY (Assistant Director of Administration, Nevada Department of Transportation [NDOT]):

Good afternoon. I have with me here to my right, Allison Wahl, who is our Chief of HR [Human Resources] and we also have Keisha Harris, who's a Deputy Administrator for the Department of Human Resources [sic]. I think I got her title wrong. Oh, Michelle Garton, I'm sorry.

Just a little brief summary of this item. The Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management (DHRM) is centralizing their EEO [Equal Employment Opportunity] function. As a part of this centralization, NDOT's EEO Officer position was transferred to the DHRM. Since NDOT needed some of the functions of the position that we transferred over to complete our tasks, we'd requested a Personnel Officer 2 position to cover these duties. That's it in a nutshell. We'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. We do have just a few questions. I'm going to go to Senator Taylor with those.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you so much for being here with this quick report into the meeting. Just a couple of quick questions for you, if I may, madam chair.

Will you just explain a little bit about why...I know that the position is transferring from NDOT over into the consolidation that you're doing. Why is the NDOT position though going to be covering statewide responsibilities after this transfer?

MICHELLE GARTON (Deputy Administrator, DHRM, Department of Administration):

Thank you for that question. The division understands funding parameters. We are prepared to assign some...solely activities related to NDOT to this position once they are in our group.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you. Yes, I do. Thank you. May I follow up madam chair, please?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes, please go ahead.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you. That does get into Article 9, Section 5 of it. Is there...is there a way that you're going to track it to make sure that it's just NDOT activities because as you know, the Constitution, right, prohibits transportation dollars from being used for anything else. I just want to make sure we're staying in compliance.

MS. GARTON:

Yes, ma'am. I am not aware of how that group will track that. Absolutely, it will be tracked. That is...we understand that is very important. We can commit to that to you.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

I appreciate that. Don't want to be violating the Constitution.

MS. GARTON:

Absolutely not. We agree.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you so much. Thank you, madam chair. That's all I had.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any other questions? All right, not seeing any. Thank you so much for answering the questions on this informational item and happy holidays to you.

The next item on our agenda is the Economic Forum, another informational item.

- 9) STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Water Conservation and Infrastructure - Quarterly report regarding the allocation of \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the period of July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, as requested during the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 10) LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR - Six-month reports on agencies' implementation of recommendations made by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to NRS 218G.270(3).
- a) Nevada System of Higher Education, Self-Supporting and Reserve Accounts
  - b) Nevada System of Higher Education, Capital Construction Projects
  - c) Nevada System of Higher Education, Institution Foundations
  - d) Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division
  - e) Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
  - f) Department of Taxation

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

**T. ECONOMIC FORUM - Status report regarding the Economic Forum meeting conducted on December 2, 2024. INFORMATIONAL ONLY.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We don't know if it's going to be good news or bad news. I watched the [Economic] Forum. I know not everyone had the opportunity to, so we appreciate Mr. Nakamoto being here to give us all an update.

MICHAEL NAKAMOTO (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB):

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno, members of the IFC. I am here under Agenda Item T, which is a status report regarding the Economic Forum meeting held on December 2, 2024. Whether it is good news or bad news, I will leave up to you. For me, it is just news.

Chair and members of the Committee, normally when I'm in front of the Economic or...in front of the IFC regarding the Economic Forum, it is in my role as staff to the Economic Forum doing presentations on the interim meetings that are held on or before December 10<sup>th</sup> of the odd-numbered year and on or before June 10<sup>th</sup> of the even-numbered year. However, I am here today not as Economic Forum staff but as Fiscal Analysis Division staff at the request of the chair to provide this overview of the meeting that was held as noted last Monday, December 2, or the previous Monday. Yeah, I am losing track of days at this point.

Under subsection or...subsection 1, paragraph D of NRS 353.228, the Economic Forum is required to meet on or before December 3<sup>rd</sup> of the odd...or the even-numbered year to provide a forecast of the unrestricted State General Fund, which must be used by the Governor in building his or her executive budget. They did that. The table that is in Volume VI of your packet (page 347, [Exhibit F](#)), which is up on the screen now, is a brief overview of this. In the interest of time, and I'm not going to spend a whole lot of time going through, but just kind of lay out the information that is here.

There are a number of blocks on this table (page 347, [Exhibit F](#)), the first being the major General Fund revenues. These are the...makeup anywhere between 88% and 89% of the State General Fund. Basically, this table is laying out the FY 2024 actuals as well as the forecasts that were approved by the Economic Forum for FYs 2025, 2026, and 2027 as well as comparisons of each of the biennia: the 2023-25 Biennium consisting of the actual collections for FY 2024 and the revised forecast for FY 2025 that was approved at the meeting on December 2 as well as the forecast for the upcoming biennium [2025-27 Biennium].

You can see there that the total for these for the 2023-25 Biennium, that revised forecast is approximately \$10.5 billion with the forecast for the upcoming biennium at just over \$11.0 billion. The non-major General Fund revenues that you see listed there (page 347, [Exhibit F](#)) are...make up just over 10% of the State General Fund with the total for those being in the neighborhood of anywhere between \$600.0 million and \$650.0 million. Then we have all other General Fund revenues that make up about 3.5% listed there as well.

When you get down to the bottom line, the total General Fund revenues before tax credits for FY 2025 are \$6,129,663,278, which makes up a growth rate of 0.3% compared to the actuals for FY 2024. In FY 2026, the total of \$6,276,422,384 represents a 2.4% increase. Again, this is before tax credits, compared to FY 2025. Then in FY 2027, the total of \$6,456,806,884 is a growth of 2.9% compared to FY 2026. Then you can see there, we've got the Commerce Tax credits against the Modified Business Tax listed and then the rest of the tax credits including the totals there. Then when you get down to the bottom line, you can see the actual collections of \$6,009,786,502 for FY 2024, and this is after all tax credits have been taken against General Fund sources. Then the revised forecast for FY 2025 of \$6,011,041,178, which is 0.02% growth compared to the FY 2024 actual. I will note though that this revised forecast for FY 2025 after tax credits is approximately \$132.1 million higher than the Economic Forum's original May 1, 2023, forecast for FY 2025, so there is additional money in this current fiscal year above and beyond what was approved by the Legislature back during the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Session.

In FY 2026, the total of \$6,133,728,734 represents 2.0% growth compared to FY 2025. Then the total FY 2027 of \$6,299,387,184 represents growth of 2.7% compared to FY 2026. These percentages that I gave you are a little bit lower than the gross numbers...the percentages before tax credits. The reason for that is because of the total tax credits that are taken. If you look at the line immediately above that says *Total: Tax Credit Programs* (page 347, [Exhibit F](#)), you can see that there were approximately \$38.3 million worth of tax credits taken in FY 2024. That forecast goes up to just short of \$51.0 million in FY 2025 and then increases again in FY 2026 to approximately \$72.3 million, primarily driven by the baseball stadium tax credits that were

approved by the Legislature in Senate Bill 1 of the 35<sup>th</sup> (2023) Special Session back late last spring. Then, in FY 2027, that number increases again to about \$83.1 million, a little less than \$83.2 million, for FY 2027, primarily driven by the reauthorization of the Nevada New Markets Jobs Act from Senate Bill 440 from the last legislative session [2023].

Then on the next page is Table 2 (page 348, [Exhibit F](#)) and this just gives kind of a high-level overview of the comparisons between that May 1, 2023, forecast for FY 2024 and FY 2025 compared to the December 2, 2024, forecast for FY 2025, FY 2026, and FY 2027. The actual collections in FY 2024 of \$6,009,786,502 were 4.7%, or approximately \$285.2 million higher than that May 1<sup>st</sup> forecast. The revised forecast, you can see of \$6,011,041,178 is 2.2%, or \$132.1 million higher than that original forecast from May 1<sup>st</sup>. The forecast there you can see for the 2025-27 Biennium of \$12,433,115,918 suggests that now the...this 2025-27 Biennial forecast is approximately \$412.3 million, or 3.4% higher than the revised forecast for the current biennium, which is the revised FY 2025 forecast and the FY 2024 actuals, and then approximately \$829.6 million higher than the original forecast for the 2023-25 Biennium from May 1, 2023.

I realize that was a lot of information to go through in a very short period of time. At this point, I will open myself up for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, some folks were looking at the screen; it is in...the table that Mr. Nakamoto was referring to is in your backup documentation ([Exhibit F](#)). Does anyone have any questions? Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you for the presentation and happy birthday as well. Nice of you to spend your birthday with us talking about the Economic Forum. I have a couple of questions to the extent you can shed light on this. If we start with the non-major General Fund revenues, it looks like the one that sticks out to me there is the cigarette tax being down about 10% biennium-to-biennium. Any reason or any way that we can account for that or is there something broader to be read into this? Just any insight you can provide from the Economic Forum about how we should look at that 10%, whether we should think that's going to be something long term or a short-term blip downward.

MR. NAKAMOTO:

First, I will note that this is the gift that keeps on giving. Second, to directly answer your question regarding the cigarette tax, simply put, people are smoking less. This is not a new trend. This is something that we in Fiscal who are paying attention to the cigarette tax have been observing probably for the last 15 years or so. That as...if you go back to the 78<sup>th</sup> (2015) Session, which was the last time that the cigarette tax was increased, almost immediately after that, the collection started to decrease. It's again, it's consumption is going down due to the number of public health initiatives and just the desire of people to either smoke less or they are moving to vaping or other products of that nature. Given that, I would say that this is probably a trend that will continue.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Great. Thank you. If I could, madam chair. Moving on to the major General Fund revenues. The big one, there looks to be the Live Entertainment Tax coming in about a 7.0% reduction with more of that coming from non-gaming than gaming. Can you shed any light on the Economic Forum's projections there in terms of why we think there's a decrease there, and what might account for that from the last biennium to this upcoming biennium?

MR. NAKAMOTO:

The simple answer is that there was the Super Bowl at Allegiant Stadium in January...or February of this year that generated significant revenue for this tax in FY 2024, and it's not repeating in FY 2025. There are other events going on as well—Taylor Swift at Allegiant Stadium and other large events of that nature do generate revenue to that extent. To a smaller extent, and it's more of an observation at this point because we really don't have firm numbers, but by all accounts, Formula One did not have the attendance this year that it did last. It's kind of...I think when you start taking away some of those larger events and don't have something to replace it, that's the easy answer to this, but then it's...even for the events that are ongoing or might be ongoing, it's trying to find that mix of what is going to be coming on the horizon. Short of having another Super Bowl coming up, there...that one is obviously the easy one to say, okay, we're not going to get that amount of money again, but it's...I think that's really the simple answer to your question, Speaker.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you. Madam chair, if I could just ask one final question. Mr. Nakamoto, I want to make sure I'm understanding Table 2 (page 348, [Exhibit F](#)) accurately. It looks to me like what we have is we have the forecast that was provided to us May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023, and obviously, that would've been at the end of the legislative session. That's like the final Economic Forum before we finalize the budget. Then again, there's some updates that happened after that. If I'm...I just want to confirm that I'm reading this correctly. From the May 1, 2023, forecast to essentially what we now know about the 2023-25 Biennium, essentially, the difference is \$829.5 million. That means that's additional revenue we had from the prior—I guess it's still the ongoing—the prior biennium over and above what was

forecast in May of 2023. Obviously, in December 2024 there was an update and still we're looking at about plus \$400.0 million or so. If you can confirm those numbers and just confirm that what we're talking about is essentially money from the prior biennium that is above and beyond what we had anticipated we would receive.

MR. NAKAMOTO:

I'll walk through it again; I think might be the easiest way to do it. What we're seeing right now is we know that the FY 2024 actual collections were approximately \$285.2 million above forecast. This revised forecast for FY 2025 is higher than the May 1<sup>st</sup> forecast back in 2023 by just under \$132.1 million so that...those two together is approximately \$417.3 million of additional revenue in the current biennium beyond what the Legislature had to spend when it was building its budget. There are a number of reasons for the increase in FY 2025, and I can go into those if there are questions about that. But then yes, to your other question, you are correct. When you are comparing the original May 1, 2023, forecast of the previous biennium to the current biennium and this forecast that the Economic Forum approved on December 2, there is just under \$829.6 million of additional revenue that can be used for Governor Lombardo to build this budget.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Senator Titus.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you, madam chair. Thank you for the presentation. It's a deep dive and definitely important for us as we move forward. I want to refer back to what Speaker Yeager's question, or regarding Speaker Yeager's question, regarding the cigarette tax. Frankly, I'm happy that we are collecting less and I'm happy that people are smoking less. I think it's a good thing from a public health standpoint because there's a lot of money invested in folks who have...who do smoke. Do you think...however, do you track or have any idea if we tax a certain item to the point where it becomes better to buy it on the illegal market that we would see a drop because perhaps we've taxed it so much as more illegal cigarettes sold. I would also refer to perhaps our marijuana industry if we tax it so much that it then becomes cheaper to buy it from on an illegal source. Is there any way that you track that?

MR. NAKAMOTO:

Thank you for the question, Senator Titus. It is a very good question, and the cannabis industry is a very good example of not necessarily something that we have any solid data as it pertains to the State of Nevada. But, as we're looking at anecdotal information in other states, there is this idea that perhaps there is some effect on regulation and taxation of certain industries that may cause people to, as a matter of price or to simply go to alternatives. That is with cannabis that they will simply go back to the greater black market for that. I have not seen any information to suggest that something similar is happening with cigarettes. The...in fact, one of the things I can point to that kind of suggests it went the other way around is after the tax rate increased in the 2015 Session, we went up by

a dollar per pack from 80 cents to a \$1.80. We initially saw reductions, but we were also at a point where our tax rate was largely equivalent to the tax rate on cigarettes in California. Not too long after we increased our tax rate by a dollar per pack, California raised their cigarette tax by a dollar per pack. Since that point, since 2015, the year after California raised their cigarette tax by a dollar per pack is the only fiscal year where our collections for the cigarette tax have increased. We believe it has something to do with Californians now coming to purchase their cigarettes here in Nevada to not pay that extra dollar per pack. At the...we did get a one-year benefit from that and then we saw the decrease continue after that. You're correct, Senator Titus, it is something that kind of sits in the back of our mind, not necessarily with respect to cigarettes, but with other products that there can be a tax rate effects [sic] on consumption.

SENATOR TITUS:

Follow up if I might, madam chair. Thank you for that information. Do we track at all? On tribal lands, there's no tax on the cigarette products. Do we track the sales on tribal lands of cigarette products, and maybe [inaudible] when we tax the products that are on public land versus in the tribal lands that don't have to charge those taxes. Do we see a bump there? Do we have any idea how much they sell?

MR. NAKAMOTO:

I don't know offhand. I know that in Fiscal, we don't track that. I could reach out to the Department of Taxation to see whether they have statistics on it because since they are in the business of actually regulating tobacco, not just administering the taxation portion of it. That is something I can look into for you to see whether they have that information.

SENATOR TITUS:

Great. Thank you. Thank you, madam chair, for the questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Of course. Members, any other questions? Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Mr. Nakamoto, can you just quickly address what does it mean to have the flat growth over the next biennium, the 2.0%?

MR. NAKAMOTO:

Thank you, Senator Neal. What I can tell you from the perspective of a forecaster, who presented forecasts at the Economic Forum, is that from a standpoint of the economy, basically, I think what we're looking at when we developed our forecasts with respect to having very little growth in FY 2025 is that we were coming off of several fiscal years where the economy was very heated because after the pandemic, a lot of people who had spent months locked up, not being able to spend a lot of money suddenly were able

to spend a lot of money. That continued for several fiscal years. I think we've reached a point...or the economy kind of reached a point where, I don't want to say that it's anything more than maybe it's catching its breath. People are saving a little more money, not spending as much because they might be affected by interest rates if they wanted to purchase a house or a car or something like that, so they're kind of waiting for things to occur. But then for the next couple of fiscal years, I would say that the economy is probably a little more steady or stable state going forward that it's more moderate growth. If...in terms of what it means for you as legislators and the upcoming budget, I think those are conversations that you will probably be having as a body in late January and getting into February once the executive budget is released.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, madam chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Any other questions? All right, not seeing any. Thank you so much for taking the time on your birthday to be with us to give us this update. I appreciate it.

MR. NAKAMOTO:

Thank you, madam chair. And again, this is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

With that, we will go to the next item on our agenda, which is Item U, to rescind actions taken on Items H.9 and H.16 at the August 15, 2024, meeting by the IFC.

**U. RESCIND ACTIONS TAKEN ON ITEMS H.9 AND H.16 AT THE AUGUST 15, 2024, MEETING OF THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 36 AND 37 OF SENATE BILL 511 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
  - a) Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Problem Gambling - Request to transfer \$71,176 in the Problem Gambling budget account from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to support initiatives with community partners for gambling addiction prevention and treatment services, pursuant to Section 36 of Senate Bill 511 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

Agenda Items U.1a and U.1b were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion under Agenda Item U.1b.

- b) Division of Child and Family Services - Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - Request to transfer \$70,910 in the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services budget account from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to continue funding deferred maintenance projects, pursuant to Section 37 of Senate Bill 511 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

Agenda Items U.1a and U.1b were discussed jointly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I believe we'll have representatives from the DHHS. Good afternoon.

SHANNON BENNETT (Bureau Chief, Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, DHHS):

Good afternoon, madam chair and members of the Committee. Before you today is Work Program #C68973A for the Problem Gambling program. This restores the original work program at a dollar less after Work Program #C68973R reverses the original work program approved at the August IFC. This change is due to rounding procedural changes. I'm happy to take any questions you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. You said rounding procedural changes but not a large dollar amount, correct?

MS. BENNETT:

\$1.00 lower.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any questions? All right. Well, we have to rescind the items and the actions that we took in the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and then approve Items U.1 and U.2 [*sic*]. With that, I will accept a motion.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO RESCIND ACTIONS TAKEN ON ITEMS H.9 AND H.16 AT THE AUGUST 15, 2024, INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS U.1a AND U.1b.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. We will...we have a motion to rescind Item U and approve Items U.a and U.b [sic]. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That brings us to the last item on today's agenda, which is public comment.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

This is the second opportunity for the public to make comments in today's meeting. If you'd like to call in and make a comment, our number is (888) 475-4499. Today's meeting ID is 86548815922 and then press #. If you'd like to make public comment here in Las Vegas, I invite you to the chairs here at the table. If you're in Carson City and would like to make comment, I invite you to the chairs at the testimony table there, and then we will go to the phones.

We do have one person here in Las Vegas. Yes, we can go ahead and press that button. Hold on one second, press the button right at the bottom. There you go. State your name for the record.

AL ROJAS:

Thank you very much. I will try to get closer to the mic so people can hear me. First of all, I want to thank my commissioner...or my assemblymember for coming and talking to me. Kind of calm me down 'cause I was a little angry. My...I wanted to take this time to address the Legislature on an issue that I...

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Can I get you to state your name for the record?

MR. ROJAS:

I live in Assembly District 12 and Senate District 21. I came to talk about a...that I wanted to ask the Legislature to come up with a bipartisan legislative law that will earmark and give you the legislators the authority to tell the school boards how to spend their money. You know, you guys...we sent \$3 billion to the school district and some of you guys are teachers and are also legislators and then you got the money there and then you had to go strike to get the money. Then you got the money and now we don't even know where

the money's at. I'm hearing that there's no way to earmark the money; you can't tell them how to spend...you can't tell the school board how to spend the money and there's no way to do an external audit. I really do believe that we need legislation in that area.

You guys are talking just recently about in the Economic Forum about generating more revenue and education is a big part of it. Having kids that can...people want to live in an area that you have good schools and that are safe, okay? Now, reading is fundamental but it's fundamental to adults too because if kids drop out of school, it increases crime, it increases drugs, and it keeps people who want to come and invest in our state and help us grow. I ask that we get some legislation that you guys through a bipartisan group...it affects everybody, whether you're in a good area or whether you're in a bad area.

To close, I grew up in Los Angeles. At 18 years old, I got accepted to UC [University of California] Irvine. I stayed in Orange County for 38 years. One of the best managed counties. We were a tourist industry just like Nevada. All we had were the beaches, Walt Disney, Disneyland, and Knott's Berry Farm. From there, we grew to one of the best managed counties in the country. I see that potential here in Clark...in Nevada and in Clark County. But we gotta get our kids reading. If we can't get our kids reading, it affects everybody. It increases crime, it increases the...what we're paying for insurance, and it increases our...it decreases our growth.

I'm just hopeful we can all work together. Let's get together on this legislative session and let's attack our biggest problem, which is getting our kids to read. That's all I want to say. Thank you very much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. We appreciate your patience being here with us all day. Happy holidays.

MR. ROJAS:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Not seeing anyone at the table in Carson City. Do we have anyone joining us on the phone line that would like to make public comment?

[LCB ITS-AUDIO VISUAL AND HEARINGS STAFF]:

Thank you, chair. The public line is open and working; however, there are no callers at this time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

All righty then. Members, this is our last meeting before the holidays. We'll see each other after the new year. I wish each and every one of you a very happy and healthy and safe holiday season. With that, this meeting is adjourned.

**W. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Monroe-Moreno adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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