

**MINUTES OF THE  
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.400)  
JANUARY 29, 2025**

*Note: Items in these minutes are presented in agenda order, which may not necessarily be the order in which they were discussed during the meeting.*

Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno called the first meeting in calendar year 2025 to order at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2025, in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 165 of the Nevada Legislature Office Building, 7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Vice Chair  
Senator Nicole Cannizzaro  
Senator Dina Neal  
Senator Rochelle Nguyen  
Senator Jeff Stone  
Senator Angela Taylor  
Senator Robin Titus  
Assemblymember Natha Anderson  
Assemblymember Shea Backus  
Assemblymember Tracy Brown-May  
Assemblymember Jill Dickman  
Assemblymember Gregory Hafen II  
Assemblymember Brian Hibbetts  
Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblymember Gregory Koenig  
Assemblymember Erica Mosca  
Assemblymember Philip P.K. O'Neill  
Assemblymember Selena Torres-Fossett  
Assemblymember Howard Watts  
Assemblymember Steve Yeager

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Senator Carrie Buck

**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:**

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CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon and welcome to the IFC [Interim Finance Committee]. Forgive us for starting a little bit later than anticipated, but our morning meeting went a little bit longer than anticipated. We welcome you to be here with us. Members will be using their electronic devices, their computers. I remind everyone to put your devices on silent or vibrate mode. We will have two opportunities for public comment: one at the beginning of the meeting, one at the end of the meeting. Public comment will be limited to just two minutes per person.

We will be on a timer because from what I hear, there’s a lot of people that want to make a comment. If someone else has already made...said what you wanted to say, please, you do not have to step up and say it again, you can just say ditto and that would be great. If you’d like to call in and make public comment, the number for calling in is 888-475-4499. The Meeting ID is 86823227212 and then please press #.

I am Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, I chair the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. My co-chair is Senator Dondero Loop. Committee secretary, would you please call the roll?

**A. ROLL CALL.**

MELISSA GARVIN (Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB]), called the roll. All members were present except Senator Buck, who was excused.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Will you please mark Senator Buck absent/excused?

That will take us to the next item on our agenda, which will be public comment.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

If you'd like to make public comment and you're here in Carson City, I invite you to the table here in Carson City. If you are down south and you'd like to make public comment, I invite you to the table down south. Then we will go to our phone lines. I know there's a number of nonprofit organizations that received funding last legislative session; you were asked to be here. Unless your specific organization is pulled when we go through the list, there will not be an opportunity for you to speak. If there is something you'd like to say, I invite you to come up to the table during public comment in that two minutes to make a statement. Not seeing anyone at the table here in Carson City. Never mind, we have someone coming. Good afternoon.

CHRISTINE HULL (Executive Director, Nevada Center for Civic Engagement):

Last session, we received an appropriation. We wanted to thank the Nevada Legislature for that appropriation. These funds have been used to support a wide range of programming and operational needs to support civics and history in our schools across the State of Nevada. We strive to use these funds effectively and efficiently. We were able to leverage these legislative funds to double our budget through grants and donations, and so we appreciate this foundational appropriation. We did ver...we did turn in a report that included documentation that shows our vital role in supporting and fostering civic engagement in education across the State of Nevada. We deeply appreciate your continued trust and investment in our work. Thank you for your commitment to advancing civic education. We look forward to discussing any questions you may have later in the item. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Is there anyone else in Carson City that would like to make public comment? You can go ahead and fill in all the chairs. You don't have to wait for the person to be finished. You can go ahead and fill in all the chairs. Good afternoon.

LAURA MEYER (Chief External Affairs Officer, Communities in Schools of Nevada):

Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair Dondero Loop, and members of the IFC. Today, I'm here to offer public comment on the funding that we received through the special appropriation fund in the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Communities in Schools received \$4 million: \$2 million through S.B. [Senate Bill] 189, \$1 million through A.B. [Assembly Bill] 525 (82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session), and \$1 million through S.B. 341 (82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

One hundred percent of this funding was used to support site coordinators' salary [*sic*] across the state, which allows us to place people in school...public schools during the school day, to ensure that barriers are removed tow...to student success. This funding allowed us to expand our programming in all of the geographic areas we serve, that includes Clark County, Elko County, Winnemucca, and Washoe County.

This funding also allowed us to grow our site coordinator team by 20% and the schools that we served by 20%. We also saw 10% growth in the students served with schoolwide supports and 15% growth in the students that were case managed. This was transformational funding for our organization. Overall, we served almost 100,000 students with schoolwide supports last year and 7,000 with direct case-managed support.

This also allowed us to expand across the state, adding 20% more schools than we had in previous years. Our graduation rate was the highest that we have had to date, which was 97% of our seniors that we served, graduated. I'm here to thank you all for your investment and your support in the work that we do. I'm happy to answer additional questions if we're called on later in the meeting. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. That was very impressive. Seeing no one else here in Carson City, we will move to Las Vegas. We can go from right to left for those at the table in Las Vegas.

KIMBERLY ABBOTT (Mental Health Initiatives Manager, Children's Attorney Project, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada):

Good afternoon. I am the Mental Health Initiatives Manager at the Children's Attorney Project at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, where we represent all of the children in foster care in Clark County. In that capacity, we are keenly aware of the deficiencies in our children's mental health system. We had a front row seat to the collapse that happened with that system during the pandemic. We have spent the last three plus years collaborating and working and advocating with our community partners, state leaders, county leaders, to try to fill in the gaps in that continuum of care.

As a result of a significant investment of ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] funds from this body in August 2022, we were able to stand up new and important programming to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable youth in the community. Unfortunately, those programs have been stood up in buildings that are now potentially being demolished as a result of the Campus for Hope. We appreciate the concerns that Vice Chair Dondero Loop and this Committee expressed at the last IFC meeting, specifically as to Item L.1a today.

We have reached out to leadership at the state, as well as the Campus for Hope. We're very pleased to report that they have come to the table and have been anxious to address those concerns. There's not a concrete plan yet, but we have been able to discuss an agreement that there would be no disruption in the capacity of services providing to children, no displacement of children without proper homes, and that any changes in those placements would have to be in sustainable buildings.

We are grateful for the partnership that has come together to try to find a solution to this. We are hoping that this creates an opportunity for improved facilities and increased capacity for some of our most vulnerable children in the community. Thank you for the opportunity. I look forward to continuing to work towards solutions on this issue.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much.

MICHAEL D HOLLIS (Chief Operating Officer, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow [FIT]):

Good afternoon. We are a local nonprofit workforce development agency in the historic westside, Lake Mead and Martin Luther King. I just want to thank the Committee for your gracious donation with the funding from A.B. 525. I've pretty much been at FIT almost ten years now. The amount of work that we were able to do in this last year with the additional funds were amazing. Every Monday without fail, we have about 90 to 100 people standing outside to receive services from our organizations. Many of the times we have to turn away a lot of individuals due to our lack of funding, but with this additional money, we were able to serve more individuals. We served 1,734 individuals and out of that, 1,243 individuals went to training and received employment services. We have definitely affected generations. I just want to tell you thank you so much for the lives that we are changing. If you look in this room, this is what community looks like. When we have additional funds for the nonprofit agencies, we're able to do more, triage the community, and provide success to all that's [sic] involved. Thank you so much for your time. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for your comments. Congratulations on your recent promotion. Go ahead.

REBEKA ACOSTA provided public testimony for the record ([Exhibit F-1](#)).

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

TAMEKA HENRY (Executive Director, The Obodo Collective; Director of Mentorship, Teaching and Uniting Ladies to Inspire Positive Success [TULIPS]):

Good afternoon. I'll speak for both of us really quickly. I want to thank you all for your investment into our program through A.B. 525. It made a tangible difference in our fight against food insecurity. With this funding, we strengthened our urban farm, invested in gardening education, and expanded our free produce bag program. Specifically, we supported garden operations, purchased seeds and soil. It allowed us to host hands-on gardening classes, equipping community members with sustainable food growing skills, and funded our free produce bag program, directly feeding over 500 individuals from our communities. It also covered outreach and administrative costs.

This investment has not only provided fresh, nutritious food but has also empowered individuals with the knowledge to grow their own. Our urban farm has become a hub of resilience and education. I thank you for believing in our mission, and we look forward to continuing this vital work in the historic westside.

Also, with the TULIPS organization, we were able to continue our summer programming for the young people within our area. We made investments into Ty's Place. Ty's Place is a safe space for teenagers within North Las Vegas. It has become that hub for tutoring, mentorship, STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics] activities, and it is vital, very vital to that community. We do appreciate the investments that were made there as well. If you have any further questions, I am available. I'll be here. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Next speaker.

TARA RAINES (Children's Advocacy Alliance):

Good afternoon, Committee members. The Children's Advocacy Alliance is an independent voice for Nevada's children, advancing systemic change in areas of early childhood education, children's health, and child welfare. We achieve public policy wins through collaboration and collective impact with the community to ensure every child in Nevada thrives. I'm here to give public comment on Agenda Item L.1a. When the removal of buildings in the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS) campus was brought to our attention in recent weeks, we were astonished to learn there was no established plan for the displacement of the critical children's mental health services provided on that campus.

We recognize and support the development of the Campus for Hope and expanded services for individuals experiencing homelessness; however, we cannot ignore the clear pipeline between children with mental illness and our adult unhoused population. If we're

serious about breaking this cycle, we must move from a reactive approach to a proactive one; prioritizing early intervention and stable continuous care for children, especially children with mental health disorders. This week, we were assured that the children's mental health programs will continue and that a plan to make this happen will take priority. However, again, this felt like an afterthought in a response to a public outcry, rather than a carefully considered priority. This is troubling. We are grateful that leaders across sectors came together quickly to rectify the situation. We cannot continue to scramble to serve our children at the last minute. We're continuing our advocacy.

We need leaders to communicate transparently with the public about how and where these programs will continue. We want to be certain there is funding and infrastructure for both children's mental health services and the Campus for Hope. This must be an "and" not an "or." Again, we're grateful for leaders who've come together to solve this. We cannot afford to lose even one piece of our already fragile children's mental health system. If we truly want to improve our community, children must be at the center of all support planning and not an afterthought. Again, we're here to partner and help create solutions for Nevada's children and families. Thank you for your service.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Next speaker.

M.J. MAYNARD (Chief Executive Officer, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada [RTC]):

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair Dondero Loop, and members of the IFC. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I am here to provide an update on S.B. 341, the \$5 million appropriated to and allocated to RTC to help stabilize transit operations here in Southern Nevada. We are deeply grateful for the support from Nevada lawmakers, which has been vital in helping us sustain transit services that drive both community wellbeing and economic growth. State funds allowed the RTC to increase service frequency on seven routes, benefiting 670,000 residents and connecting Southern Nevadans to 275,000 jobs. As a result, we saw a 6.6% increase in ridership. The RTC was also able to increase paratransit services, which saw a 15.5% increase in ridership, with over 200,000 more passenger trips in Fiscal [Year] (FY) 2024 compared to FY 2023.

The Silver Star program was expanded to provide seniors with greater access to essential services by providing transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, and shopping centers. This revenue also assisted with our Clark County School District Student Mobility Training program. We provided free mobility training for 409 high school and middle school students who are part of the special education program. Lastly, state funds were allocated to enhance transit safety by increasing security personnel and implementing an automated firearms detection system across our transit facilities. This included the installation of panic buttons on buses, an increase in security staff from 247 to 300 armed guards, and an expansion of roving officers, ensuring quicker response times to incidents. I want to thank you again for your attention and your ongoing support. We will be here to answer any questions you may have later in the agenda. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Next speaker.

TORREY RUSSELL (Founding Artistic and Executive Director, A Source of Joy Theatricals, Broadway in the Hood, Legacy Theatre of Excellence):

Good afternoon, Chair [Monroe]-Moreno and Chair [Dondero] Loop, and the entire Committee. I just wanted to first off start by saying thank you so very much for what you all have done for A Source of Joy Theatricals and for the community. Your Committee...everything that you all have done have been absolutely amazing. We sincerely appreciate your appropriation in A.B. 525. What we've done thus far with the money is we've partnered with the community to be able to look for a place that we are going to actually house the Legacy Theatre of Excellence; where we will have daily classes, daily operations, as it relates for youth in the arts and in the community.

This year, back in 2024, we had the opportunity to have the Legacy Theatre of Excellence in schools. We were able to serve over 50,000 young people in Clark County School District and throughout all of the [Las] Vegas Valley. We will continue to work with the county and the city to find the exact location. We've been working very closely with them to figure out exactly the best location for the actual building itself. We've worked with local officials, as well as different agencies to be able to make sure that it's in the proper place according to those that we serve within the community. We also look forward to seeing you all on February 18 there and Clark County, for your celebration of African American History month. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

BETH MARTINO (President/Chief Executive Officer, Three Square Food Bank):

Good afternoon, Chair and members of the Committee. I am here today to just thank you on behalf of Three Square [Food Bank] and the individuals and families we serve, for your commitment to addressing hunger in our state, but specifically the \$4 million that you allocated to support our food programs in A.B. 525 and S.B. 341. Especially at this time, these funds have been critical for us over the last two years. Your support enabled us to expand our programs to serve more people and to provide food to those who would otherwise go without. We've been able to remove people from our waiting lists for two of our cornerstone programs, Backpack for Kids and Golden Groceries.

BackPack for Kids ensures school children who rely on school meals during the week have nutritious food to sustain them over the weekend. Golden Groceries helps seniors, many on fixed incomes, access fresh and healthy food. This funding allowed us to reach families and seniors who had been waiting far too long for these services. We also increased production of our senior frozen meals, and we launched new mobile distributions for seniors at Nevada Hand Properties. Finally, we purchased more

nutritious food for our network of community partners, many of whom are actually here in the room today and helped distribute us to families...distribute it to families across our service area.

The impact of your investment speaks for itself. As indicated in the reports we've submitted, we've served at least 29,000 additional individuals and 120,000 households, which equates to more than 850,000 additional pounds of food to families, seniors, and children who depend on us. Those are more than just numbers; they represent children who didn't go to bed hungry, seniors who can focus on their health instead of worrying about their next meal, and families who can feel a sense of stability during difficult times. Looking ahead, we know these challenges of food insecurity will persist. Food prices remain high, federal funding is uncertain, but thanks to your investment, I believe that we are well positioned to respond to these challenges with strength and resilience. We thank you for your vision, your compassion, and your dedication to building a stronger and healthy state. I'll be here throughout the afternoon to answer any additional questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

FUILALA RILEY (Chief Executive Officer, HELP of Southern Nevada):

We prevent and end homelessness, one individual, one family, one youth at a time. This morning, 800 individuals woke up in a HELP of Southern Nevada program bed. Your investment from the A.B. 525 of \$25,000 towards our Shannon West Homeless Youth Center was much appreciated and of course, it allowed us to maintain an appropriate staff-to-resident ratio in a time that we were experiencing low staffing levels. That year of the funding, there was 563 unduplicated youth, with an average stay of 100 days. Eighty percent of those young folks have a mental health diagnosis and 30% were already considered chronically homeless.

In closing, I would like to encourage this Committee, as you look forward to what you are going to fund, that we as a state need to make concurrent investments in prevention of homelessness in the interim solutions, as well as permanent solutions. Apologies, I won't be able to stay all day. I wasn't able to reschedule all my afternoon appointments, so I'm happy to answer any questions before I leave. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

AARON SHEETS (Chief Executive Officer, HopeLink of Southern Nevada):

Good afternoon. Two million dollars of A.B. 525 was provided to HopeLink and was earmarked for two programs: Hope for Seniors, which is emergency rental gap, or gap rental assistance for elderly senior citizens who might otherwise become...be evicted or face imminent eviction. Also, we have...we developed a team for agency capacity

building. In the first year of this program, we helped over 300 seniors never experience a day of homelessness because we were able to provide assistance to them. Our development team so far has raised \$7 million, which will help us continue Hope for Seniors and other critical programming in the future. Neither one of these things would have been available to us if we didn't receive that \$2 million, so we are grateful to this Committee, we're grateful to all of you. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

COURTNEY MORAN (Manager, Advocacy and Family Engagement, Opportunity Village):

Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno and Chair Dondero Loop, and the entire Committee. We're here to thank you for the incredibly generous \$250,000 appropriation through A.B. 525 in support of those with disabilities. This has gone to support a number of programs that we were able to launch through our family engagement and outreach team. This includes 100...more than 150 families served; 1,394 outreach contacts made. This is through a number of education programs and support groups, conferences, a family focus group on technology, and I was also able to get credentialed through this appropriation in workforce development. We're so grateful for the continued investment in the population that we serve and the families that go into supporting this population. Without these funds, we would not have been able to have the far outreach and impact that we were. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

JOHNNY DOMINGUEZ (Executive Director, Leaders in Training [LIT]):

Good afternoon, esteemed members of the Legislature. Thank you for the opportunity to present how the funds allocated through A.B. 525 have been utilized to support LIT in our mission to empower Nevada's youth, first generation college students from low-income backgrounds in Southern Nevada. These funds have allowed us to support students; helping them overcome academic, financial, and social barriers in pursuing higher education. LIT serves 257 students, including 95 in our alumni program, 99 in our post-secondary program, and 63 from 22 different high schools in Clark County School District, here in our high school program. We intend to expand more students in other Southern Nevada communities, responding to the increasing demand under regions' educational needs

As outlined in the report provided to the Committee, a significant portion of the \$250,000 provided by A.B. 525, \$235,991.111 [sic] was allocated to our high school program; expanding staff and resources, and supporting college visits, internships, meals, and college application and testing fees. LIT continues to provide one-on-one support and workforce development opportunities, navigating financial aid, post-secondary pathways, and gaining volunteer experience through events. As a result, Cohort 9, our graduating

class of 2024, achieved 100% college acceptance rate with a 100% graduation rate, with students enrolling in institutions like UNLV [University of Nevada, Las Vegas], UNR [University of Nevada, Reno], Oregon State, U.S. Army, and the University of San Diego. Our post-secondary alumni received \$15,033.64, funding career coaching, LSAT [Law School Admission Test] prep, networking events, and graduation stoles to honor our students' accomplishments.

Additionally, we used A.B. 525 funding for operational improvements, such as Internet services, printing resources, security, and purchasing 25 laptops for students. Through this funding, our high school program...our high school students have excelled socially, led community services projects, and engaged in community service initiatives like those completed by Cohort 11 in partnership with former Senator...state Senator Valerie Wiener on sexual health, and child literacy. These projects demonstrated our students' leadership potential and the commitment to community impact. In conclusion, A.B. 525 allowed us to strengthen and expand our services, providing more first-generation college students with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed. We are deeply grateful for the work and look forward to continuing our work with your partnership to create pathways to higher education for not just Nevada students, for all students. Thank you for ongoing commitment to empower Nevada's youth. I'll be here for any questions you have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Next speaker.

KIMBERLY KINDIG (Chief Executive Officer, Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada):

Good afternoon, Madam Chair and members of the Committee. On behalf of our organization, our board of directors, and the families we serve, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your support and thank the members of the Legislature, who have served as champions for our cause. Candlelighters received a total sum of \$2 million under A.B. 525 and S.B. 341. These funds have been used to realize Candlelighters' long-time dream of a new home and growth of our family-centered programs. As the first and oldest nonprofit organization in Nevada dedicated exclusively to supporting children diagnosed with cancer and their families, this building will bring hope and comfort to the 400 families and 1,800 children we serve each year.

Last June, we leveraged this funding to purchase our forever home and began our first phase of renovations. Two weeks ago, we moved into this new building, which is double the size of our previous space. More than just a larger building, our community hub will incorporate intentionally designed rooms, like a teen drop-in room, parents lounge, and counseling rooms that address the wide array of psychosocial needs of children and their parents. All of our services are provided at no cost and for 72% of our families who are low to moderate income, these programs and services would otherwise be unavailable. The ultimate goal is to foster social connection and emotional support, both levers that drastically decrease the impact of emotional trauma and improve health outcomes for the entire family unit, including the child diagnosed with cancer.

For more than 45 years, our families have been waiting for this moment. I cannot properly express how much this means to them and us. One of our parents said “Candlelighters gives kids and families hope for brighter days ahead, and shows families that even in hard times, they are never without support. For parents like me, the new parents lounge will provide a safe space for parents to talk about the things that we are usually too scared to say out loud.” We are truly honored to have received this transformational support knowing that together, we will drastically improve the lives of children facing cancer, their brothers and sisters, and their moms and dads. Again, thank you for your partnership.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

LISA HABIGHORST (Co-Founder/Chief Executive Officer, Spread the Word Nevada):

Good afternoon. Spread the Word Nevada is a children’s literacy nonprofit in our state, the largest one, and we started 24 years ago in the garage of my home. I welcome the opportunity to share our gratitude to the IFC and all of Nevada legislators for their appropriation of \$500,000 to our mission of literacy for all of Nevada’s children. Because of this investment and others, Spread the Word Nevada served over 57,000 children across our state last year, which was a 12% increase over the numbers served the prior year. Our Kids to Kids Book program grew to...which grows home libraries, and Breakfast with Books Family Literacy programs, are in 80 schools across our state serving Clark, Washoe, and Elko Counties.

Our Books and Buddies program is currently serving 666 kids in Clark County, with one-on-one reading time with a consistent adult mentor every week. Our RIT program, which is our Readers in Training program for early literacy readiness, is focused on birth to five-year-olds and has served 11,037 little ones and their parents and guardians in 10 out of the 16 [sic] of our counties across the state. We have expended \$435,288 as of December 1, 2024. A large portion of this appropriation was spent on books; \$72,356 was used to purchase over 362,000 books to date for all our programs. This equates to the buying power of \$0.20 a book. This past fiscal year we increased our distribution of books by 31,000 to over 500,000 books in one school year.

Another big investment was in our grant writer over the past year and a half. A \$94,000 investment in grant research, writing, and reporting was leveraged into a \$2.1 million increase in our program funding of 41% increase year-over-year, with overall program expenses only increasing \$1.1 million, or a 20% increase. Salaries, health benefits, and rent took up another large chunk of this funding. Lastly, our compu...commu...community support for our program is phenomenal and growing, as evidenced by a 93% increase in volunteer involvement. Last year, we had over 7,000 volunteers engaged with us through either mentoring, book cleanings, or program or event support. This speaks to the power of our work, the realization of the need to help our children, and the recognition that education is the greatest equalizer and literacy is the pathway to change. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

ABIGAIL MARROQUIN (Director, Summer Program, Latino Youth Leadership Conference [LYLC]):

Good afternoon, members of the Committee. I just wanted to express gratitude for the \$10,000 appropriation given to us through A.B. 525 that allowed us to acquire dormitory spacing and event spacing at the college of UNLV. In our partnership with UNLV, Nevada State [University], and CSN [College of Southern Nevada], we now have grown our alumni base by 74 and have now approximately over 3,000 alumni members. Our members yearly spend over 9,600 volunteer hours in order to provide resources for students to be able to access college, mental health, and a multitude of other resources in order to prepare for life after high school. We mainly focus on juniors and seniors and then continue the work through our alumni base afterwards, hosted at UNLV. Thanks to your generous appropriation, this is possible for us year after year, that now, we are celebrating 32 years as an organization and 10 years as a nonprofit. From all of us at the LYLC, we just wanted to thank you greatly.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Next speaker.

DAN MUSGROVE (Former Chair/Current Member, Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium):

Good afternoon, Chair Dondero Loop and Chair Monroe-Moreno. I just wanted to echo and add my ditto to the comments of Ms. Abbott and Dr. Raines. I think it was this Committee in December that really brought to light what was happening on the 20 acres of the SNAMHS campus. It was important for all of us to begin that process of understanding and being transparent as to what is going to happen to children's mental health services that are currently taking place at that campus. It was crucial that those talks happen and bring in all advocates because it really is important for those of us in the community who work on behalf of children and children's mental health, that we understand what's going to happen. Again, the leadership of this Committee, as well as folks like at Southern Nevada Legal Services and Children's Advocacy Alliance, as well as the Consortium, it's important for us to understand and know so that we can be a part of those discussions. Again, thank you for your leadership on that and we appreciate the fact that we're getting to understand where and when, how things will happen for these children. Thank you. I look forward to seeing you very soon.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Bring your coat. You can go ahead.

R. BYRON STRINGER (Founder/Director, Vision Theatrical Foundation/Toe Tag Monologues):

Hello. As some of you may know me, I am a retired [Las Vegas] Metro police officer of 26 ½ years, where I've served on our streets helping to make people's lives better. When I created the Vision Theatrical Foundation and the Toe Tag Monologues, it was to specifically work with our kids and help them make better life choices. When COVID happened, we had the highest suicide rate in the nation right here in the State of Nevada, so something has to be done. We have to make sure that we are focusing and talking to the children on their frequency and not talking at them. Your donation of \$10,000 last year helped us to inspire, to reach, to uplift, and to help kids make better choices. We believe in teaching kids things like critical choices, how to make better choices and decisions, how to think things through, how to have good friends, and how to make better choices concerning your life. But most of all, how to understand that each life is so valuable, because a lot of our children don't know that. Your donation helped us to have more funds so that we can reach out and inspire more kids.

We go into the school district, and we do the Toe Tag Monologues performances in front of the high school kids, junior high school kids, as well as elementary. We also do workshops where we teach the kids how to do the Toe Tag Monologues. It's just quite phenomenal because kids are not just performing, but they're taking messages and dealing with things that are life changing. Things that their kids, that their friends and kids around them are dealing with every single day. That's why it's important that we learn how to empower our kids, and how to listen to them, and how to get them to listen to us. Thank you so much for your donation. Moving forward, we're going to continue to inspire our kids in the Juvenile Detention Center, in the Clark County School District, and across our nation. Thank you again.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

AMY-MARIE MERRELL (Co-Executive Director, The Cupcake Girls):

I'm the Co-Executive Director of the Cupcake Girls, an organization that also received money through the appropriations fund. Thank you so much to [Assemblymember] Daniele Monroe-Moreno for seeing us and the rest of the team as well. Really appreciate everyone's acknowledgement of the important work that we're doing here in Nevada and nationwide.

This grant was spent on participants in Nevada, people that are trying to leave their traffickers. We were able to pay over \$2,000; \$2,905 from this money went directly to pay for 6 people that were looking to leave their traffickers and be housed in an appropriate rental facility that was far away from their trafficker here in Southern Nevada. We were also able to pay \$300 in winter microgrants to 15 people. We were able to discuss with their utility companies to lessen the amount paid in utilities and then pay for the \$300 to take care of all of those folks.

We also were able to do street outreach to folks that are living on the streets in Southern Nevada and are experiencing either working within the sex trade or working to flee their trafficker. We were able to pay for over 1,000 hygiene kits with \$763 of this appropriations money. Then the rest of that money, the \$5,985, was spent on paying for a counselor in our office, who provided absolutely free counseling to folks that were experiencing healing from trafficking. Twenty folks received absolutely free counseling for 15 months because of this. Thank you so much for all the work that you have done and continue to do to create a safer Nevada for all of us.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next speaker.

TRINH DANG-MAI (Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Southern Nevada [NAMI]):

Good afternoon, IFC. On behalf of our NAMI team, our board and family members, and peers that we serve, I'd like to thank you for your support of \$25,000 to NAMI Southern Nevada under A.B. 525. NAMI's a national peer-led mental health organization that provides support, education, advocacy to families and individuals impacted by mental health conditions. With four affiliates in our State in Nevada, NAMI Southern Nevada serves Clark County.

Our peer-to-peer program is a confidential and stigma-free program designed to provide support to individuals and families with mental health conditions. Led by trained peer support specialists, this program offers a safe space for participants to share their stories, gain insights, and develop coping strategies through our six-to-eight-week education classes, our weekly support groups, presentations, wellness classes, and one-on-one peer mentoring. We focus on empowerment, education, and building community connections to help participants navigate their mental health journey with hope and resilience.

This grant helped us to provide emotional support by creating that safe, supported environment. We increased mental health education by equipping participants with knowledge about mental health conditions, treatment options, and coping strategies to enhance and manage their mental health more effectively. We empower participants by encouraging their personal growth, self-advocacy, and to help them feel more confident in managing their own mental health and navigating the mental health system.

We help reduce stigma surrounding mental health conditions by fostering open communication in conversations, building empathy, and promoting acceptance. We build resilience by teaching practical tools and techniques for handling daily challenges and maintaining a sense of hope for the future in recovery. We strengthen peer support networks by fostering long-term relationships and community bonds that continue beyond our programming.

The funds from A.B. 525 supported our program staff wages and professional development training for capacity building. Our program managers and coordinators worked closely with over two dozen interns in the past year, as well as dozens of other volunteers to help coordinate different programming. We held over...we held 11 education classes, including 6 crisis intervention team trainings, with over...with 141 participants. We've held family, peer, and youth weekly support groups 194 times last year with over 1,770 participants. We've held 80 presentations with 1,652 participants throughout Clark County, as well as 127 wellness classes and social hour activities throughout the year, with over 1,472 touchpoints.

Our interns and volunteers have helped answer over 1,300 helpline calls and emails from folks reaching out for mental health support and resources. After tabling 53 tabling events, they've also provided outreach to over 900 participants. In this past year, we've provided over 462 parti...or programs with...7,200 participants. I'm also available to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Seeing no other speakers at the table in Las Vegas. BPS [sic], do we have anyone joining us on the phone line that would like to make public comment at this time?

LCB AUDIO VISUAL AND HEARINGS [AVH] STAFF:

If you would like to provide public comment, please press \*9 now to take your place in the queue. Again, if you would like to provide public comment, please press \*9 now.

CHAR FROST (Member, Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium):

Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair Dondero Loop, and the team members of the IFC. I am here as a resident of the state, specifically Assembly District 18 and Senate District 7, and a member of the Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium. I'm providing public comment today in regard to Item L.1a.

For many years, I've been an advocate for children's mental health due to my family's personal experiences navigating complex child-serving systems, including the mental health system. For years, families have been able to obtain community-based therapeutic and supported services at the West [Neighborhood] Family Service Center on the SNAMHS campus for their Medicaid-eligible, uninsured, and under-insured children. Currently, there is no way to know whether the state will be able to find office space where it would be possible to collocate all of the programs that provide direct services to families. If collocation is not possible, these changes could become potential barriers for families to receive mental health services, as well as a potential barrier to collaboration for multiple providers of a family.

Prior to the December 2024 IFC meeting, this has not been a transparent process on the part of the State of Nevada. Prior to November, Desert Willow [Treatment Center], the only state-run inpatient psychiatric facility for children and youth, had been undergoing a hardening project. That project was abruptly abandoned in early November and although there was testimony that Desert Willow would not be impacted, it begs the question as to why the hardening was halted.

I would encourage this body to ensure transparency for the individuals and families who are served at the west campus, as well as the numerous people who live near the campus, the CSN and their students, and the Legislature. There should be a comprehensive plan to prevent disruption of services to children, youth, and their families, and that plan should be made available to the public. Having just reached a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, it is critical that the children's mental health infrastructure already in place not be unduly disrupted. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next caller.

LCB AVH STAFF:

Chair, the public line is open and working, but there are no other callers choosing to provide public comment at this time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. I'll remind everyone here in the audience and those watching us virtually, that there will be another opportunity for public comment at the end. As the chair of this Committee, I'm going to take a point of privilege to say often times people ask why legislators do the work that we do. We don't get paid to do the work that we do, and we put in a lot of hours. I think you've heard from a number of the organizations speak today as to our "why." It's not often that we're able to have such a positive impact on families and organizations in our communities, especially those nonprofits that are on the ground every day doing the work that unfortunately, we cannot do. You heard the why of why we do what we do. At the end of the last legislative session, some of us took a huge hit for some of the legislation that appropriated funding to those nonprofits doing the work. I would take that hit 100 times over for the stories that we heard today.

This is the why; this is why we're legislators, this is why we run for office; to serve the community, to serve you. For all those organizations that spoke today and those that could not speak, thank you for the work that you're doing, thank you for the work that you've been doing. I know that in the last 36 hours, we've had some roller coaster times with the federal government, and none of us knows what's going to happen. I want you to know that we see you, we appreciate you, and we know the hard work that you're doing. We're here to be a team member with you and helping the families in our communities, so thank you. With that, we will go onto the next item on our agenda.

STEVEN COHEN provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit F-2](#)).

CASEY MELVIN (Tilton's Therapy) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit F-3](#)).

STEVEN COHEN provided additional public comment for the record ([Exhibit F-4](#)).

JENNIFER FRASER (Chief Deputy Public Defender, Clark County Public Defender's Office) provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit F-5](#)).

### **C. STATEMENT OF IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT BALANCE.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

It looks like we've pretty much cleared out the room. We will bring the meeting back to order and go to the next item on our agenda, which is the statement of the IFC Contingency Account balance. We'll ask Ms. Coffman to go through the balance for us.

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

Thank you, Madam Chair. The IFC Contingency Account balance can be found in Volume 1 of your packets, it begins on page 5 ([Exhibit A](#)). The unrestricted General Fund balance currently stands at \$12.2 million. There are two requests for the unrestricted General Fund account for a total of \$283,997. If those two requests are approved today, the remaining balance for the IFC's unrestricted General Fund Contingency Account would be approximately \$11.9 million. There are no requests for the unrestricted Highway Fund and it currently stands at \$1.6 million. There are three requests for the restricted General Fund and Highway Fund appropriations. Currently, there is \$133.0 million as the balance for the restricted General Fund and Highway Fund. The requests that are being made are for a total of \$415,453, and if those requests were approved, which they just were through the consent approval, the balance now is \$132.6 million.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any questions? This is just an informational [item]. Not seeing any.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We will go on to Item D on our agenda, a request for allocation from the IFC Contingency Account. D.1 is the Department of Public Safety.

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

1. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - Request for an allocation of \$87,921 to fund costs associated with providing dignitary protection.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

KRISTIE DEFER (Senior Fiscal Officer, Department of Public Safety):

Good afternoon, Chairs and Committee members. With me, I have Chief John Letos, and he heads up the Dignitary Protection Division. We are here today to respectfully request an allocation of \$87,921 in Contingency [Account] funding to fund projected in and out-of-state travel, and operating expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year. We are here to provide the Committee any additional information and answer any questions you may have about this request. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any questions? Not seeing any. With that, I guess I will accept a motion to approve.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM D.1.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP 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 unanimously. Thank you.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE  
MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Moving on to Item D.2, Home Means Nevada. We will hear that with Item J.

2. HOME MEANS NEVADA, INC. - Request for an allocation of \$196,076 to the Account for Foreclosure Mediation Assistance for support of the program for foreclosure mediation. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM J.**

Agenda Items D.2 and J were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item J.

**E. 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:

I will ask our Fiscal Analyst to go over the items on the agenda to be pulled for further discussion.

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

Thank you, Madam Chair. Today, I will be going over Lists E, H, I, and L for...to identify the items that the Committee has requested to be pulled for further discussion.

Beginning on List E, which is requests for allocation 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 recommended to be pulled from this list.

Moving on to List H, which is the approval of work program revisions for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with NRS 353.220. There are also no recommended items to be pulled from this list.

Moving on to List I, which is the approval of gifts, grants, work program revisions, and position changes not involving the expenditure of ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with Chapter 353 of the NRS. There are four items that are recommended off of this list and they begin on page 3. I would note on page 3, there was an item, Item I.15 [Department of Education, Teach Nevada Scholarship Program] that was requested to be withdrawn; that request came in today. Items I.16 and I.17 are requested to be pulled and those are for the State Public Charter School Authority. Moving on to page 40, or excuse me page 10, Items I.48 and I.49 are to be heard together with Item F, and those are for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Healthcare Finance and Policy for Nevada Check Up as well as Nevada Medicaid, so Items I.48 and I.49.

On page 18 of List I, Item I.94 for the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire Suppression, is requested to be pulled. Then on page 20, Item I.103, the Department of Veterans Services, Northern Nevada Veterans Home Account is also requested to be pulled.

Moving on to List L, which is the informational items. Item L.1a, the Office of the Governor, information on the requested plan for \$3.8 million in federal ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds originally allocated to provide renovations on Building 9 for the West Charleston Campus is recommended to be pulled. Then on page 5 of the information's [*sic*] list, Item L.3a for the Department of Administration, the Division of Human Resource Management, State of Nevada Classification and Compensation Study is requested to be pulled.

Madam Chair, that concludes the items recommended by the Committee for further discussion.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, I hope you've had an opportunity to go through your packets. Are there any other items you would like to have pulled for further discussion today? I am not seeing any other items. Before we go to a consent vote for the other items not pulled, I'd like to invite the GFO's [Governor's Finance Office] office up to the table as to why Item I.15 was asked to be withdrawn just a few hours ago. Just an explanation before we...

Good afternoon.

CURTIS PALMER (Administrator, GFO):

Good afternoon, Chair and Committee. Thank you for your patience and indulgence with this. Item I.15, we found out late yesterday afternoon the agency wanted to make some changes to the way this was...the request was being funded, is my understanding. With some discussion on that, we recommended that it not go forward as it was. It was not a change that could be made at the table. This morning, they decided that they did want to change the way it was being funded, so we had to pull it unfortunately.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Do they plan to readjust it later? I know we have another IFC that...but that will happen during the legislative session. When we're in session, there's no opportunity to access Contingency Account funding, so will they be able to take care of this item?

MR. PALMER:

Thank you. It is my understanding they will come back in June and that they would still be able to spend the money.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much.

MR. PALMER:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, seeing no other items pulled. I will accept a motion to approve all items that were not listed by our Fiscal Analyst to be pulled to be approved.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEMS E, H, AND I.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries unanimously.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

For those of you that joined us here today and your item was not pulled, you are free to go. Thank you for joining us. We'll just stand at ease while people exit the room.

- 1. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation Division - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$67,498 to implement translation of documents in accordance with NRS 232.0081. **REVISED 1-7-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 2. Department of Veterans Services - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$60,870 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 3. State Contractors' Board - FY 2025**  
Request for an allocation of \$287,085 to implement a language access plan in accordance with NRS 232.0081.

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- F. REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS BETWEEN BUDGET ACCOUNTS OR WITHIN DEPARTMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 53 OF SENATE BILL 511 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy** - Request to transfer General Fund appropriations of \$4,654,747 in FY 2025 from the Nevada Medicaid budget account to the Nevada Check Up Program budget account to fund a projected shortfall in program medical expenditures. **RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS I.48 and I.49.**

Agenda Items F, I.48, and I.49 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item I.49.

**G. 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.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

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

Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the IFC. I will walk through Agenda Item G.1 ([Exhibit G](#)), the statement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations and remaining unobligated balance. In watching the Department of Wildlife earlier today, if I would've known how well it was received to have a video, maybe I could get a production team together to put together a little ARPA video. The table has been provided as a separate handout outside of the meeting packet. Members should have a copy at their desks. It also is available online on the [Committee webpage](#) listed under Agenda Item G.1.

There's not a whole lot to go over compared to the statement that was presented at the December meeting. There is a high-level summary on page 1 ([Exhibit G](#)) that displays actual expenditures of FYs 2022 through 2024. Again, no changes from the last meeting of the IFC. As you all are aware, these funds had to be obligated by December 31, 2024. The state did obligate 100% of the funding by the deadline and remaining funding, which has been obligated, must be expended by December 31, 2026.

As a reminder, the table ([Exhibit G](#)) generally lists items and program descriptions in chronological order based on the budgetary approval date and as with prior practice, any changes to the table for existing rows since the last IFC meeting are identified in red text. There is just one new item added to the table on page 25, labeled as row 288. This was approved to purchase a medical biohazard washing machine for Lovelock Correctional Center. It was funded through savings from a similar project that was approved for laundry equipment at Carlin Conservation Camp, which could be seen on row 52.66, which is on page 8 of the table, if you're interested.

There are three items that are before the Committee today under Agenda Item H, which were all approved under the consent approval process, each of which reconciles budget authority for previously approved projects.

Madam Chair, that concludes my remarks on the table ([Exhibit G](#)). I did just want to address a couple things for the Committee, given some of the discussions that have occurred. We're unaware of any directive at the federal level relating to these funds, these particular funds. I do want to remind the

Committee members that the State of Nevada received its full award of this funding. The whole \$2.7 billion was received by the state in...on June 4 of 2021. That is funding...any funding that's remaining, which has been unexpended, is in the hands of the state.

I do want to just remind the Committee is we...as we roll into the 83<sup>rd</sup> (2025) [Legislative] Session of the Nevada Legislature, the money committees will have opportunities to hear about projects that receive funding...received funding when the agencies that were subgranted those awards, or granted those awards have their budget presentations in subcommittee or full committee, so the Committee will have opportunities to ask about progress of those projects and/or any projects that are going to continue on into the upcoming biennium.

We also will have a separate hearing for the COVID-19 budget account, that will be in late February. In advance of that meeting, we'll work to provide the members with similar information that you receive on this table, as well as a summary of what's accounted for in the Governor's recommended budget related to these funds; a summary of projects and/or positions that are recommended to continue, but continue with other funding sources; and as I said, any larger projects, such as system modernizations or the Home Means Nevada Initiative, that are going to have funding budgeted for the upcoming biennium; as well as any other information that members would like to have.

With that Madam Chair, I just wanted to put that out there. As I said, as we roll into session, there will be opportunities to discuss some of these in detail. Happy to answer any questions that you have or members of the Committee have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Well, I know there are a few questions or comments from Committee members, but I just wanted to let you know that there is the scheduled April IFC. That gives you more than enough time to get your video ready. First, we're going to go to Senator Titus.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you as always, sir, for a good explanation and putting it in a font that I actually can still read without glasses, so thank you for that. First a comment and then a question.

Thank you also for clarifying that the Neva...that Nevada has already received these funds so that none of the...I know there's a lot of worry and a lot of panic out there about where we are. I'm not sure anyone really knows for sure as the dust settles, but we do know that we have these funds in bank accounts, earning interest for the State of Nevada and they're there, so we have that. Tell

me a little about the process that we have until December 31, 2026, to spend these funds. They've been 100% allocated. We have no further room that if they can't be spent now, we can't reallocate those, is that correct?

MR. LEISER:

Thank you. Madam Chair, through you to Senator Titus. There are...how to answer this the right way. There is guidance from the Treasury [U.S. Department of the Treasury] relating to these funds about what happens next now that we've passed the obligation deadline. If I misstate anything, hopefully the GFO will correct me when they come up to the table. There is guidance from the Treasury that will allow for, say in the event that a project has been approved, and a contractor or vendor falls through, that the state could contract with a new vendor and utilize those funds for the same project, that certainly would be allowable.

There also is guidance in one of the FAQs [frequently asked questions] that indicates that after the obligation deadline, which we have passed, that recipients...any excess funds that were obligated as of the deadline, but not ultimately expended on an eligible activity, that those funds could be reallocated to a project that was obligated by the state prior to the deadline and for which is eligible under the Treasury requirements for the use of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. We are still trying to fully understand what that means in terms of does that limit the state to say reobligating or repurposing savings for something that has already been approved to another project, that has already been approved and funded with ARPA funds.

For example, we've heard about several IT projects. I think we heard about a couple yesterday that initially were funded with ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, but there's going to be additional needs and so there's some one-shot recommendations in the budget. Would...if savings become available after, well anytime now and December 26 [2026], I believe under this guidance, those savings could be repurposed to those projects that were already obligated under the rules of the Treasury and previously funded with ARPA projects, or ARPA funds.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you for that because I think it needs to be clear that we want to be wise how we spend this money. That we don't want to leave any...send anything back if we can help it. That we can actually, we can't really repurpose it, but we can use it in the meaning that we had already allocated it for if we have to. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Madam Chair, for the question.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Next up, Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Madam Chair, thank you. I'm just going to second the Chair's response on the video collage. I'm just...I have a preference for the washing machines in the prisons and any images in the various prisons in which they were placed. Thank you.

MR. LEISER:

Madam Chair, I hope I didn't commit myself to something here.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

You might have. Senator Cannizzaro.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I...my colleague to my very far left, which seems odd; my colleague to my very far left I think sort of prompted me to kind of mention that I think in the last, I don't even know how many hours it's been, 24 or so hours in which we've been watching this intense, I'll use the Speaker's words as well, "political theater" out of the federal government over what funds are going to be available to states, what funds might not be available to states, and what programs might be funded or not funded. We have talked to many agencies in the last two days to ask them what about these federal funds that are coming to your agencies or grants that you are currently working off. Everybody was about as clear as mud as to what it was would be covered or not covered by the actions from Washington D.C.

I think that when we are talking about these ARPA dollars, to suggest that because they came into an account that we have here in Nevada, that somehow in whatever the future actions continue in this robust play, that I guess we're all in the midst of, that we know that those would not be clawed back, or that some of the agencies or entities that have been granted these funds wouldn't be able to then draw down those funds, I think is amazing to me because I don't think we have that much clarity. But Madam Chair, I...aside from that and I think something that we still will have to keep an eye on because all of these funds, and as I'm looking through all of these programs and have sat through all of these IFC meetings where we have appropriated these funds to programs and agencies, those dollars are going to do a lot of good work for programs and for people here in Nevada.

I'm proud of the ability for us to have allocated and appropriated all of those monies in ways that I think are significant. We'll obviously be keeping an eye on how those are spent.

Mostly Madam Chair, I had asked for the indulgence of this Committee because I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr. Leiser for doing an incredible job and for all of the times in which you have come before us to talk about how much money we had left to appropriate, where those monies were going, what programs we were seeing savings from, where it was that we had put money and were being asked to put money, and to walk us through all of the many, many details both here in the Committee and also in preparation for these hearings, that you have done an incredible and phenomenal job. I just wanted to say thank you for all of your very hard work and for giving us, I think what is a good road map to continue to hold everyone accountable to spending these funds in the ways that we have designated them, which would be very hard to do without all of your very diligent work. Thank you so much for everything that you have done. That was really I think the first reason why I had asked for some time just to express my thanks to you Mr. Leiser for doing an incredible job.

MR. LEISER:

I may be turning into a tomato here and blushing but I just...thank you to the Majority Leader for the very kind words and truly mean that. I appreciate it, but I have a lot of help with the Fiscal Analysis Division and the wonderful group of people that we have that work for the division. While I'm up here and get the opportunity to be before you...be before you quite often, I think that your comments extend to the whole division in that regard. Thank you very much for those, appreciate it.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

And they do, I know it is a team. We're very thankful to everyone who has helped with this. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any other questions or comments on this informational item? Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll just be really quick. I mean, I would echo the concerns of the Senate Majority Leader that the federal government could always revise guidance, pull back money. I think they're talking about doing it with the infrastructure...the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act. My advice to state agencies and folks would be, spend. Spend as quickly as you can because federal government can reach in and do whatever they want with this money.

That being said, I just want to recognize how...just how long of a trip this has been and how much of an effort it's been. I mean, we started working on this back in 2020. I think at the time we looked at the December 31, 2024, deadline and we thought, well that's really far away and here we are, already into 2025. I want to recognize the folks on this Committee and the chairs of IFC, but those legislators who were here before us as well because it didn't start with us. It started with some of us and other legislators and started with the Sisolak Administration and then transitioned into the Lombardo Administration. Getting this money allocated has been a ton of work, but it has been a labor of love. It's been a joint effort among the legislators and two Governor's Offices now.

I just want to say thanks and exp...maybe I'll also explain to the world why our IFC meetings were so long over the past four years. I mean, IFC meetings used to take a couple of hours. When you put in all this ARPA money, we've had a lot of long days and long nights. Recognition of those who came before us and who are not here, and of course, a thank you and recognition to our great Fiscal staff for making sure that every single dollar was accounted for. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I ditto the sentiments of both of our leaders. Seeing no other questions or comments, you are free. You can't start working on the video today, but you can tomorrow.

We'll go to the next item on our agenda, which is Item G.2, and invite Mr. Palmer from the GFO's office up and his team.

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:

You can go ahead.

CURTIS PALMER (Administrator, Budget Division, Governor's Finance Office [GFO]):

Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno and Chair Dondero Loop, and Committee members. Thank you very much for your time today. To my right is Lesa Galloway, ASO [Administrative Services Officer] 4, who manages and leads the ARPA team in our office. I just wanted to express some apologies for Director Greenameyer, who is not able to be with us today.

The statement of the ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in the table that was in the report provided in a separate handout from the meeting packet, at the top of page 1 ([Exhibit I](#)) is a high-level summary displaying the expenditures from FYs 2022, 2023, and 2024. The remaining unobligated balance is also reflected as zero with the funds currently obligated. According to the statement, if the...since the three requests before the Committee were approved earlier today, the bal...the remaining balance is still 100% of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as obligated.

The table ([Exhibit I](#)) generally lists the program descriptions and amounts in chronological order based on the budgetary approval date. Today, those three that were approved earlier, are at the bottom of that table ([Exhibit I](#)). You'll notice that those are blank as far as numbers go because it is a net effect of just reconciling those amounts. I just wanted to make a general summary. There were 380 total projects awarded. Some have multiple award allocations with supplemental no...notice of awards. Sixteen of those 380 projects were cancelled ultimately, 107 projects report being less than 50 cent...50% completed, 75 projects are more than 50% completed, 14 projects are still in the planning stages, and 150 projects have been completed.

It is reasonable to expect that additional savings or deobligations may be identified now that we're past the December 31, 2024, obligation deadline. For example, subrecipients or contractors may perform work under budget and thereby freeing up some previously obligated funds that we would need to address. As Mr. Leiser had indicated, there is some provisions for those funds to be reallocated, as he had outlined. We concur with his statements on that.

There is still 23 months of the funds remaining to be spent as indicated through December 31, 2026. We will continue monitoring agencies on a monthly basis, getting reports from them, and trying to keep tabs on where the spending and so forth is at. To date, our office has reimbursed agencies in the total of \$1,434,217,345; that's a big number, or about 54...52.4% of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, with 100% of the funds being obligated as mentioned. Agencies are self-reporting a spending amount of over \$1,584,449,005, or 57.8%.

The difference in those two numbers is the lag time between getting documents from the agencies, which as you may understand that a request for reimbursement comes with a lot of backup documentation and so a lag in difference of receiving those documents in and us processing and making those reimbursements. But again, to commend this Committee and others who have been involved in this project, it is...it has been a huge effort to bring this...these funds out into the agencies and the public where they can do some good. We're on a good path and trajectory at this point and hope that that continues. That, Madam Chair, concludes my report. We'll be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the report. Members, do you have any questions for Mr. Palmer? Not seeing any. Thank you. You get off easy on your first time before us.

MR. PALMER:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We may not be as kind the next time. It was good to see you.

MR. PALMER:

Appreciate it, thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO

Members, we had nothing pulled in Item H, so we will move on to Item [sic] I. We have two items that were pulled that we can hear them together, Items I.16 and I.17.

**H. 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 \$505,462 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Administration category, \$3,313 from the ARPA - Senate Bill 461 category to the Revenue Loss Reserve category, \$1,850,056 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Assembly Bill 484 category, \$84,142 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Broadband Initiatives category, \$1,726,320 from the ARPA - Projects category to the Revenue Loss Reserve category, \$34,338,648 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - State Agency Allocations category, \$530,814 from the ARPA - Community Recovery Grants category to the Revenue Loss Reserve category, \$100 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Universal School Meals category, \$971,541 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Crisis Care category, \$1,068,166 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Children's Mental Health category, \$1,591,399 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Public Health category, \$4,610,457 from the ARPA - Services for Specific Populations category to the Revenue Loss Reserve category, \$4,382,699 from the Revenue Loss Reserve category to the ARPA - Grants to Tribes category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA - State Agency Allocations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FR132734**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**2. Department of Education - COVID-19 Funding - FY 2025**

Addition of \$501,099 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs budget account and a transfer of \$171,693 from the Spread the Word Nevada category to the ARPA - Assembly Bill 495 category to align authority for Department of Education ARPA projects. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the ARPA - Assembly Bill 495 category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FRF27102**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**3. Department of Public Safety - Records, Communications, and Compliance - Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History - FY 2025**

Addition of \$776,273 **\$907,399** in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs budget account and a transfer of \$1,232,423 from the ARPA Modernization Project category to the Personnel category to align remaining authority for support of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System Modernization Project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount Personnel category *deleted from the ARPA Modernization Project* exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FRF47091. REVISED 1-14-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**I. 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 - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$94,100 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund research and advisory services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73816**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Transfer of \$237,861 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to purchase end-point equipment. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73330**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

3. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$7,458,951 in federal Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant funds to continue to improve electric grid resilience and prevent power outages. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Grid Resilience category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72790**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

4. **Office of the State Treasurer - Unclaimed Property - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,430,189 in funds transferred from the Abandoned Property Trust Account to fund increased audit services and costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Audit Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73728**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

5. **Office of the State Treasurer - Unclaimed Property - FY 2025**  
Addition of ~~\$700,604~~ **\$613,904** in funds transferred from the Abandoned Property **Trust** Account to ~~cover~~ **fund** increased securities custodial services costs due to a change in the holding period ~~defined by~~ **for unclaimed equities approved through the passage of** Assembly Bill 55 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Securities Custodial Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73729. REVISED 1-14-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

6. **Department of Administration - Administrative Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$40,740 in Administration Charge funds for assessments to the Department of Native American Affairs for fiscal services provided. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Operating category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73463**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

7. **Department of Administration - Fleet Services - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$797,645 from the Reserve category to the Vehicle Operation category to fund a projected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Vehicle Operation category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73698**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

8. **Department of Administration - Fleet Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$220,642 in Outside Vehicle Rental funds to fund projected increases in travel by State of Nevada employees. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Outside Rental Vehicles category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73718**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

9. **Department of Administration - Division of Human Resource Management - FY 2025**  
Transfer of \$34,539 from the Reserve category to the In-State Travel category to support projected travel expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the In-State Travel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73032**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

10. **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 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**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

11. **Department of Administration - State Public Works Division - Buildings and Grounds - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$3,000,000 in Highway Funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Transportation to fund tenant improvements related to the relocation of the Department of Public Safety's operations to MC43 - Bermuda at the McCarran Center. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the MC43 Evidence Vault category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73770.**  
**WITHDRAWN 1-15-25**

**12. Cannabis Compliance Board - Marijuana Regulation and Control Account - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$453,860 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category to fund a projected shortfall in salary costs 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 #C73605**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**13. Department of Education - Pupil Centered Funding Plan Account - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$3,846,546 from the At-Risk Pupil Weighted Funding category to the English Learner Weighted Funding category and transfer of \$997,503 from the At-Risk Pupil Weighted Funding category to the Gifted and Talented Weighted Funding category to align funding with audited enrollment counts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the At-Risk Pupil Weighted Funding category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73253**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$1,108,801 in Career Enhancement Program wage assessments transferred from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to support an educator preparation program for students pursuing their initial educator licensure *and a transfer of \$478,800 from the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching category to the Reserve for Reversion category*. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ~~Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching~~ *Reserve for Reversion* category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.74. Work Program #C73761. REVISED 1-17-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**15. Department of Education - Teach Nevada Scholarship Program - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$1,525,546 from the 25% Holdback Payout category to the Teach Nevada Scholarships category, \$1,745,334 from the Reserve 25% Hold Back category to the Teach Nevada Scholarships category, and \$89,000 from the Reserve 25% Hold Back category to Teach Nevada Scholarship 10% category to pay projected obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Teach Nevada Scholarship category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73736**

This agenda item was withdrawn.

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

Addition of \$4,767,906 in federal Title I - Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies and Section 1003(a) School Improvement grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to continue supporting schools with high percentages of pupils from low-income families. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Title I, Part A category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73791**

Agenda Items I.16 and I.17 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item I.17.

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

Addition of \$1,143,522 in federal Title II, Part A grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to continue support of student academic achievement by improving the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Title II, Part A Teacher Quality category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73792**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Assemblymember Anderson will start with the questions.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDERSON:

Thank you, and actually, I need to apologize to both of you. This was originally pulled because I started looking through everything and seeing that there was matching funds for the federal items. After the discussion that we just had, as well as the rest of the conversations around the federal items, there's nothing we can do about it. Let's just be realistic. I...this just happened to be the first two items that I wrote down and then there was about nine more and then I finally took the time to turn around and ask staff about it. I actually do not have any questions because the items that are being asked around are federally funded items that are completely out of our hands. I'm so sorry to make you guys sit through the promise of getting a video later and everything else, but...so, please accept my apology, Chair, for that misunderstanding, and also to the charter schools as to where my questions were coming from.

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

We'll take that any day, Assemblymember.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I appreciate your looking out and having concerns. There are some things out of our hands. We wear our capes; people don't get to see them, but we can't fix everything. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDERSON:

If appropriate, I'm more than happy to make a motion to accept these items.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Yes. I'll accept that motion. Assemblymember Anderson made the motion to approve Items I.16 and I.17. Is there a second on the motion?

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Second.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS I.16 AND I.17.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a second, any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor please say aye. Any opposed? The motion carries.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE MORENO:

That takes us to the next item that was pulled on List I, and that would be Item I.94.

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

Addition of \$346,242 in federal Title III English Language Acquisition grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to continue improving the education of Limited English Proficient children and youth. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Title III English Language Learner category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73793**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

19. **State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$477,096 in federal Title IV - Part A grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education and a transfer of \$4,872 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category to continue improving academic achievement. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Title IV - Part A category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73802**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

20. **State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$4,269,223 in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grant funds transferred from the Nevada Department of Education to continue to assist in providing special education and related services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Federal Special Education category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73817**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

21. **State Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$6,627,055 in Direct Sales Processing revenues to support food distribution through the department's food programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Food Processing Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73627**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

22. **State Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$255,269 in federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program - Commodity Credit Corporation grant funds and \$150,000 in federal USDA The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Bonus grant funds to realign state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the TEFAP CCC Bonus category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73747**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

23. **Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Affordable Housing - FY 2025**  
Transfer of ~~\$2,199,322~~ **\$2,199,332** from the Reserve category to the Homeowner Assistance Fund category to meet the annual obligation to return earned interest to the federal government. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Homeowner Assistance Fund category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72891. REVISED 1-9-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**24. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Affordable Housing - FY 2025**

Addition of \$3,858,343 in federal Housing Trust Fund grant funds to continue support of affordable housing for extremely low-income and very low-income households. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the National Housing Trust Funds category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72902**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**25. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Affordable Housing - FY 2025**

Addition of \$5,595,269 in federal HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, and supportive services statewide. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the FED HOME ARP Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72935. REVISED 1-9-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**26. Department of Business and Industry - Housing Division - Account for Affordable Housing - FY 2025**

Addition of \$3,607,135 in federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership grant funds to support affordable housing. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the HOME Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72936**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$1,021,834 in Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEA) funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Energy Assistance account to provide assistance to eligible households with weatherization and other energy-related home improvement repairs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the LIHEA Subgrants category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73682**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**28. Department of Business and Industry - Real Estate Division - Administration - FY 2025**

Deletion of \$70,630 in Testing Fees and a transfer of \$227,042 from the Transfer to General Fund - Testing Fees category to support a contract amendment that provides ongoing development and administration of professional real estate license examinations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Testing Fees category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73652. WITHDRAWN 1-9-25.**

**29. Department of Business and Industry - Taxicab Authority - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$135,854 from the Technology Reserve category to the Equipment category to fund the installation of law enforcement vehicle equipment and the purchase of tasers for use by new enforcement personnel. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Equipment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C69504**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**30. Department of Business and Industry - Taxicab Authority - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$116,920 from the Technology Reserve category to the Records Management System category to support Phase III of the division's project to modernize its records management system. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Records Management System category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C69505**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Transfer of \$542,818 from the Reserve category to the Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program category to ensure proper allocation of funds. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the TA Grant Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73527**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**32. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Developmental Disabilities - FY 2025**

Addition of \$187,946 in federal Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act State Councils on Developmental Disabilities funds to fund projected shortfalls in the Personnel category and in the DD Council and Information Services categories resulting from insufficient cost allocation revenue needed to fund projected expenditures through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the DD Council category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73650**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**33. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Grants Management Unit - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$175,943 from the Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD) Rural Regional Center category, \$741,477 from the ADSD Desert Regional Center category, and \$263,916 from the ADSD Sierra Regional Center to the ADSD Disabilities category to fund community support services for older adults and people with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ADSD Disabilities Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS I.38 AND I.43. Work Program #C73485**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**34. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C Compliance - FY 2025**

Addition of \$449,354 in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities funds to continue to provide statewide services for infants and toddlers and their families who are eligible for IDEA Part C funding. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Early Intervention Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.36. Work Program #C73397**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Transfer of \$10,640 from the Reserve category to the Prescription Assistance category to fund subawards to existing community partners for targeted outreach and expanded direct services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Prescription Assistance category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73320**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**36. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Early Intervention Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$116,954 in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office, IDEA Part C account, and a transfer of \$122,421 from the IDEA Part C Admin category to the Medical Contracts/Payments category to align authority; remain in compliance with current federal regulations; and continue oversight, development, and implementation of a statewide, family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, interagency service delivery system for infants and toddlers who are eligible for IDEA Part C services and their families. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the IDEA Part C Admin category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM I.34. Work Program #C69953**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**37. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Early Intervention Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,237,205 in Medicaid Administrative Charges funds to account for additional revenues received above the legislatively approved authority and placement of the additional funds in the Reserve for Reversion to General Fund category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion to General Fund category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.45. Work Program #C73549. WITHDRAWN 1-9-25.**

**38. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Planning, Advocacy and Community Grants - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,181,336 in federal Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office, Grants Management Unit to fund community support services for older adults and people with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Title XX category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS I.33 and I.43. Work Program #C70596**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**39. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Planning, Advocacy and Community Grants - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,503,977 in federal Title III-B grant funds, \$61,912 in federal Title III-C1 grant funds, \$4,445,797 in federal Title III-C grant funds, \$177,206 in federal Title III-D grant funds, and \$14,499 in federal Title III-E grant funds to align authority and continue to provide subawards for community-based services for older adults, caregivers, and other individuals eligible under the Older Americans Act. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Title III-C Nutrition Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73373**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**40. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Planning, Advocacy and Community Grants - FY 2025**

Addition of \$406,997 in federal Assistive Technology Act - State Grants for Assistive Technology grant funds to align authority and continue to provide assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Assistive Technology category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73431**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**41. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Planning, Advocacy and Community Grants - FY 2025**

Addition of \$194,209 in federal Senior Community Service Employment Program grant funds to realign authority and continue to provide services for eligible individuals in finding employment opportunities in the community. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Title V Senior Employment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73433**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**42. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Planning, Advocacy and Community Grants - FY 2025**

Addition of \$270,007 in federal Administration for Community Living Medicare Improvement for Patients and Provider Assistance (MIPPA) grant funds to align authority and provide outreach and assistance to limited income and disabled individuals qualifying for low-income subsidies. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the MIPPA Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73452**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**43. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Desert Regional Center - FY 2025**

Deletion of \$741,477 in federal Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) grant funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office (HHS-DO) for realignment by the HHS-DO outside of developmental services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the Job and Day Training category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.33. Work Program #C72630**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$354,740 in Katie Beckett Premiums to provide support for the Katie Beckett program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70683**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$15,778,319 in federal Title XIX grant funds and \$117,045 in federal Title XXI grant funds to fund a shortfall in contractual obligations to state agencies for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Payment to the State Agency category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.68. Work Program #C72713**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$174,203 in federal Title XIX grant funds and \$174,203 in Hospital Provider Assessment Tax funds transferred from the Improve Health Care Quality and Access account to fund an independent expert to advise, review, and report on the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Operating category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.47. Work Program #C73399**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**47. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Improve Health Care Quality and Access - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$174,203 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) Admin category to fund a contract for an independent expert to advise, review, and report on the Children's Behavioral Health Transformation project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Transfer to DHCFP Admin category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.46. Work Program #C73400**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**48. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Nevada Check Up Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$4,654,747 in Budgetary Transfers and \$14,721,946 in federal Title XXI Receipts grant funds to fund a projected shortfall as a result of an increase in caseload in the Nevada Check Up program for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Program Medical Expenditures category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS F and I.49. Work Program #C73453**

Agenda Items F, I.48, and I.49 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item I.49.

**49. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Nevada Medicaid, Title XIX - FY 2025**

Deletion of \$4,654,747 in Budgetary Transfers to fund a projected shortfall within the division as a result of an increase in caseload in the Nevada Check Up program for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Community Health Access Program category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS F and I.48. Work Program #C73472**

CHAIR MONRO-MORENO:

Good afternoon.

STACIE WEEKS (Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Health and Human Services):

Good afternoon, Madam Chair. I'm here to present Agenda Items I.48 and I.49. Both of these are related to transfer of about \$4.6, or \$4.7 million in General Fund appropriations to Budget Account (BA) 3178 to fund a projected General Fund shortfall in that account for our Check Up program. This is our children's population that's covered under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. We're asking for this funding to be moved from BA 3243, which is our Medical Spending account, which is typically where we would of seen this population covered, but because of the unwind, the children moved over into the Check Up population because they had higher incomes. We're here today to ask for this move of the funds so we can ensure that we can pay their medical expenses.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any questions about the moving of these funds? We have to pay our bills. Seeing no questions, I'll accept a motion for approval.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS F, I.48, AND I.49.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

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

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

The next item on our agenda will be Item G, the American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Mr. Leiser will be first at the table.

**50. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Nevada Central Cancer Registry - FY 2025**

Addition of \$169,885 in federal Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State - Territorial and Tribal Organizations grant funds transferred from the Chronic Disease budget account to continue to provide population-based cancer data for the Nevada Cancer Control Registry. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the National Cancer Prevention and Control category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category.  
**RELATES TO ITEM I.57. Work Program #C73420**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**51. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2025**

Addition of \$8,743,492 in federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds to continue to provide support for substance use, treatment, and prevention efforts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72669**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

52. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$16,634,894 in federal Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR) Application grant funds to continue to provide support for the comprehensive response to the opioid epidemic. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Opioid Response Grant SOR category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72670**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

53. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$994,873 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services - Empowering Nevada grant funds to continue to provide treatment of pregnant and postpartum women. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Pregnant Postpartum Women category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73343**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

54. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Immunization Program - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$9,167,896 in federal Centers for Disease Control Immunization and Vaccines for Children grant funds to continue to provide support and resources for COVID-19 vaccination activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the COVID-19 Vaccine Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73385**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

55. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Women, Infants and Children Food Supplement - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$13,545,061 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Service Grant funds to continue to provide supplemental foods and nutrition education to support the diets of pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under the age of five who have limited income. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Aid to Individuals Food category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73365**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**56. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Health Investigations and Epidemiology - FY 2025**

Addition of \$41,168,266 in federal Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases Program Core Funding for Nevada grant funds to continue to provide crucial activities that support surveillance and mitigation of the seventh known coronavirus to infect people. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ELC COVID-19 Component category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73489**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$201,002 in federal Cancer Prevention and Control Programs for State - Territorial and Tribal Organizations grant funds to continue to provide prevention, early detection and survivorship, and improve health equity regarding cancer control efforts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Comprehensive Cancer category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM I.50. Work Program #C73297**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$1,804,881 in federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant Program grant funds to continue to provide home visiting services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Home Visiting Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C70530**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$83,347 in federal Personal Responsibility Education Program grant funds to continue to provide risk avoidance services to youth populations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personal Responsibility Education category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C70816**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

60. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$124,931 in federal Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Information System Surveillance Program grant funds to continue to provide infant hearing screenings. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72229**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

61. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$237,842 in federal Preventing Maternal Deaths: Supporting a Maternal Mortality Review Committee in Nevada grant funds to continue to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths and severe maternal morbidity. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Preventing Maternal Deaths category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72494**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

62. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,346,580 in federal Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant funds to continue to provide services to improve the health of women of childbearing age, pregnant women, and children. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Pre-Post Natal Project category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72856**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

63. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$162,360 in federal Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) grant funds to continue to provide sexual risk avoidance education. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nevada SRAE Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72966**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$179,590 in federal Health Resources and Services Administration Emergency Medical Services for Children funds to continue to provide services for pediatric emergencies. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Emergency Medical Services for Children Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73577**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**65. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Alcohol Tax Program - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$728,000 from the Reserve category to the Alcohol Program category to continue to support the providers funded through the alcohol tax program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Alcohol Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73307**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**66. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Rural Clinics - FY 2025**

Addition of \$250,000 in National Association of State Mental Health Program Director's funds to enhance Nevada's rural and frontier mental health crisis system with a focus on crisis care and suicide prevention for underserved youth. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the TTI-Topic 3 - Crisis Underserved Youth category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73395**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**67. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services - Child Care Services - FY 2025**

Addition of \$487,263 in federal Child Care and Development Discretionary Block Grant funds transferred from the Child Care and Development Program account to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Transfer from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.71. Work Program #C73487**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$6,545,192 in federal Title XIX grant funds and \$91,143 in federal Title XXI grant funds to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.45. Work Program #C73434**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$27,353 in federal Food and Nutrition Services - Supplemental Nutrition Services Program - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (PEBT) funds transferred from the Welfare Administration budget account to continue to support PEBT issuance to Nevada's eligible school-aged children. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72443**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$253,363 in federal Food and Nutrition Services - Supplemental Nutrition Services Program - Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT) grant funds transferred from the Welfare Administration budget account to support SEBT issuance to Nevada's eligible school-aged children. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73428. REVISED 1-2-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$14,373,120 in Child Care and Development Discretionary Block Grant funds to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. 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. **RELATES TO ITEM I.67. Work Program #C73505**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**72. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security - Office of Workforce Innovation - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,998,841 in federal ~~State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity Innovation~~ **Building Pathways to Infrastructure Jobs** grant funds to implement a regional worker-centered sector strategy program related to the state's clean energy economy. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Clean Energy Jobs Academy Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73630. REVISED 1-8-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Transfer of \$3,043,512 from the Reserve category to the Client Services category to fund an interlocal agreement for the Up Next Nevada Workforce Initiative. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Client Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73659**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Transfer of \$1,108,801 from the Reserve category to the Client Services category to fund the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching program through the Nevada Department of Education. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Client Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM I.14. Work Program #C73780**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$482,478 in State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program funds transferred from the Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management to help fund the network security firewall system upgrades for the Department of Corrections. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Cybersecurity Grant Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73146**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$568,031 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$65,766 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$3,890 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37101**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**77. Department of Corrections - Prison Medical Care - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$2,560,311 from the Personnel category to the Professional Services category to fund contracted services for licensed health care professionals through the end of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Professional category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73836**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$65,329 in federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety and \$21,776 in funds transferred 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 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C70713. WITHDRAWN 1-2-25.**

**79. Department of Corrections - Ely State Prison - FY 2025**

Addition of \$1,975,762 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$2,436 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$17,405 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37511**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**80. Department of Corrections - High Desert State Prison - FY 2025**

Addition of \$5,373,328 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$12,666 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$29,429 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37621**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 81. Department of Corrections - Northern Nevada Correctional Center - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,881,932 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$5,680 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$18,753 in funds appropriated pursuant to section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37171**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 82. Department of Corrections - Southern Desert Correctional Center - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$2,306,282 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1) and \$10,343 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37381**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 83. Department of Corrections - Lovelock Correctional Center - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,950,282 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$546 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$14,191 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37591**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 84. Department of Corrections - Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$1,344,335 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1), \$3,096 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 3(1), and \$8,528 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 1(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37611**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 85. Department of Corrections - Casa Grande Transitional Housing - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$382,996 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37601**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**86. Department of Corrections - Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp - FY 2025**

Addition of \$370,574 in funds appropriated pursuant to Section 4(1) of Senate Bill 510 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25CBA37251**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**87. Department of Motor Vehicles - Department Transformation Effort - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$379,418 from the MSA Programmer Charges category, \$397,537 from the Information Services category, and \$48,000 from the Training category to the Required Implementation Costs category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Required Implementation Costs category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73640**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**88. Department of Public Safety - Director's Office - Nevada Office of Cyber Defense Coordination - FY 2025**

Addition of \$510,000 of federal State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program grant funds transferred from the Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management to create a team focused on potential cyber-attacks. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Support Staff Kickstart category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73750**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

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

Addition of \$1,112,017 of federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant funds to fund ongoing commercial vehicle enforcement activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73232**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**90. Department of Public Safety - Division of Parole and Probation - FY 2025**

Addition of \$133,144 in Psychosexual Evaluation testing fees and a transfer of \$50,000 from the State Funded House Arrest category to the Psychosexual Evaluations category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Psychosexual Evaluations category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73671**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 91. Department of Public Safety - Records, Communications and Compliance - Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$689,643 in federal National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grant funds transferred from the department's Justice Assistance Act budget account to fund ongoing support of the record correlation effort. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NCHIP Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73451**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 92. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$487,553 in federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Alcohol Incentive grant funds to continue to support impaired driving programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Impaired Driving Grant Funds category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73704**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 93. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Grant Trust Account - FY 2025**  
Addition of \$344,986 in federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant funds to continue the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Justice Assistance Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73494**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

- 94. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Forestry - 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 Forest 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**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We invite the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire Suppression to the table. Good afternoon.

JAMES SETTELMAYER (Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources [DCNR]):

Good afternoon. Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno and Chair Dondero Loop. I stand for questions on this particular item, obviously. Of course, I have a much more learned individual, Kacey KC, State Forester/Firewarden, here to answer questions as well.

KACEY KC (State Forester/Firewarden, Division of Forestry [NDF], DCNR):

Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Committee. I could give you a brief overview of what we're here asking for today, if that would be helpful. We are here today asking for a little over \$11.0 million in advance of the General Fund to pay for fire bills current and past. Invoices at the time...this is different than what we usually ask for, I'm usually in the Contingency Account section. This is in advance, so it is not based on bills I have to pay, it's based on the amount of invoices we had submitted for reimbursement at the time of submittal of this work program, which was October; that's where the \$11.0 million came from.

Just to give you an idea of where we're at today, we are in...we have \$18.2 million in bills still to pay. I'm unable to pay any current fire year bills because I don't have any cash or authority and invoiced for payment from the audit and just because we were working on invoicing, is \$23.0 million and a lot of other numbers behind it as of today. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. I know that we do have a few questions. We're going to start with Chair Dondero Loop.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, Madam Chair. The first question I have for you is does the division anticipate that that \$11 million in revenue and expenditure authority, the additional funding coupled with corresponding General Fund advance, would be enough to cover those projected costs to the state for wildfire and emergency response services for the remainder of our FY 2025?

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Thank you for that question, Madam Chair. That's a little bit of a crystal ball. If we don't have any more fires, potentially so. I'll let Kacey KC answer that. We have other bills that are still yet coming in within 2024 to come to us. Once we get those bills, we have to pay them in order to then be able to invoice backwards to get that payment, but I'll let Kacey KC elaborate.

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question. Madam Chair, through you to Senator Dondero Loop. I don't anticipate that this will cover all of the costs depending on how the fire season starts to begin to ramp up. As of right now, the \$11.0 mill...we're about \$5.0 million in the negative in the account. We can spend up to the authority that we have, even without cash, so this will come in and fill a little bit of a short haul...shortfall. As I said, I'm \$18.2 million of bills that I know about today in our system to pay. This won't cover all of those, if they were to be finalized and adjudicated and accurate, to be paid. Then we do anticipate potentially an earlier start to fire season if there is no snow that actually comes or rain in the southern part of the state.

Senator Dondero Loop:

With that being said, what impact will the recent deployment of our firefighting assets to Southern California have on the projected cost to the state for wildfire and emergency response services then for the same fiscal year?

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question. Madam Chair, through you to Senator Dondero Loop.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

You can go directly to the members.

Ms. KC:

Thank you. That will increase our costs. We did send I believe, I looked at the numbers this morning, four strike teams and no wait, five strike teams and two task forces from Nevada—a strike team is five engines plus staff, like-type engines; a task force is a multitude of different kinds of engines and water tenders, that's the only difference in the name—to Southern California. That was a conglomerate of local government and NDF assets that went over. Some of those, however, did go under the Tahoe Fire Chief's agreement and that will not be the fiscal responsibility of us. Two of those task forces and one, I'm sorry, two strike teams and one task force will not be our fiscal responsibility; two strike teams and one task are ours. We don't have the estimated cost yet today, but we will be getting those in shortly.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

What issues then are preventing those outside entities from using the state's fire billing system to pay the division and how does the agency intend to fix all of that?

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question, Senator Dondero Loop. I don't believe there are any issues that I'm aware of preventing those outside entities to bill us in our online billing system. That online billing system was fully functional in fiscal year; well, I should say semi-functional in FYs 2023 and 2024. Local government is in, all of their rates are loaded, all of their equipment is loaded. That was what took us a lot of time, trying to get everybody loaded into the new system in 2022. They are able to bill us today and as of October of last year, we are able to invoice out for reimbursements.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you. Then just one last question that...with the federal funding unknown right now. I know that we just did the audit committee [Legislative Commission's Audit Subcommittee], and we had a lot of discussion about this same thing: the billing, the billing, the billing. With that, will that affect how...what happens with you, because I know that the NDF, U.S. Forest Service, California For...Fire, whoever it is, they all interact. How will that affect you? How will that federal funding affect your funding...your billing, and your ability to use those funds?

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question, Senator Dondero Loop. I hope it doesn't affect us but I...again, I couldn't say whether it's going to or not for the Forest Service and the BLM [Bureau of Land Management]. We have been talking with them about the invoices that we have submitted, as I stated at the audit subcommittee, I think we were just over \$18 million, today we are at \$23 [million]. There doesn't seem to be an issue moving through their system; where the payments might stop, I don't know. We were a little more concerned about the FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] funds. Our Fire Management Assistance Grants, or FMAGs, through FEMA do go through those systems. We did speak to them yesterday; they were unclear as to whether this was going to get affected. We're kind of halted or stalled in FEMA grants anyway at this time.

Like the Davis fire, we've got to be able to pay those bills before we can seek reimbursement. We have to pay all the bills; you can't pay one and ask for reimbursement through FMAGs. We've got to pay for the entirety of the fire, we're not quite there yet with those. They have a 90 day from the end of the date of the FMAG agreement, so we have had to extend that already and probably likely will have to continue to do that. We're kind of like everyone else here, I don't know, I hope. All of our federal partners have been optimistic. What I can tell you is that some of this money has even made it past...as you know, it first has to go from us to our local federal partners for approval and review, then it heads to Albuquerque where all bills come in from the nation and get paid. Some of those have already headed to Albuquerque.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I just had this discussion with somebody the other day. I don't think people realize how convoluted the fire system billing system is and that when you send firefighters to California, that you bill California, you don't just send them out of the goodness of your heart and vice versa. Then the U.S. Forest Service comes in, then the BLM comes in, and here you've got all these entities that come to help or go out to help and that the billing system is quite convoluted. With that, I appreciate the responses and the honesty. I look forward to us working so that we can get that all done, paid, and get the fo...NDF back on an equal tracking, because right now it's a little bit upside down. Thank you very much for being here today.

Ms. KC:

Thank you. Chair, if you don't mind, I know that wasn't a question, but I would like to add something if you don't mind.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Go ahead.

Ms. KC:

I appreciate that sentiment. It is very complicated, but we did make some mistakes, and we are correcting those. What I do want to say is the whole reason that we did try to move into this online system, and I will point to you a report you can't see, but I will be excited to share with you as we go forward. All of the aging bills are here, so you can see exactly who I owe what. I only right now have about \$9 million, or \$9,000 in "oweables" on a state-to-state agreement, everything else of that \$23 [million] is fed, but it's all in these reports. That was why it was so critical for us to move from a paper system where we could not track that very well as you saw in the audit, into this system. The system is working and so we appreciate the time and the understanding as we shifted to that, that it will be a lot more transparent to you all in the future.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I hope that the audit helped clarify some of that and helped your organization take in those suggestions and move forward. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. We have a few more questions. We'll go to Senator Taylor, then Senator Titus, and then Senator Nguyen to close it out.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you so much for the report and for doing all the work to kind of right the ship, if you will. The audit was interesting to me. We know how audits go; they make recommendations and sometimes we know we agree, and we don't and so on, but I'm wondering what is the agency doing to implement some of those recommendations? I know you talked a little bit earlier and additionally, and really, I should say specifically to improve the timeliness so we can get reimbursed and get back on track as Senator Dondero Loop said.

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Thank you for that, Senator Taylor. In that respect, being formerly in this body, we don't take much as suggestions from you guys. We have a corrective action plan and we've accepted all of the suggestions as not suggestions, but are implementing that corrective action plan...

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Appreciate that.

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Within her list, she does have the ability to break out and tell you, as she just did, how much of the money that is owed is federal and how much the money is state. Again, \$23.1 [million] is total, of that, only about \$6,000 is state.

Ms. KC:

Thank you, Senator Taylor. We did accept all of those audit findings. We had begin...begun implementation on about 90% of them. Many of those corrections actually came with the full implementation of this online system. The bad record keeping, the unable to find things, that's largely due to paper copies and multiple staff moving and who knows where the paper went and so some people are paying on this side, and so when we transitioned over, a lot of those audit findings were actually in that. The ones that we had not addressed with this system, which there were about five of those, we are trying to implement right now. We've been working with the GFO and the LCB on solutions. The new system has caused us a few hurdles of the state's new system, as our override was a little bit halted for a minute and we are having a hard time getting a category created to show more clearly the out-of-state responses. However, we are working diligently to implement all of those quickly.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Thank you very much. Madam Chair, may I follow up? Thank you. Just, it's kind of associated, maybe not follow up, but I know you've gotten some billing out. It was \$18 [million], now \$23 [million], so great job. Any idea, when do we expect to actually get paid for those?

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Thanks for the questions, Senator Taylor. The \$23.1 million is billed out, the LCB Audit Division kind of felt that we would be able to get that paid back in 60 days. We've always felt that's kind of very optimistic in talking to other states that have been out there for six months to a year. That's unfortunately about the best answer I can give, obviously Kacey KC may have more information on that.

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question, Senator. I would love to say I know the answer to that, but I don't; that was the best answer. What I could tell you is how far they've been sitting and that's what the aging report in this new system does pull. So far, like as of now, we have almost...about \$9 million of those bills have been sitting for 90 to 125 days. We are eagerly awaiting and as I said, we are talking to our Forest Service and BLM partners; that's the bulk of the bills that are owed. It is not because they are not trying, it's because there's just a lot of bills coming in. When it goes into the regional, we're not the only state that the bills are coming in.

Once it gets to Albuquerque, there's the rest of the states. Every state and every bill, every hurricane, every wildfire, every everything is coming into Albuquerque, so I was hopeful when the auditor said 90 days. I don't know that that's a...I've not seen that in my 22 years at the NDF, but every once in a while, California does pay a lot faster, that is true. That's the one good thing about the response that was just sent to Southern California. That was a state-to-state response on a state agreement, not our federal agreement. We will be able to bill that and hopefully get paid that amount quicker.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

On that...and thank you, Madam Chair, for your indulgence. On that, just two more questions. I know there a few more dollars in for us to bill. Any idea when are we going to get those? Not that we're going to get paid fast, but when are we going to get those, get fully caught up on getting those invoices out?

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question, Senator Taylor. We've been moving at a pretty hefty pace. That is at the expense of actually looking at the bills that are coming in for payment, but because we don't have the cash or authority to pay, we've put those to the side for a second. We are optimis...we did hire a contractor to come in to

go through all the paper copies. We didn't want to train our new staff on the old system because it's quite arduous. We do have people moving in all of the areas that are owed, and we have bills...invoices moving out for all of those as of today. My hope was, I mean, I know we'll be done by June billing out the \$32 [million] in the audit, that doesn't...we don't know what's going to come in for everything else, but when it gets reimbursed, I won't...I don't know. We're at \$23 [million] as of today. They're going to continue that movement.

If this money is approved today, we will have to shift them off of some of this invoicing back to billing so we can pay the bills, but we continue to keep people focused on trying to do both. There's a lot of bills in the system and we're...bills and invoices needed to be pushed out of the system and we're trying to balance that. We do have...we're almost fully staffed; six people in the system total, five actually staffed as of today, one request before you to change the title of...to reclassify the position. As last time we flew the position, we were unable to hire a qualified applicant, we had an underfill. We are making shifts to try to make it better and bring in more talent. The hard part about fire billing, it has been the impossible angel to find somebody who understands fire expenditures and knows our agreements in and out of what is allowable and what is not allowable and also knows state accounting. It's been a challenge for us, but we're working through that.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Well, I just want to applaud your efforts. It's so convoluted in this and from the outside, you certainly don't recognize that. I and I...you can't really predict when checks will come in, but if...should money come in while we're in this budgetary process over this next 120 days, will the Governor appropria...the amount that the Governor appropriated, that \$18.5 million, will that be reduced if other monies come in, because then you'll have other monies you can pay those bills.

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Thank you, Senator Taylor. The way this works is that the invoices that she has put out, that \$23.1 [million], if it all came in tomorrow, it goes into BA 4196. We do not have the authority to spend money out of BA 4196 until you, the IFC, gives us said authority. When that money comes in, we will make sure you're aware of it, make sure the Governor's Office is aware of it. Then you guys can choose to make some adjustments, but we then have to ask for an IFC committee to be held to give us the authority to spend said money.

SENATOR TAYLOR:

Well, I appreciate that. I believe you'll probably get it. Thank you, Madam Chair. I apprec...appreciate your indulgence for those questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. We're going to go to Senator Titus.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for being here. Senator Taylor did address a lot of...ask a lot of the questions that I was going to ask, but I...but...I still have a couple more. Could we get a...there's money that we owe, that somebody came into Nevada property and fought a fire, but there's also money that are owed to us. Whether it's a fire district that we in Nevada Forestry went out and fought, we fought on BLM land, so there's other layers as Senator Taylor mentioned. It is very complicated on we owe money, but then money is owed and all this different layers of bureaucracy and different divisions of firefighters. My question is, do you have a breakdown of the different types of agencies that you can get to us? Now, how much is actually a federal firefighting that we owe and that is owed to us like the BLM, Forestry, national forests; those kind of things versus municipalities. We go on private property, we go onto state parks, and so at some point somewhere in your bookkeeping, could we at some point see a...in the subcommittee, a breakdown of where that is, what...so we can get a better feel for it? I know we have partnerships with AT&T and maybe to clear out electrical lines with the power companies. There's a lot of different ways our Forestry spends money and then also that we are owed money. I think it would be helpful at when we get down to the subcommittees, if you could provide us with those if that's okay with the Chair? That's really a request more than a question.

MR. SETTELMAYER:

Sure, appreciate the question. Kacey has some of those numbers and can give some today or provide it as a report. Part of the issue you...comes about is it depends where the fire starts. If the fire starts on state property, state's responsible; if the fire starts on federal property, the bill goes to the feds; and if FMAG is approved, then that supersedes that and then it's considered a federal fire and goes there. Of course, that's my very limited understanding and I'll let the expert of course, correct me as always.

Ms. KC:

I wouldn't correct my boss on the record. Thank you for the question, Senator Titus. I do have that, that's part of this report. This is the nice part of the new system, it will pull all of that information for you. It tells you exactly which state I went to, who owes me the money, how much, how aging those bills...invoices are, if it's owed to us, how aged they are if they have come into us, and so that is the nice part of the new system. We could and will provide that to you in the future.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Senator, for the question. Yes, if you could provide that to our Committee and can share it with all the members, that would be wonderful. I believe our last question is with Senator Nguyen.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you, and thank you, Chair for that. My colleague Senator Dondero Loop kind of asked this, but I just wanted to get some clarification. She had ta...asked about the impact of the deployment of Nevada firefighting assets to Southern California and what kind of projected cost they would have for the end of the 2025, I guess fiscal year. I just wanted to be clear; it's my understanding that those are 100% reimbursable. Is that...am I correct on that?

Ms. KC:

Yes, Senator, thank you for the question. Those are 100% reimbursable. Anything sent out of state is 100% reimbursable, unless it's the tiny little parts of the districts that actually are owned by say, the Forest Service or Truckee Meadows that go...their jurisdictions go slightly across the California line in some cases, but in this case, yes, all of it.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

With the Southern California fires, these would be 100% reimbursable?

Ms. KC:

Yes.

MR. SETTELMEYER:

One hundred percent reimbursable, after we pay them.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

We don't anticipate, obviously we heard the complicated nature that we're paying our bills on our end and then we're seeking reimbursement for those, which should be 100% reimbursable. I guess, obviously, we've talked about this a lot and I know it's something that's been on your mind, but this rollercoaster and the aftermath of Trump's Executive Order and how it potentially freezes some of that federal funding for FEMA, and a lot of those grants would be...and a lot of that funding would be used to pay back these 100% reimbursable costs.

I mean, I just...I do have concerns that Trump's political theater is not only putting Nevadans at risk as we have them on the front lines fighting fires and putting their lives at risk but also puts us at risk for not recouping that money if these freezes go through. What kind of impact are...is your office preparing for moving forward if we ca...because we can obviously expect forest fires not only here, potentially our need to have FEMA come in and help accommodate and help us with those. What kind of steps have you taken to account for this real potential loss of money based on what we're hearing coming down from Trump and his administration?

Ms. KC:

Thank you for the question, Senator. The FEMA FMAGs are the only ones we think could have a real potential. The FMAGs, just for clarification, are only Nevada fires. I can't get a FMAG on a fire in California, California has to apply and receive that funding so even if it's a fire like, the name's going to elude me at this moment, but anyway, any fire that comes out of California and then comes onto Nevada land, there are two FMAGs applied for. I'm not sure why, FEMA is a whole different animal when you look at their processes but...so California would have one and we would have one. The Tamarack was a good example of that, so we'd have...we'd be applying for the cost. The FMAG fires reimburse up to 75% of state and local government fire cost; they do not reimburse federal firefighters, obviously because they're all federal agencies.

Unfortunately, the only plan we have is it carry that debt further until if this particular funding was impacted, the state would have to carry that debt a little further until they figured something out on the FMAG side. If I could have a minor go back, I do worry about the funding in the system. Part of the shuffling issue that you saw in the audit, and that does cause us hardship, is whenever any fire comes on, the Davis fire was a great example; it was an FMAG, a FEMA approved FMAG fire, we have much shorter timeframes for getting those invoices in and so that kind of trumps. Some of these out-of-state fires get pushed forward, so that's why you see 14 or...I'm...I don't know what is wrong with my ears, 2024 fires that we have not...I don't know where 14 came from, but 2024 fires that we haven't, are expenditures that we just continue to push forward because something else has to move in its place.

That's part of the shuffling act. If we had the cash and authority upfront to pay the fire bills timely, we could then get reimbursed a lot more timely, but we're continuously having to shuffle what we pay. When we send you guys a work program, you guys have seen this before, you often see the same bills getting pushed forward. You've asked me those questions like why is this bill on the last month's and why is it now on next month's, and it's because of that shift is required. I have to prioritize which ones have earlier deadlines and start to pay when I have a limited funding amount. I have to pay what's most important first, and then we hold. Right now, usually the federal government, we push them off until the very end. They're the last in the paying structure. It's contractors first, local government second, state agencies third. Right now, we're in tier one, we're not even paying contractors. We had scoopers, we had seats on that Davis fire, and we were unable to pay those bills because we didn't have the cash or authority to pay current fire bills this right now.

SENATOR NGUYEN

Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any other questions? Not seeing any, I'll entertain a motion.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEM I.94.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion for approval and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All those 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:

Next up that was pulled, Item I.103.

**95. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Water Quality Planning - FY 2025**

Addition of \$170,000 in federal Environmental Protection Agency Exchange Network Grant funds transferred from the Environmental Protection Administration budget account to expand existing water quality database functionality to be able to store biological and physical datasets. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal Environmental Protection Agency Exchange Network Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73398**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**96. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$75,384 in Fees transferred from the Public Water System Fund budget account to fund one existing temporary contract staff member and associated costs to assist in grant management and review of water projects. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Operating category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73197**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**97. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$827,254 in federal Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program grant funds for small, underserved, and disadvantaged community public water systems to address health-based violations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act Grant-Child Care category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73208**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**98. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$552,000 in federal Lead Testing in School and Childcare Programs Drinking Water in Nevada Project grant funds for testing lead in drinking water at schools and child care programs to address health concerns of lead in drinking water. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act Grant-Child Care category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73220**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**99. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection - Safe Drinking Water Program - FY 2025**

Addition of \$9,457,000 in federal Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities grant funds for the Small and Disadvantaged Communities Emerging Contaminants Grant Program to sample for emerging contaminants, planning, and designing solutions. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Emerging Contaminants for Small and Disadvantaged Communities category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73560**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**100. Department of Transportation - Transportation Administration - FY 2025**

Addition of \$70,000,000 in federal Highway Administration grant funds and \$100,000,000 in State Highway Fund Authorizations to fund Capital Outlay for approved road construction and maintenance projects throughout the state. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Land and Building Improvements category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73651. WITHDRAWN 12-31-24.**

**101. Department of Wildlife - Conservation Education - FY 2025**

Addition of \$173,918 in federal Sport Fish Restoration Grant funds, and the deletion of \$705,607 in federal Wildlife Restoration Grants and \$24,071 in Sportsmen Revenue transferred from the Wildlife Fund budget account to realign state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the Hunter Education category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73649**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**102. Office of the Governor - Governor's Office of Finance - Special Appropriations - FY 2025**

Addition of \$2,260,129 in Prior Year Refunds to record Clark County's Programs for Rental Assistance refund per Section 3 of Assembly Bill 396 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session **and a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the AB525 Nevada Small Business Development Center category to the Reserve for Reversion category to reverse Work Program #C63858 Category 60 that was processed in error.** Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion to the General Fund category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74035. RECEIVED 1-3-25, AFTER THE 1-2-25 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. REVISED 1-8-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

**103. Department of Veterans Services - Northern Nevada Veterans Home Account - FY 2025**

Transfer of \$6,800,484 from the Reserve category to the Operating category to fund an anticipated shortage for the rest of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74099. RECEIVED 1-8-25, AFTER THE 1-2-25 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Senator Titus will start us on the questioning.

SENATOR TITUS:

Hello and thank you. I was the one that asked to have this pulled. I appreciate you being here. Thank you, Madam Chair for the allowing me a question. I've been on this Committee for a number of sessions now and was a very big supporter of the Northern Nevada Department of Veterans Services Hospital that was stood up and built and now has patients. One of the...when I saw this request for that kind of money, the \$6 million for a shortfall, I am...raised the question of number one, how did it happen, because I can't really find it in your submitted material. The second question I have is are you still using contract services, because it wasn't in the issue initially when we approved this that we were going...you were going to hire outside sources to run the hospital so to speak. I'm wondering if that's what happened or, I just need a better explanation than what you submitted. Thank you.

MARY DEVINE (Director, Department of Veterans Services):

Senator Titus, at the risk of not doing math in public, I brought my finance folks to my left and right to help me make sure that we get all of those answers to you. Yes, we are still using a contract agency to run the home in Sparks for many reasons. We'll talk about that a little bit more when we go through our budget hearings and things that I started talking to you last week about. I will turn it over to Joe Theile, so he can give you the actual numbers, and Jacob on how we got here.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you for that. Certainly, during the subcommittee, we can detail all that.

Ms. DEVINE:

Yes.

SENATOR TITUS:

This was a big hole; that's a big hole.

MS. DEVINE:

Yeah.

JOSEPH THEILE (Executive Officer/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Services):

What it comes down to basically if you look at it, there was not enough authority to do the pass through. We do a pass through; it's not just the contract; it's the VA [Veterans Affairs] per diem and we've come back in the past and it's in the budgeting system when it gets through and getting it balanced out for some reason it...we haven't been able to make that match.

SENATOR TITUS:

Basically, I'm hearing then it's on the front end; you didn't recognize what the cost was going to be but...

MR. THEILE:

We...oh, I'm sorry.

SENATOR TITUS:

No, go ahead.

MR. THEILE:

We switched contractors so the price changed there, but the VA per diem also has gone up. We're getting...we'll have more of that and be able to pass through that amount, that's really what it comes down to. We need to be able to.

SENATOR TITUS:

Well, I'll look forward to more details. Madam Chair, if anybody else has any other questions, I...I'm happy to approve this, but I just will be very anxious to see what that contract looks like with the providers that you have. It was a concern of mine right from the get-go, that we'd be having issues.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS:

Madam Chair, I'd second that.

SENATOR TITUS MOVE TO APPROVED AGENDA ITEM I.103.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Not seeing any. All in favor of approving Item I.103, please say aye. Any in opposition? The motion carries. Thank you so much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

MR. THEILE:

Thank you. I would say we would do a video on a washing machine, but after doing my dryer over the weekend because my kids killed it, they're very sharp inside, so no videos.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that. Members, that completes List I. We have finished with Item J. We will go to Item K, which is the Department of Business and Industry, informational only, from our Housing Division.

## RECLASSIFICATIONS

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item E.

<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>
State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/ Division of Forestry	706/4195	0963	Forestry Incident Business Specialist Code: 1.808 Grade: 35/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$64,414.80	Management Analyst 2 Code: 7.625 Grade: 35/01 Employee/Employer Paid Retirement: \$64,414.80

**J. 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 \$196,076 to Home Means Nevada, Inc. for support of the program for foreclosure mediation. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM D.2**

PERRY FAIGIN (Deputy Director, Department of Business and Industry, and President, Home Means Nevada, Inc.):

Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno and Chair Dondero Loop. Today, I'm here to respectfully request the transfer from the Interim Finance Committee account for \$196,076 from the Contingency Account to be deposited in the Account for Foreclosure Mediation Assistance, then transferred as set forth in NRS to the Home Means Nevada account for Home Means Nevada, Inc. I'm here to answer any questions that you might have at this point.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, any questions on the transfer request? My vice chair is looking intently at her book. No questions? Seeing none, I'll accept a motion to approve the transfer.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS MOVED TO APPROVE  
AGENDA ITEMS D.2 AND J.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have a motion and a second. 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. FAIGIN

Thank you very much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

The next item on our agenda will be Item F. We will hear that with Items I.48 and I.49. It's a request for transfer for the amounts between the budget accounts within departments, pursuant to Section 53 of Senate Bill 511 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. We'll have the Department of Health and Human Services come to the table.

**K. 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.

CHRISTINE HESS (Chief Financial Officer, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry):

Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the Committee. Administrator Aichroth of course has not abandoned me, but he had made previous plans prior to session and prior to the scheduling of this meeting, so sends his regrets, of course. In your packets, of course, we submitted a report. You've been updated on the Home Means Nevada Initiative funds regularly. Here we usually like to provide you the most recent update. We are spending the funds. We are...we have moved through as of this morning. We're almost at 36% spent for our projects, so we have spent \$177 million of the \$500 million on projects. Thirteen projects have fully spent their Home Means Nevada Initiative funds. Now, some of them are still in the works because as everybody knows here, we need to spend these funds per a deadline, so everybody's been instructed to spend these funds first. They are still...many of them are still under construction that are fully spent. I'm going to keep it brief. We can talk about a lot of things and maybe we will, but with that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Members, this is an informational only item, but is there anyone with questions? Not seeing any. Thank you so much for being here today for the update; we appreciate it.

Ms. HESS:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That takes us to the next item on our agenda, which is List L, again, informational items.

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

- a) Office of the Governor - Information on the requested plan for \$3.8 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds originally allocated to provide renovations on Building 9 on the West Charleston Campus to serve girls with autism spectrum disorder, as requested at the December 12, 2024, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have the first up, Item L.1a to be heard. It's the Office of the Governor, an informational on the requested plan for the \$3.8 million in federal ARPA dollars for renovations on Building 9 at the West Charleston Boulevard campus in Las Vegas, to serve the girls with autism spectrum disorder as requested by us at our December 12, 2024, meeting. You can start whenever you're ready.

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

Since the last time we met and had a very robust conversation about this item we have been very diligent working with partners, working with Campus for Hope, and finding ways that we can ensure that this \$3.8 million is spent. Working with partners, we have teamed up with Clark County to ensure that we have a vehicle to get this money out. Clark County...we're working through the process with St. Jude, Silver State, and others to ensure that this care can be provided to these individuals and not only these individuals, but I do believe we can expand the care and actually come up with better facilities, longer lasting facilities, and improve the quality of care we can provide by using this \$3.8 million. We're going to become very creative with this. Ensure that individuals originally slated to be cared for are primary and cared for first and then expand services and find a long-term solution.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I see it as two separate items, the Campus for Hope and a plan...

MR. ROBB:

Yeah.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

...for the children we had discussed in December, which was those young ladies with the autism spectrum disorder. I need you to go into a little bit more detail what this plan is. Is this a short-term plan? If it is a short-term plan, then what is the long-term plan? If we don't have a long-term plan, because I think you heard from some of the public comment at the beginning of today's

meeting, there's a lot of concern from community members and organizations about it. Can you go into a little bit more detail? You've said you've partnered with the county, but we as a state has a responsibility for these babies; so, what is that plan, what is that partnership with the county?

MR. ROBB:

There's a short-term plan to work with St. Jude, the county, and Silver State Pediatrics; that is to provide care in the most expeditious manner we can. Long-term plan is to find locations that we can team with private providers and find a permanent solution, long-term solution, to have newer houses available, newer accommodations available, to serve this type of community into the future. Partnering with nonprofits, private money, and other monies to ensure we can complete projects that bring us into the future in a better manner than we currently serve this population.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I will have more questions, but I'm going to go to Vice Chair [sic] Backus first.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS:

Thank you so much, Madam Chair. Before I ask a question for you guys, I've actually had the pleasure...I serve as a children's advocate attorney and have had actual clients who have stayed in those buildings to receive a higher level of care and it's always important. It wasn't autism, it was one of the other locked in facilities, but the importance of it was so important because we lack residential facilities here in the State of Nevada. We send so many kids out of state and it's hard when you see those kids not being able to keep their connections with, whether it is their siblings or parents or whoever their family structure may be. I appreciate hearing more and understanding that there is some sort of long-term plan, because it's so important to keep those children here and provide those much-needed services.

The chair had asked one of my questions diving into this plan and it seems like you've been able to provide us what you're able to today. I would ask to discuss the projected timeframe. I know this is kind of hard, it sounds like you may not have a timeframe, but I'm trying to understand that in which the repurposed funds. We're talking about that \$3.8 million specifically of ARPA money. When would it be spent and how these services would continue to be funded once the ARPA funds are expended?

MR. ROBB:

Appreciate the question. At the beginning, we're going to work with the county to find care for these young individuals, that's first and foremost. Long term, we want to use these ARPA funds to look for facilities that we can partner with to acquire, improve, and get them up and licensed within a two-year period,

within the biennium to add additional beds. We're originally targeting 36 beds; we're being creative trying to get there. I would love to give you more details, but at this point, I do not want to slow the process by giving more details because we do not have firm contracts, but we have a lot of people working on this.

Speaker Yeager was present last Friday, we had a well-attended meeting by advocacy groups, by people from Campus for Hope, Resorts Association, the county, Speaker Yeager, like I said. We were all working together with a common goal, not to interrupt services in one bit and provide better services going forward and ensure the future for these individuals.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BACKUS:

Well, I thank you for that. I hope...I know you've done some creative work with some of our state buildings, so hopefully we can do some creative work to maybe get some extra beds for these kids, because I think right now, we're at like 70 children in Cla...throughout the state that are being sent out of state for residential treatment care. I'm assuming the majority of those are from Clark County. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that. I believe listening to members on this Committee for the last few meetings, our biggest, greatest concern is for the services for these youth, and so that there's not a break in services, that they're close to family members. The buildings are one thing, the service for those children are the most important thing and in the last few days, we've kind of heard different stories. Depends on who's at the table. Sometimes my head was spinning because one agency would say one thing and someone else would say something else. Our biggest concern is the services for the kids, that's it. I know it's still a work in progress. I was hoping there would be a better baked plan by the time we got here today because that's what the communities asking for.

I know we have a few more questions and I'm going to go to Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not going to talk about the buildings, but I want to know where in the global plan you...where are the cities at in this Hope for Campus [*sic*] movement?

MR. ROBB:

We're working with city leaders on all aspects of this, whether it's rehousing these young woman or Campus for Hope. We're working through all those processes at this point trying to finalize everything, but I...I'm here trying to answer questions on the \$3.8 million and we keep going back to Campus for Hope and I think that's kind of off target. I'm not prepared to answer some of those questions today.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We're coming back to the Campus for Hope because you actually mentioned it, so that's why we're coming back to the Campus for Hope.

MR. ROBB:

Okay.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

It may be off target, but you did mention it.

MR. ROBB:

Okay.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

As far as the services for the kids, I want to make sure that I understand it right. With the \$3.8 million, we have partnered with the...with Clark County, subgranting that out. They are subgranting with St. Jude and Silver State Pediatrics to provide the services for these young ladies. Where will these children actually be housed in this process?

CODY PHINNEY (Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services):

I'm hopeful I can add some clarity, Chair Monroe-Moreno, to that question. Currently, there are 18 youth receiving services on the campus and that...and Building 9, that was the discussion that originally got us here, was going to provide an additional 6 beds for girls with autism. It's my understanding as we sit here today, that the 12 beds for autism are being contemplated to be with St. Jude. That's been a very successful partnership. Those original 6 beds for the boys has been a very successful partnership with Silver State Pediatrics. Those discussions continue with help from the county, who has been involved with those programs up until now. There's an additional 12 at the foster care facility and those...placements for those additional youth are also being contemplated.

I have participated in some of these discussions and seen the discussions about, well about the buildings that they're currently being used and some of the discussions about the possibilities of what we could do and witness the possibility of a very large step forward for expanding services in this manner. From someone who's worked for HHS [Department of Health and Human Services] for many years and from the first meeting that I had I said, "Well, what are we going to do about those kids that are living there?" This is a very exciting opportunity to expand the services overall. It was very helpful to hear from Children's Advocate, or I'm sorry, Legal Aid Center last week about the needs overall, I think for the whole discussion. I'm hopeful that that helped provide some clarity about the focus on those specific children that are currently being served in that potential.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That does help. Just to make sure I understand it correctly; currently, there are 18 youth, Building 9 has 6 beds that was going to be used for the girls with autism. If we utilize St. Jude, St. Jude has 12 beds. Six are being used for boys, the other 6 will be used for these 6 girls. Then there's additionally 12 beds at the foster care center. Where is that center located?

MS. PHINNEY:

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno. The foster care facility is Building 12 on the campus. I'd also like to point out that I think there was a question at one point about Desert Willow [Treatment Center]. That facility is not included in any of the footprints of other facilities, so when the statement is made that that won't be impacted, those...that facility remains available.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I'm happy that you mentioned that because there was a statement made yesterday that there are no children that are ever turned away from Desert Willow. I personally, along with County Commissioner McCurdy, did a tour over at Child Haven and they do have children that are at Child Haven, that shouldn't be at Child Haven, that were refused at Desert Willow, so I just need to put that on the record. There are children that were there and that was just a few months ago. I think you answered all my questions, but Chair Dondero Loop has a question. I may come back.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, Chair. I'm just, I'm still sort of stuck in the...I understand why we're sending children to St. Jude, but I feel like it's a little bit of a band-aid. Some of us, most of us on this Committee, could not be in that meeting on Friday because it was planned while we were doing budget training, so it wasn't that we didn't show up—I just want to put that on the record—it was because

we had another planned meeting with our staff at the same time and no one ever...I mean, it was just sent out as an invite. With that being said, I feel like we're sending kids to St. Jude, but it's sort of a band-aid, it's not really a long-term solution. St. Jude is a private, nonprofit, it's not a public entity.

When will we know what the long-term plan is, because right now every time I hear something and maybe it's just my ears and my process, but I feel like every time I hear something it's the buildings aren't good, we're going to move the kids, we're going to put them here, but I don't hear sort of the end story because these are such vulnerable kids. We've shipped them to Missouri and now we're shipping them out to St. Jude, which by the way, is a long ways away from families who may want to see their loved ones. While it's a great facility, we have to keep that in mind. If you could just sort of...I know there's not really a question in there, but when is the...when are we going to hear what's going to happen to these kids?

MR. ROBB:

I should be able to have a plan to present to you within the next six to eight weeks. Without a doubt, it's going to be, as Director Phinney, or Division Administrator Phinney said a moment ago, a huge step forward for this community. It's hopefully a model we can build upon going forward to provide better service. I want to back up a minute, it was pointed out that I brought Campus for Hope in here. I can assure you, all agreements between DHHS [Department of Health and Human Services] and [Division of] State Lands, firmly spell out that there will be no disruption of service with Campus for Hope moving into that property. There is an assurance from all sides that these individuals cared for at this facility will go to an equal or better facility and be cared for in a similar manner. My goal is always not to go to an equal facility, but to always improve quality of life for employees and the people we serve. We haven't missed yet and we're going to continue doing that.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I appreciate that. Six to eight weeks is...I mean, if it's my daughter or my son, it seems like a long time. As I always say, unless it's you, and not meaning even you, meaning anybody, so whenever it comes to our family, it feels different. I think that's what I'm sort of frustrated with because it's way great to say well, in six to eight weeks we'll have a plan, but we've already been through four weeks right, because we started this...kind of this disbackle [sic] of a conversation in December, which nobody had any idea of, so I don't know how many weeks before that it was. I just I...I'm just a little bit frustrated because I...I'm just confused about the process and I don't know that it's been 100% clear. I've had many conversations with stakeholders and I understand that...what the process, but I continue to be concerned about our kids. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Well, from where we're sitting, it is a short-term plan, but the county is not in the room. I don't know if they're down south but I'd like to thank them for stepping up and helping the state to be an answer to a short-term solution to get us to where we really need to be. If there's anyone from Clark County listening, thank you for stepping in and helping us. It may not be the ideal short-term solution, but if it's a solution that's not going to interrupt the service that's being provided, then it's a step in the right direction. I look forward to seeing in that six to eight weeks, hopefully six weeks, what the long-term solution is going to be moving forward.

I did have one question. As for the young ladies that are out of state, how many young ladies are out of state? Do we know where they're at? Once we approve this and the county then does their partnership with St. Jude, when will they be brought back home for those services?

MS. PHINNEY:

Thank you so much, Chair, for that question because I asked some similar questions this week. What I learned in conferring with the county, is they have ten youth that they had identified out of state currently. Not all of them are...were the same six women. There was capacity for six young women, there were...wasn't a specific list. Now that being said, we have heard and I fully hear and recognize that there's plenty of need for these services, far more than six, but what Building 9 was contemplating was the capacity for six that had...it's my understanding from conversations with people who've been close to the work and I really appreciate having conversations with the people who are very close to the work, that six individual people had not yet been identified and that some of the placements out of state are very highly specialized and would perhaps not be replaced by this, these services. I have...having worked in the adult mental health system, I've worked on helping place folks in very, very specialized programs that we're probably never going to have enough need here to do, so that makes sense to me. The effort is always to get those kids back as close to their home as possible and hopefully never have to even have them come into an office but rather provide services in their setting. We always keep that in mind and will continue to do so.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that. Senator Neal.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Phinney, when you mentioned the ten girls and you said that the ten are not comprised of all of the girls that may have been in the buildings, break...dig into that a little bit. Talk about who are the other girls that are blended now and why were they moved out of state?

MS. PHINNEY:

Thank you. Senator Neal, through the chair to you. When I spoke with the service manager at the county, she indicated they had ten youth, not all women, and so that was very helpful for me in sorting out the distinction. There are more than ten youth placed out of state for this, for the overall services. You can see the numbers get very confusing, very quickly; but the foster care, the...I'm sorry, the service provide...the county manager that I was speaking with described ten people that they had placed out-of-state responsibility for and explained that to me in explaining to me that this six wasn't a one-to-one. We were developing the capacity for six in Building 9, which was the original discussion that got us here.

SENATOR NEAL:

That's...so I'm going back to...the mixture of genders that were sent out of state, what are...what were the reasons why the other group who was not a part of this informational item, sent out of state for and what is...what are their diagnoses?

MS. PHINNEY:

Through the chair to Senator Neal. I don't have that information specifically, but I'd be happy to get gathered up and get back with you.

SENATOR NEAL:

When the county manager spoke to you, they spoke to you in hypotheticals about human beings that may or may not exist out of state, but could not tell you that they were autistic or something else; but yet, it was a part of the conversation to further confuse you and so you can have...you understand what I'm saying? Like we're having a...it's super circular and we're having this conversation about a known and unknown number and the facts are, it just should be 100% who was sent out of state. It sounds like in the discussion of finding out around these three buildings, we then found out there were additional human children who were sent out of state and nobody has any information on who they are or their diagnoses. That's crazy talk to me.

MS. PHINNEY:

Through the chair to Senator Neal. I apologize for giving you that impression, that is absolutely not the impression I intended to give you. I think we're talking that...so I work in population health, and we were working on how are we going to provide services for populations. I don't personally work in individual health, which is the very important part of knowing what each child's diagnosis and needs are, so I did not ask for that information. We can certainly get the number of children that are placed out of state and the diagnoses of those children. I

did not particularly ask for that because I'm working on the development of programs and the populations that need to be served.

SENATOR NEAL:

Madam Chair, can I just have one final question? Ms. Phinney, I appreciate it. I just I...it's like, when you got this extra information, did you say why are you providing me information that I didn't ask for on the ten?

MS. PHINNEY:

Through the chair to Senator Neal. No, I didn't. Thank you for the question. No, I didn't get extra information that I didn't ask for. I simply got a number because I was trying to identify who the six particular women were and the answer was they haven't been identified yet; we were developing capacity for six additional beds.

SENATOR NEAL:

Thanks, Madam Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. I think our next IFC is in April. I would ask the staff to put you guys on our agenda for an update. Some of the questions that have been asked here today, by then, you should be able to have an update on what those questions are. Maybe by then, we will also have Clark County here to join us and say where we're at in the process, since they're stepping in to help us out. I'd like for you to come back with an update with where we're at on this in April at our April IFC. Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you for the indulgence, Madam Chair. I think coming back in April makes a lot of sense. I did just want to confirm, I was at what I thought was a very productive meeting on Friday. What happened at that meeting was, I think concerns were aired about not just who's on that campus right now getting services, but who was supposed to be on the campus and is not going to be able to be on the campus. I think what everyone left that room with a couple of realizations, if they had not had those realizations already, is that we haven't done enough for this population as a state and we have to do a lot better, and so the commitment leaving that room is to make sure that no matter what happens with the Campus for Hope, that these particular vulnerable individuals are taken care of and are taken care of in a better, more professional way, and in a more appropriate setting.

I do...I was very encouraged leaving that meeting, that I think we're going to have a good short-term solution and a very good long-term solution, but it is still in the works. I just wanted to let the Committee know that there's a lot of moving parts with this, but I think it was the first time where everybody was in the room to be able to talk about concerns and they were heard and taken seriously. I'm hopeful that when we come back in April, we're going to have a very good plan and I think one that this Committee and our state can be proud of, because we owe these people better and that's the goal here. I'm committed 100% to trying to make that happen in any way possible. I hope the Committee's going to be much more satisfied in April when we have a more definite plan. Thanks for letting me make that statement, Madam Chair.

MR. ROBB:

Madam Chair?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Go ahead.

MR. ROBB:

I want to follow up. We have taken some individuals on tour of the existing campus down there. It's been extremely impactful for them to see the conditions that our staff has been being asked to provide quality care and the conditions that we're providing that care to those individuals in need. Those buildings are long past due. I am going to be in Las Vegas this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. I'm going to be available. Anybody on this Committee, or anybody within the legislative body that wants to contact me and get a tour of 6161 or a couple of the housing units that currently are not occupied, so you have a good idea in your mind of what we're trying to improve upon and get away from. I will be there and make myself available. That is an invitation.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

I am not available this weekend. You seem to plan things when I already have plans, but the following weekend, I will be available and would love to have a tour so.

MR. ROBB:

I will make myself available anytime anybody on this Committee is available.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, any other questions? This was an informational item only and we will see you for the tour and again in April IFC.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That takes us to Item L.3a, the Department of Administration.

- b) Governor's Office of Finance - Budget Division - Quarterly reports on Executive Branch agencies contracting with current or former employees of the state, for the periods ending June 30, 2024, September 30, 2024, and December 31, 2024, pursuant to NRS 333.705(5).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- c) Governor's Office of Finance - Special Appropriations - Reports pursuant to Sections 1(2)(a) and 2(2)(a) of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 396, Section 55(1) of A.B. 525, Section 1(2)(a) of Senate Bill (S.B.) 189, Section 1(2)(a) of S.B. 263, Section 1(2)(a) of S.B. 285, and Section 35(1) of S.B. 341 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session for the expenditure period ending December 1, 2024, for the following:
  - 1) A Source of Joy Theatricals, Inc. - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the Legacy Theatre Project in Section 5 of A.B. 525.
  - 2) Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its activities to develop, educate, and empower worker and migrant communities in Section 52 of A.B. 525.
  - 3) Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$500,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 39 of A.B. 525 and Section 4 of S.B. 341.
  - 4) Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 40 of A.B. 525.
  - 5) Boys Town Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 8 of A.B. 525 and Section 5 of S.B. 341.
  - 6) Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the provision of assistance to children affected by cancer and their families in Section 12 of A.B. 525 and Section 6 of S.B. 341.
  - 7) Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$5,000,000 appropriated for the Meals on Wheels Program in Section 11 of A.B. 525 and Section 7 of S.B. 341.
  - 8) City of Reno - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,500,000 appropriated for programs for rental assistance to persons who are elderly, persons with disabilities, and families or persons facing an unanticipated emergency in Section 1.5 of A.B. 396.
  - 9) City of Sparks - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,500,000 appropriated for programs for rental assistance to persons who are elderly, persons with disabilities, and families or persons facing an unanticipated emergency in Section 1.7 of A.B. 396.
  - 10) Clark County - Report on expenditures made from the \$6,000,000 appropriated for programs for rental assistance to persons who are elderly,

- persons with disabilities, and families or persons facing an unanticipated emergency in Section 1 of A.B. 396.
- 11) Cleveland Clinic Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$3,000,000 appropriated for medical services and research in Section 8 of S.B. 341.
  - 12) Communities in Schools of Nevada
    - a) Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 47 of A.B. 525 and Section 9 of S.B. 341.
    - b) Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of providing integrated support services to pupils enrolled in public schools in the state in Section 1 of S.B. 189.
  - 13) Community Health Alliance - Report on expenditures made from the \$4,500,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 19 of A.B. 525.
  - 14) Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
    - a) Report on expenditures made from the \$21,000,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 4 of A.B. 525 and Section 10 of S.B. 341.
    - b) Report on expenditures made from the \$4,000,000 appropriated for an outreach campaign to enroll persons into accredited hospitality programs in Section 11 of S.B. 341.
  - 15) Domestic Violence Resource Center - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 14 of S.B. 341.
  - 16) Food Bank of Northern Nevada
    - a) Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of addressing food insecurities of residents of the state in Section 6 of A.B. 525.
    - b) Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of purchasing food for distribution to persons served by the Food Bank in Section 1 of S.B. 341.
  - 17) Foster Kinship - Report on expenditures made from the \$750,000 appropriated for the Kinship Navigator Program in Section 9 of A.B. 525.
  - 18) Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for its activities related to vocational training, job preparation, education, and employment services in Section 3 of A.B. 525.
  - 19) Friends of Gem Theater - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the restoration of the Gem Theater in Pioche, Nevada in Section 15 of S.B. 341.
  - 20) Gentlemen by Choice Community Development Corporation - Report on expenditures made from the \$25,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 32 of A.B. 525.
  - 21) Goodwill of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,500,000 appropriated for transforming workforce development initiatives in Section 15 of A.B. 525.
  - 22) Greater Youth Sports Association - Report on expenditures made from the \$5,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 48 of A.B. 525.

- 23) Green Our Planet - Report on expenditures made from the \$3,000,000 appropriated for its programs for school gardens in Section 17 of S.B. 341.
- 24) HELP of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$25,000 appropriated for the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center in Section 30 of A.B. 525.
- 25) HopeLink of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for wraparound services for families at risk of homelessness in Section 10 of A.B. 525.
- 26) International Gaming Institute of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas - Report on expenditures made from the \$500,000 appropriated for the "Expanding the Leaderverse" initiative to increase the diversity of the leadership in the gaming industry in Section 1 of A.B. 525.
- 27) King of Jewels - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 28 of A.B. 525.
- 28) Las Vegas Museum of Art - Report on expenditures made from the \$5,000,000 appropriated for the establishment of an art museum in Las Vegas, Nevada in Section 1.5 of A.B. 525 and Section 34 of S.B. 341.
- 29) Latino Youth Leadership Foundation - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated to assist high school pupils with leadership training and development in Section 21 of A.B. 525.
- 30) Leaders in Training - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for educational training, support, and programming for first-generation college students in Section 25 of A.B. 525.
- 31) Leadership Institute of Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for educational training, support, and programming for first-generation college students in Section 19 of S.B. 341.
- 32) Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
  - a) Report on expenditures made from the \$4,000,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 20 of S.B. 341
  - b) Report on expenditures made from \$500,000 appropriated for programs and services relating to tenants' rights in Section 13 of A.B. 525 and Section 21 of S.B. 341.
- 33) National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$25,000 appropriated for providing mental health support groups, classes, presentations, and other resources without charge in Section 51 of A.B. 525.
- 34) Nevada Blind Children's Foundation - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 24 of S.B. 341.
- 35) Nevada Center for Civic Engagement - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated to support civics education programs in Nevada public schools and to expand civics education programs for adults in Section 1 of S.B. 285.
- 36) Nevada Clean Energy Fund - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated to use for obtaining federal money to assist with carrying out qualified clean energy projects and economic policies pursuant to NRS 701B.930 to 701B.995, inclusive, in Section 25 of S.B. 341.

- 37) Nevada Partners, Inc. - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated to assist with its summer and educational program in Section 36 of A.B. 525.
- 38) Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth - Report on expenditures made from the \$50,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 45 of A.B. 525.
- 39) Nevada State Prison Preservation Society - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 38 of A.B. 525.
- 40) Northern Nevada HOPES - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for providing primary and behavioral health care services in Section 34 of A.B. 525.
- 41) Obodo Collective - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 49 of A.B. 525.
- 42) Opportunity Village - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 41 of A.B. 525.
- 43) Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 26 of S.B. 341.
- 44) Project 150 - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated to provide support to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school pupils in Section 23 of A.B. 525.
- 45) Puentes - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 53 of A.B. 525.
- 46) Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$5,000,000 appropriated for activities to stabilize transit operations in Section 27 of S.B. 341.
- 47) Roseman University of Health Sciences - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for recruitment of students in Section 28 of S.B. 341.
- 48) South-Asian Women's Alliance of Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated to bridge the gap between South-Asian communities and resources in Southern Nevada in Section 24 of A.B. 525.
- 49) Special Olympics Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$500,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 16 of A.B. 525 and Section 29 of S.B. 341.
- 50) Spread the Word Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$500,000 appropriated for providing books to advance childhood literacy in Section 33 of A.B. 525.
- 51) Teaching and Uniting Ladies to Inspire Positive Success - Report on expenditures made from the \$25,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 31 of A.B. 525.
- 52) The Arc Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$250,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 53.3 of A.B. 525.
- 53) The Children's Cabinet - Report on expenditures made from the \$6,000,000 appropriated for the purchase of land and any buildings thereon, and for the renovation by the Children's Cabinet of the parcel of land and any buildings thereon, located at 2244 Oddie Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada in Section 1 of S.B. 263.

- 54)The Cupcake Girls - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for services for persons affected by sex trafficking in Section 29 of A.B. 525.
- 55)The Foundation Christian Center - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its food programs in Section 27 of A.B. 525.
- 56)The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, Inc. - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,000,000 appropriated for its programs and services in Section 16 of S.B. 341.
- 57)The Neon Museum - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for a capital improvement project in Section 43 of A.B. 525 and Section 22 of S.B. 341.
- 58)Three Square Food Bank - Report on expenditures made from the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purpose of purchasing food for distribution to persons served by Three Square Food Bank in Section 2 of S.B. 341.
- 59)United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra
  - a) Report on expenditures made from the \$1,200,000 appropriated for its activities related to public health, education, and improving economic mobility, pursuant to Section 2 of A.B. 525.
  - b) Report on expenditures made from the \$1,200,000 appropriated for its United Readers Program in Section 31 of S.B. 341.
- 60)United Way of Southern Nevada - Report on expenditures made from the \$1,200,000 appropriated for its activities related to public health, education, and improving economic mobility in Section 14 of A.B. 525.
- 61) U.S. VETS - Las Vegas - Report on expenditures made from the \$25,000 appropriated for its activities to assist in the successful transition of military veterans and their families in Section 50 of A.B. 525.
- 62)Vegas PBS - Report on expenditures made from the \$4,000,000 appropriated for digital educational materials and activities related to the Outdoor Nevada television program in Section 33 of S.B. 341.
- 63)Vision Theatrical Foundation, Inc. - Report on expenditures made from the \$10,000 appropriated for its programs in Section 46 of A.B. 525.

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 2) JUDICIAL BRANCH - Report detailing General Fund transfers between fiscal years and budget accounts for FY 2024 and FY 2025, pursuant to Section 42(1) of Senate Bill 511 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 3) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
  - a) Division of Human Resource Management - State of Nevada Classification and Compensation Study pursuant to Section 1.3 of Assembly Bill 451 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

We have the report on the State of Nevada's Classification and Compensation

Study that was conducted pursuant to Assembly Bill 451 from the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2025) Legislative Session. You can go ahead and start.

BACHERA WASHINGTON (Administrator, Division of Human Resource Management [DHRM], Department of Administration):

Good afternoon, Madam Chair, and members of the Committee. Also with me is Jack Robb, who is the Chief Innovation Officer; Keisha Harris, who is the Deputy Administrator for Classification and Compensation; and my Director, Joy Grimmer, Department of Administration. I would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank my team for their hard work and dedication on ensuring that this study gets to the point of where it is now. That team consists of Keisha Harris, Brian O'Callaghan, Nicole Peek, Heather Dapice, and Darrell Morlan. It is their hard work that got us this far and their continued work to continue...will help us move forward in the process.

Executive Order 2023-002, issued on January 6, 2023, directed the DHRM to review and improve state employment hiring, retention, and promotion processes. At the time, the state faced a vacancy rate of 24.0%, which to date, I'm happy to say has dropped to 13.04%. That is thanks to change in policies, leadership, and the passing of S.B. 431 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. Key reforms include significant pay raises for state employees, with some receiving up to a 32.0% increase over the two years, which has improved competitiveness in the labor market.

As a result of the funding appropriated in Assembly Bill 451 (82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session), the class and comp study was conducted to align employee salaries and job classifications with the current labor market. The study reviewed over 1,800 job titles, resulting in a new structure that reduces redundancy and ensure fairness across the departments. The new proposed framework also introduces a more streamlined classification system, consolidating job titles, and align...aligning pay with skills and competencies. The proposed compensation model includes 21 salary bands, with a 12-step per band, each representing around 5.0% between each steps [sic]. This design helps to support better employee placement, retention, and market competitiveness. Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for the presentation. Good to see you. We're going to go to Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, Chair. Thank you very much, Administrator Washington, for the information that you presented. I just have a couple of quick questions. That was a robust comp and class study and a lot of positions that were identified. Could you describe the timeline and necessary steps, as well as the approval process for implementing those recommendations of the class and comp study? That's question one.

MR. ROBB:

Go ahead, Bachera.

MS. WASHINGTON:

Thank you. I'll give the classification side. The next steps that we currently have in the timeline is to meet with the various departments to go over the proposed classifications and answer any questions that they may have, and to get answers to questions that we have in regards to certain position titles. As far as the compensation piece, I will defer to Jack Robb.

MR. ROBB:

I want to... a timeline was one of your questions and it will not be in the first year of the biennium, I will tell you that. As everybody is painfully aware, we're failed on SMART 21 [Silver State Modernization Approach for Resources and Technology in the 21st Century], and we're in the middle of CORE.NV. We brought up the financial system and we have not brought up the HR [Human Resources] portion. That HR portion is coming live July 1 and there's no way that we can bring a system on and make all these changes at one time; it's just an impossibility. We need to bring the new system up and stabilize it. In combination with that, we need the DHRM to be able to get with all the agencies and make sure that everything we've done matches the business flow of that agency. You have positions like a management analyst—some agencies use them for policy and program, and some use them in a fiscal capacity.

We need to make sure when we're moving these people around that we put them where the agency needs them, and we meet the agency's needs instead of assuming. That's going to be a long process for HR to meet with these agencies to make sure that we meet the agency's needs. Year one, there will be no change; year two, we're looking to bring in the new positions, move individuals into those positions. As Bachera brought up, at that point, it changes their step and the number, or their grades and the number of steps they get. If somebody is a step 10 now, they may come in at a step 8 and then they move up through the salary band. That's how we're going to move them into the new salary structure because we fiscally could not move everything and afford to be able to move everything.

It's going to be a phased-in approach over the next few bienniums [sic], but if people were topped out and they weren't at market, they're going to come in below market and have steps they can move into. We did identify, I believe 12% of people that were above market and other people that are at market. With the pay raises we received when we did the salary survey, it did prove that the pay raises had a huge impact, and in a lot of cases, we are at market. When I say at market, we...if you look at private, we're looking at total compensation; that means vacation days, sick and paid vacation, looking at future retirement benefits. We're looking at a total package to measure ourselves against. We didn't shoot for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or the 25<sup>th</sup>, we shot for middle of the road, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, to make ourselves attractive, but fiscally responsible at the same time.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you for that. Follow-up: I'm curious to know, as we start to phase in and over the course of the next few bienniums [sic], when we look at how do we execute at the brand new positions, the new comp and class study, do we start from the top and roll down, do we start from entry level and roll up, or do we go division by division, in order to ensure that every one of our employees within the state are being treated fairly, and that their positions are being appropriately reclassified so that we are not doing harm in any way to our existing staff. I don't know that you've worked that out or that you have an answer relative to division or position classification, or structure yet, but I'd be interested to know if you do.

Ms. WASHINGTON:

What we do when we implement any type of classification study, we look at every position individually. We base everything on what that person does, what the job duties entail, and it's based on that is how we place or we just make the decision of which job titles they would go to. It's not necessarily a process where we work through various departments or a tiered solution. We go by and just review every FTE [full-time equivalent] that we have and the people that are currently sitting in there, evaluating their job duties and then placing them in the job title that they belong.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you for that. What I hear you saying is that every state employee that wa...position was evaluated in this comp and class study, would be re-evaluated and you would have a drop date that every new job classification would take effect and the new compensation would also go into effect. Again, we can get into this at a later date. Those are really the questions that I have. But secondarily, what is the anticipated fiscal implement...impacts of implementing the study's recommendations statewide? Have you all calculated what potential General Fund components that those would impact when you do...when...in which biennium you execute, do you have those dollars?

MR. ROBB:

The Governor's budget is flat both years, that means no COLA [cost-of-living adjustment], but that does not mean no raise. Better than 60% of our staff currently is step 8 and below, so that means they get two step increases over the...they're going to get raises no matter what. Six percent of our staff is at step 9, that means they're eligible for one more step; 34% of our staff is at step 10, they are currently not eligible for any step increases. When it's implemented going forward, there's a possibility that some of those that are step 10 today, may be in a lower step and move into being able to get steps year two, but we're still doing that evaluation. Currently, the Governor's budget is flat, no COLA and it's just going to go forward that way.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

The fiscal impacts are flat to the budget that the Governor presented, irrespective of the class and comp study. There will be no changes overall to the budget implication.

MR. ROBB:

That's what we're striving for today.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

You're not anticipating any budget amendment relative to employee wages for the state?

MR. ROBB:

We have built in the steps that are known and those are part of the process. Those are part of the budgeting process, but no COLAs at this point.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you. One last question if you don't mind, Chair?

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Go ahead.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

What additional work do you anticipate will be necessary to complete utilizing the remaining funding from A.B. 451, what work remains?

MS. WASHINGTON:

The work that remains is a majority in-house work. We need to take the time to sit with the various departments to give them the overview of their job titles, ensure that we have placed the right people in the right job titles, and have those discussions with those departments. Though...that work is internal and in-house.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you. That's internal state personnel or do you still have the contractor that's on board that the additional funding would be required?

MS. WASHINGTON:

That is in-house, my human resources staff. If there is any additional assistance from the Simmons Group, who I'd also like to thank, that work would be very minimal.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you for that detail. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. Members, do you have any other questions? Not seeing any. We're losing members minute by minute; they're dropping like flies. Thank you so much for the update. We appreciate you. Sorry about the late afternoon.

There was no further discussion on this agenda item.

- b) State Public Works Division - Information regarding the Project Status Exception Report, pursuant to NRS 341.100(9)(g).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 4) DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION - Quarterly Report on the status of the Project Modernize Your Nevada Tax (MYNT) system modernization project for the period ending September 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 5) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Plan to address federal Title II, Part A grant allocation issue, as requested during the December 12, 2024, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 6) STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY - Plan to provide a reduction in sponsorship fees paid by sponsored charter schools to offset the reduction in Fiscal Year 2025 federal Title II, Part A funding, as requested during the December 12, 2024, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 7) DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS - Nevada Indian Commission - Report on the progress of administering the Grants to Tribes program, funded with American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (Letter of Intent, 82<sup>nd</sup> [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 8) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
a) Director's Office - Annual report concerning wellness and disability programs supported by the Fund for a Healthy Nevada for FY 2024, pursuant to NRS 439.630.(1)(l)(5).  
b) Division of Child and Family Services - Status report on the implementation of the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program, pursuant to Section 2(3) of Senate Bill 380 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 9) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Prison Industries - Status of accounts receivable related to a program for the employment of offenders through November 30, 2024, pursuant to NRS 209.461(1)(i).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 10) STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Division of Environmental Protection - Notice of the addition of one new Environmental Scientist 4 position and one new Environmental Scientist 3 position to be added to the Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 11) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - Annual report including: (1) the plan for measuring performance of the department for the period ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to NRS 408.133(2)(b)(2); and (2) information on all projects undertaken with the money deposited in the State Highway Fund pursuant to NRS 244A.637, as required by NRS 244A.638(2)(b).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 12) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES - Notice of the addition of one new Management Analyst 3 position to support efforts to expand services for veterans, pursuant to NRS 417.090(1)(e).

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

- 13) DEPARTMENT OF SENTENCING POLICY
  - a) Annual report on the statement of the amount of costs avoided by enactment of Assembly Bill 236 of the 80<sup>th</sup> (2019) Legislative Session, pursuant to NRS 176.01347(2).
  - b) Report detailing grants related to reducing recidivism awarded by the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council to local governments and nonprofit organizations from the \$3.0 million appropriated through Assembly Bill 388 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Legislative Session. This report describes each expenditure made from the date on which the money was received by the local government or nonprofit organization through December 1, 2024.

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

- 14) Reports on the use of consultants for the July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, reporting period:
  - a) Reports from school districts, pursuant to NRS 391.155.
  - b) Reports from boards and commissions, pursuant to NRS 333.705(7).
  - c) Reports from the Nevada System of Higher Education, pursuant to NRS 333.705(7).

There was no discussion on these agenda items.

## **M. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

That brings us, believe it or not, to our last item on the agenda, which is our second session of public comment. If there's anyone here in Las V...in Carson City that would like to make public comment, I invite you to fill all the chairs at the table. If you are in Las Vegas would like to make public comment, I invite you to the chairs at the table there. If you would like to call in to make public comment, that number is once again 888-475-4499. The Meeting ID is 86823227212, then press #. Again, I'll remind you that we...public comment is only two minutes, and we will be timing you. Go ahead. We'll start here in Carson City, go to Las Vegas, and then to the phone lines.

KRISTEN KENNEDY (Executive Director, Domestic Violence Resource Center, Reno):

Thank you, Chair Monroe-Moreno, Chair Dondero Loop, and the members of the Committee. I just want to express my deep gratitude for the \$1 million appropriation we received. This support enabled us to launch a shelter expansion project and that is

expected to aid 6,500 adults and children fleeing family violence annually. We've used the funds to hire an architect, engineers, consultants to design a 40,000 square foot domestic violence shelter and resource center in Reno. The new shelter will have 43 rooms, so that's roughly 100 beds for survivors and their children. The resource center and shelter will be in one location together so that in addition to safe housing, residents will also have access to free counseling services, protection order assistance, children's enrichment program, benefits enrollment, work skills, and more.

We're currently in the pre-construction phase; we're in a couple weeks going to enter the construction documents phase. That means that our demo will start this June or June/July, with groundbreaking at the end of September, and completion hopefully in spring of 2027. You will all get an invitation to that.

I just want to say that in planning for this, we did a ton of research, site visits, analysis, and we found that in neighboring states and beyond, there's about 15 domestic violence specific beds for every 100,000 people. In Washoe County, we currently have 35 that are in operation for about 500,000 people. This project will not only meet current demand but plans for future growth within Northern Nevada.

Again, I just want to say thank you. These funds have helped us plan properly and leverage additional support from private donors. This is an extremely important project because we can now be a better partner statewide to our Las Vegas and in rural areas, because we can have the capacity then to take client, or victims who may need to flee out of the area from dangerous situations. Thank you for your investment and your partnership in these critical services for domestic violence victims.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. You can go ahead.

JOHN ETZELL (Executive Director, Boys Town Nevada):

Good afternoon, Chair Monroe-Moreno, Chair Dondero Loop. Thank you all so much for your continued support through A.B. 525 and S.B. 341. Boys Town Nevada was fortunate to receive \$500,000 and we have been very strategic with the use of those dollars, as have the rest of the colleagues who have gotten up and spoken either at the beginning or at the end today.

I wanted to share just a real quick story of a family, of a mom and her five-year-old son that we had the opportunity to support this year because of these dollars. We knew that the ESSER [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief] funding was going to sunset, and we knew that schools in CCSD [Clark County School District] were going to have some challenges. We were able to use some of these dollars to continue services in some of those schools so that there was no disruption to the continuity that we had started in the previous years.

We had a mom and her five-year-old who...she was struggling. She was having a hard time. The son was behavior-wise, all over the place, lots of office referrals and could not quite figure it out. Our staff stepped in and started working and providing social skill teaching to that five-year-old, allowing him to act better in school, be able to stay in class. The mom signed up for our parenting for school success classes, learned a whole lot, started to implement some of the things she learned there, and she started to see some behaviors improving at home as well. She still thought, "You know; I need just a little bit more." Because we've got a comprehensive set of services, she was able to access our in-home family services, meaning we've got a staff who goes and works with the family at their home.

Not only now are we supporting them in the school, but we're supporting them in the evenings and weekends at their home as well. Over the next 12 weeks, this particular mom was able to learn skills, be able to practice those in front of us, be able to watch our staff do those with her five year old and by the end of it, her five year old has got a good homework routine, he's got things that he can earn based on good behaviors, and going to bed on time and all those things. They don't argue as much anymore. We might not think that that is such a big deal, but for this mom, from an early intervention and prevention perspective, who was struggling and did not know what to do, this opportunity, these dollars, helped stop something that could have continued to escalate over the coming years if left unchecked. It's services like that that we're just so appreciative of. Again, thank you for your continued support, not only of Boys Town Nevada, but of all the other organizations that benefited from the allocation of these funds. Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much and thank you for sharing that story so much. Having no one else here in Carson City, I do see someone at the table in Las Vegas. We'll go to Las Vegas.

LIZETTE GUILLEN COLLINS (Nevada Partners, Inc.):

Hi, good afternoon. Again, I'm also dittoing a little bit about Boys Town [Nevada]. We were able to leverage the funds that we received through the A.B. 525 appropriation to support with some of the programming that we were doing around ESSER and truly a benefit to the work that we've been doing in our community. We were able to service a total of 1,361 students in a total of 41 schools. A percentage of that, we were able to serve 122 students through a UNLV summer rep program that allowed for us to actually enroll some of our high school students into college programs, and able to obtain some of their college credits while they we are still in high school. With that, we were provided 600 and sent 52 students summer programming.

One of the things that I will say is that as we talk about leveraging and hearing all the programs that were talked about today, it's important for us to identify that our community works hard to be able to provide these resources. It sometimes does feel like we are a band-aid to the work that we're doing, but I think it is important to note that we have worked collectively with so many of our partners. This work that we do, we don't do it alone. We were able to really enlist on other partners that were doing similar work and life skills, mentorship, STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics]

programming, and really providing the exposure that a lot of the kids in our under...in our marginalized communities don't have access to. I just really wanted to come to thank you for your efforts and just continuing to see our community and knowing that we need the support.

On another topic, I really wanted to thank you for what you were talking about in the homeless population. One of the things that we've noticed is that it's an issue in our community. Sometimes it's not as spoken as it needs to be, and I was thankful that there is some accountability being depressed there. We get so many homeless youth coming and when we refer them out, we don't know what happens at that point. I'm just really thankful that that conversation is being addressed.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for being here this afternoon. For the three of you, thank you for the work that your organizations are doing.

Ms. GUILLEN COLLINS:

Thank you.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

BPS [*sic*], do we have anyone joining us on the phone line for public comment?

LCB AVH STAFF:

Callers, if you would like to provide public comment, please press \*9 now to take your place in the queue. Again, if you'd like to provide public comment, please press \*9 now.

ALI CALIENDO (Ph.D., Founder/Executive Director, Foster Kinship):

Hi, good afternoon. I just want to take a moment to share my sincere thanks for the appropriation of \$750,000 to Foster Kinship. I just wanted to briefly join my nonprofit colleagues in expressing this deep gratitude to you all and affirming just how critical these funds have been in improving outcomes for the thousands of Nevadans served by all of the incredible nonprofits across our state. Because of our partnership and as outlined in our report, we were able to serve 27% more Kinship families across the state using our evidence-based model of family stabilization. Our Kinship Navigator program is proven to not only preserve family connection but lead to better long-term outcomes for children experiencing child welfare.

I also want to extend my deep gratitude to Chair Monroe-Moreno for recognizing during today's meeting, the essential role of the nonprofit sector. As the backbone of so many critical services, I know that our sector will continue to come together in good times and in challenges to ensure that Nevadans thrive. As mentioned, the past two days have been filled with uncertainty and yet, nonprofit leaders cannot afford to pause the important work ahead of us. Today, I want to say thank you so much for your leadership; your commitment to Nevada's children, families, and seniors; and for having our backs as we continue to fight for better outcomes for all of our neighbors. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you. BPS [*sic*], do we have any other callers?

LCB AVH STAFF:

Callers, if you have recently joined and would like to provide public comment, please press \*9 now to take your place in the queue. Caller with the last three digits 517, you are unmuted on our end and may begin.

ANNA BINDER:

Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Committee. As some of you may know, I am a mother who was forced to send one of my autistic children out of state pre-COVID for behavioral mental health. I have another son who may require services that we may not be able to provide him in-home or in this community as he's getting older. The agonizing pain that a mother, father, family members, and caregivers go through in facing these detrimental decisions is one of the most heart wrenching things that we have to go through. Now, we have no clear answer on the living situation for these young women, but there really seemed to be no confidence from Jack [Robb] in his presentation today.

As many of you know, people affected by autism spectrum disorder have an extremely difficult time adjusting to even the most minimal changes in their lives. This isn't just about services, it's about stability and their futures. These young women deserve it and the girls out of state need to be brought home as soon as we possibly can. I have asked the state several times at the Behavioral Health Policy Advisory Council how many kids are out of state and I've never received a clear answer myself. If you could, please make sure they bring you solid numbers when they present again with diagnoses and where they are placed, because they seem to be even confused by that. I thank everyone for this work, and we all look forward to seeing these young women have the stability and permanent housing here home in Nevada.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

LCB AVH STAFF:

Chair, the public line is open and working. There are no other callers at this time.

CHAIR MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. Members, thank you for the last two weeks and all these presentations. I know we had some really long days and a training in the middle of it, but I appreciate all the hard work you guys have put in. Monday morning, the real work begins. I will see you all on Monday morning as we start our 83<sup>rd</sup> (2025) Legislative Session.

**N. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Monroe-Moreno adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair  
Interim Finance Committee

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Roger Wilkerson, Deputy Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau