

**MINUTES OF THE
INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.400)
APRIL 3, 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 Marilyn Dondero Loop called the second meeting in calendar year 2025 to order at 8:16 a.m. on April 3, 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:

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair
Assemblymember Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair
Senator Carrie Buck
Senator Nicole Cannizzaro
Senator Melanie Scheible for Senator Dina Neal
Senator Rochelle Nguyen
Senator Jeff Stone
Senator Julie Pazina for 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 Dina Neal
Senator Angela Taylor

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

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

EXHIBITS:

- [Exhibit A](#): Meeting Packet – Volume I
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- [Exhibit C](#): Meeting Packet – Volume III
- [Exhibit D](#): Agenda Item C.1 – ARPA CSFRF Funding Obligations
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- [Exhibit J-7](#): Public Comment – Sherlyn Gillette

A. ROLL CALL.

MELISSA GARVIN (Secretary, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB]) called the roll. All members were present except Senators Neal and Taylor, who were excused. Senator Cannizzaro joined the meeting in progress.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will start...because we are having an Interim Finance [Committee] meeting, we will start this morning with public comment, which is next on our agenda. This will be the first period of public comment. There will be another opportunity at the end of the meeting.

If you would like to give public comment here in Carson City, please come forward; seeing none, we'll go to Las Vegas. Is there anyone in Las Vegas for public comment? Seeing none, we'll go to the phone lines. AVH [LCB Audio Visual and Hearings], is there anyone on the phone? If you're dialing in on the phone, you will dial 888-475-4499, and the meeting ID number is 822-2635-2437, then press #. When prompted for the participant ID, please press #. AVH, when you're ready.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

Thank you, Chair. If you would like to provide public comment today, please press *9 to take your place in the queue. There are no callers wishing to provide public comment at this time.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. With that, we will go on to the next item on the agenda, which is Item C.1, Statement of the American Rescue Plan Action [*sic*], Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Obligations, Identified Project Savings, and Work Program Revision Considerations.

C. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

1. Statement of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations, identified project savings, and work program revision considerations.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Mr. Leiser from the LCB will present the statement. We welcome you. We're just only sorry for you that it wasn't April Fool's Day. Did you do your video that you promised us? You know, we've gotta have some fun before this serious project. Mr. Leiser, please go ahead.

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

I have to apologize, Madam Chair, members of the Committee. Due to some time restraints, I was not able to get a video together, and I think I may lack the creative intelligence to do so.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We'll let you off the hook this time, Mr. Leiser, because we know your position demands a lot of extra hours, so thank you very much.

MR. LEISER:

I did have some ideas though, and, I thought, well, maybe I could do a parody of a music song. You know, there's, the...

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

So many choices.

MR. LEISER:

Barbie Girl...I'm an ARPA girl, in an ARPA world. It's a little spastic, but everything's fantastic.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We like it. We will schedule time for that on the agenda.

MR. LEISER:

You know, maybe a movie. Everyone likes Arnold Schwarzenegger. The ARPANATOR, are there any ARPA funds available? I need a hangar for my chopper.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

You know, Mr. Leiser, somehow, I knew I could count on you.

MR. LEISER:

I'm so glad that our interim Director is here today to join us, and I hope I don't get into any trouble.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

You can put me down as a reference.

MR. LEISER:

With that, I will walk through Agenda Item C.1 and summarize the requests that have been submitted for consideration today by the Committee. The table has been provided as a separate handout outside of the meeting packets; members should have a hard copy, and it's also available on the Committee meeting webpage, listed under *Meeting Material*, Agenda Item C.1 (<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2023/Meeting/34568>).

At the top of page 1 ([Exhibit D](#)) is a high-level summary displaying actual expenditures for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2022 through 2024, the amounts currently authorized, inclusive of the requests before the Committee today, and the remaining unobligated balance, which is \$0.

As a reminder, the state did obligate 100% of its Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds by December 31, 2024. That was the deadline to do so, and that has been reported to the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Any remaining funding which has yet to be spent must be expended by December 31, 2026. As a reminder, the table generally lists programs, program descriptions, and amounts in chronological order based on the budgetary approval date. There are no revisions or updates to existing rows following the January IFC meeting.

There are five items before the Committee today under Agenda Item D, and those are on page 25 of the table ([Exhibit D](#)). Two of those five items reconcile budget authority for previously approved projects and therefore do not have any increases or decreases in authority. The remaining three work programs would facilitate the deobligation of approximately \$410,000 from 13 previously approved allocations and repurpose that authority to the Governor's Finance Office for support of the positions for their ARPA team.

Madam Chair, that concludes my remarks. I apologize for my singing, and that you had to listen to that, but I'd be happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

No apologies necessary. Thank you for the information. Committee members, any questions on this? Assemblymember Jauregui.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAUREGUI:

No questions, just a request for an encore.

MR. LEISER:

I'm feeling like I'm getting older than a lot of people in this room, but I did used to like Tupac and Biggie. You remember the song, "Ain't Nothing but a Gangsta Party." Ain't nothing like an ARPA party, party.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Mr. Leiser, thank you for starting this Committee off on a nice note. We appreciate that. Think about the person following you.

There was no further discussion on this item.

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

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Next, we'll go to Agenda Item C.2, Status Report on the Administration, Obligation, and the Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Director Greenameyer, I'm so sorry, from the Governor's Office is here to present, and if you don't have a song, you can always dance. Please, go ahead when you're ready. Thank you for joining us today.

TIFFANY GREENAMEYER (Director, Governor's Finance Office [GFO]):

Good morning, Madam Chair and Committee members. I do have to admit I have to leave the singing to Brody Leiser, and I can't dance either, sorry.

Today, we're in compliance with the letter of intent from the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature. The GFO has provided a summary of approved ARPA projects. Referring to the latest report ([Exhibit F](#)), at the top of the page is the high-level summary displaying a...displaying the expenditures from FYs 2022, 2023, and 2024. The remaining unobligated balance is also reflected as zero, with all funds currently obligated. The table generally lists program descriptions and amounts in chronological order based on the budgetary approval date.

According to this statement ([Exhibit F](#)), if all of the requests before the Committee for consideration today are approved, the balance will remain at zero with 100% of all Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds marked as obligated.

Items submitted for consideration by the Committee today are on page 31 ([Exhibit F](#)). These five work programs facilitate a reconciliation, or alignment, of budget authority with funding awards and do not increase or decrease overall authority for the related projects.

As testified at the February 28 budget hearing, the GFO recently sent out a memo and worksheet to every ARPA recipient asking all ARPA recipients to closely assess their project budgets and identify any areas where spending may be slowed or stalled or be in excess of actual funding needed. These responses are due back to the GFO by April 15, 2025, and this will allow funding, if identified, to be allocated at the June IFC.

The State of Nevada provides a quarterly report of activities to the Treasury. In January 2025, the state reported that all ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds had been 100% obligated by the deadline of

December 31, 2024. In response to the submitted January report, the GFO received one information document request on March 25 from the Treasury concerning a client's check, and upon the review of this request, a keying error was discovered in the Treasury portal, which caused a project to be entered as expenditure category 1.1 instead of expenditure category 1.11, changing the reported eligible use of funding. The Treasury accepted our explanation regarding the miskeying of the expenditure category and has closed the compliance inquiry.

Finally, to date, we show \$1,622,492,854, or 59.2%, of the total Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds spent to date, with 100% of the remaining funds shown as obligated. With that, that concludes my report, and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, Director, and I do believe that we have some questions for you. I know there were some questions on some specific awards and the expenditures, so I will go to Vice Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

It's a long name. Good morning and thank you. I have a question, and then, in looking over Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)), that I believe has been uploaded, both Appendix A ([Exhibit H](#)) and B, some concerns.

My first question, you mentioned the miskeying for the one category. We've seen in the last few weeks of different items being pulled back. All of our funds that we received have been obligated. Do you have any concerns, reasons for concerns, or any communications with [Washington] D.C. that anything else that was connected to the ARPA dollars might be pulled back and impact some of the programs and projects that we have ongoing?

MS. GREENAMEYER:

No, we have not had anything from Washington D.C. about the ARPA dollars being pulled back. Now, it could happen, for sure, we just don't know yet.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you for that. A lot of unknowns. In review, as I said at the beginning, as I look at Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)), there are a lot of items that concerns me, and I appreciate you sending a letter out so we get an update of where these projects are.

Today, I'd really like to get more detail, if we can, in a conversation, Madam Chair, with the Nevada State Public Health Lab; the Housing Division, about the Affordable Housing Initiative, the land acquisitions; the Nevada

Health and Bioscience Corporations, which is the Southern Health Laboratory; and Washoe County, the West Hills Facility and Rehabilitation. There were a number of Girls and Boys Clubs' projects that are listed on the appendix; I'd like to get more information from all of them, as well as the Carson Tahoe Health for the mental health unit, the Healing Kids Project. Then finally, the creation of the mental health and addiction treatment campus with Vitality Unlimited. I know that they presented a memo today, but I'd like to also hear from them, Madam Chair, if that is acceptable.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Yes, it would be. I suspect that maybe what we might want to do is to call those specific entities up to the table, so you may step back, and we'll use you as a phone-a-friend as needed. Let's go ahead, and I'll just go down the list that the vice chair recommended, and I'll start with Home Means Nevada, Inc. Is there anyone in the room that can come to the table and answer some questions? I understand you're on the agenda, but I think there are a couple of questions.

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

Good morning. Oh, thank you, excuse me. Good morning, Madam Chair. For clarity, you mentioned Home Means Nevada, Inc, which is a slightly different initiative. Since we're talking ARPA, I believe we're talking Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI) and other funds that have come to the division. I just want to make sure we're all on the same page.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much for that. Specifically, the Affordable Housing Initiative, the land acquisition, and the allocation number was 22AFDHS01.

Ms. HESS:

Thank you. I am going to phone-a-friend with Lesa here because we have quite a few ARPA awards. I just don't recognize that one right now, I'm sorry, this morning, for the project name. If you could give me a project name, I have the updates right here ready for you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

That is the project. Yes, and that is the name that's listed on Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)) that has been uploaded for today's meeting exhibits.

Ms. HESS:

Thank you, Madam Chair, Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair, this morning. The land acquisition funds have all been expended. I think that's also part of my confusion this morning. All land acquisition projects have been fully obligated. In that bucket of funding for the HMNI, all of those have been complete. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Then our form needs to be updated. With the affordable housing initi...the multi-family preservation, have all of those funds been fully expended, or do we still have projects in the works that there will be invoices coming, and the funds will be paid out once those invoices are received?

Ms. HESS:

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair and Vice Chair. For the HMNI, overall, we are well over 40% spent. Of course, all funds are obligated, so all funds are also...all agreements are also on track to spend by 2026, that includes in the preservation bucket. I apologize, in the preservation rehabilitation tranche of funding. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Perfect. Thank you for that, because according to our notes, and if you look on that Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)), there was only 9.58% of the dollars spent in that bucket, so, encouraging that you're saying that 40% of it has been spent.

Ms. HESS:

Yes, good morning, Madam Chair and Vice Chair. This afternoon or this morn...later this morning, when we present, I can give you a full breakdown of each project, because of course that tranche of funding represents, if my memory serves me, 14 projects, versus about 26 projects in the new construction, so they are all well underway.

What's interesting in affordable housing is while you might see that there's low activity, when the draw requests come in, they come in the millions and spend down quickly. For us, we are not concerned with our projects and any that we had concerns with, we followed up with before the end of December 31, 2024, date. Thank you for that question. If you would like at the later agenda item, I can run through project by project of their status and spend if that serves for the Committee. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

That would be great. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Senator Cannizzaro.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I think...I want to make sure that what the...what I think this Committee and the intent of what we're trying to get at is clear, and I know it's a little bit different for the affordable housing pieces, because there was a significant amount of money, ARPA dollars. We had a lot of these conversations when those dollars were allocated for the, what I think total is \$500 million for all different kinds of projects, which is why we have you come to IFC regularly—not just you, but this division—to give us updates on all of that. Obviously, you've received big tranches of money within that project. I think what some of the questions were that we do have a few pieces within that, so I'll be interested to hear maybe more details on the presentation that you have, because we have big tranches of money that just seem to not be getting spent at all, where we've received updates about a lot of these projects where there are significant portions of the money that has been spent down.

I think, for example, one of the items was the multi-family preservation, because it was an award of \$130 million for that particular piece, but we're showing that total unspent balance is still \$117 million and change. That's a significant portion of that, that's not spent. What I am hopeful for all of the...I think we have some questions about a few of these awards where we're not seeing this money being spent down, that we've repeatedly asked these questions. Is it going to be possible to spend, in this situation, that \$500 million; is that feasible? It's obviously been quite a few years to be able to spend some of that down, but there's still big buckets that are outstanding, as is the case with, I think a number of folks that we are going to ask questions of, and I think that we really do need to get details from anyone, for everybody, on how it is you are planning to spend those dollars because we have a very limited amount of time.

I think that, well maybe today, maybe we may need some additional information. The statement that we just plan to spend these dollars in the next, what is it, 18 months, is leaving us very nervous that we are going to send significant portions of money back to the federal government. We have guidance that that money could be reallocated to other ARPA projects that maybe could spend that money, and we do not want to be in that position. We also have obviously taken a lot of time to put money into projects that we believe are going to do good things for the people of Nevada, and we expect for delivery on those projects; that is why we continue to have this particular agenda item, so I do think we're going to need some more detail. I'm hoping

that's going to come in your presentation, because there are big buckets here where we've seen other buckets spent, but big buckets within this housing allocation that have not been spent. I think that we just need some of that detail on how are you going to spend that \$117 million? What's the plan? Because at this point, if there's not a plan, those dollars are not getting spent.

MS. HESS:

Thank you so much, Majority Leader and members of the Committee. Administrator Aichroth and I have just been wondering at what point you'd like the details. We had a robust discussion yesterday evening in the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor about tracking and measuring, and that is something we're very proud of. We've been sparing you the many pages of reporting, but this is really helpful for me.

What I'd like to do, Madam Chair, if it serves the Committee, I can bring all of the quarterly reports. Every project that has an award provides a quarterly update to the division, both from a fiscal and a project status milestone perspective, and we have spend forecasts for every project. We have been...this plan, honestly, we're planning for program income. We're planning for if and when any of the loans pay back, so we've not had that concern around projects being recaptured. However, we've not shared that level of detail with the Committee, so I think your concerns are fair.

And of course, that's the \$500 million bucket as this tranche of funds. As this Committee is knows and is well aware, the Housing Division is administering \$566 million of ARPA funds. I know that's not a later agenda item, so if I can bring any clarity to the projects outside of the \$500 million, but if I may push the \$500 million HMNI to the later agenda item, I will come prepared. Administrator Aichroth and I will prepare a more in-depth report for you on that agenda item. We have it at our fingertips.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I think that what some of the things that we are going to need from you, which is maybe a little different than some other folks, to a certain extent, there's that big \$500 million award. That's what we've sort of been monitoring here. We obviously know there's other ARPA dollars associated. We're concerned with that piece, but there are buckets within that that I think we just need, quarterly reports is fine. I think that you all, though, need to be able to articulate to us how those monies in these buckets where we're not seeing that spend down, how it is that that money is going to get spent.

We appreciate, of course, the continual updates on all of these different things and significant notes on the projects that have been completed and the progress being made, but I think that we are looking for a little bit more detail, just with respect to some of these other significant pieces where we just haven't seen that money move. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I think, thank you, Majority Leader, well said. I think everyone on this Committee is, I would assume, has got to be concerned that while this is a little different than some of the chances...tranches of the money that are in this state, we worry about it being pulled back, and so I would not hesitate to move forward quickly. Thank you very much, and we'll wait to hear more information later.

Another one that I think we would like to hear a little bit more about, I'll jump in here, and then someone else can chime in if they'd like, but I think we'd like to hear a little bit more about the NHBC, the Nevada Health and Bioscience [Asset] Corps...Corporation, Southern Health Laboratory. Mr. Hardy, you're up. Thank you.

WARREN HARDY (former State Senator [2003-2005] and Assemblymember [1991], and Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation):

Thank you, Chair. I don't have a formal presentation; I just was told that you asked about the project. It's well underway. We have the planning done; the contracts are being prepared now. There is a meeting, I believe this week, to finalize the lease with UMC [University Medical Center], which will be the operator of the lab. We think we're on time and hopefully under budget.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Do you have an idea of how much money has been spent to date?

MR. HARDY:

I do not, Chair. I will get you that information right away.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Senator Nguyen.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Can I just follow up? I mean, obviously, we're asking people that have large chunks of outstanding money. It looks like when we last got an update, this particular...we had allocated \$35 million to this project. Obviously, we see it as a priority; we see that it is something that is needed in our community, and as of today, we have 2.61% of that spent. It looks like only about \$911...just under \$1.0 million of that has been spent.

Obviously, that gives us some concern. It gives me some concern that we are not going to be able to allocate that. Again, I think it would be really helpful for us to figure out what exactly that timeline is to be able to expend that money in such a short period of time, given some of the things that we've read on the news around this project.

I'm wondering if you can give us a more detailed update today about what that timeline looks like. Because again, like the Majority Leader had indicated on the other one, we have a unique opportunity to allocate this...reallocate this money if it is not going to be spent. We've all been here. I think we can use some common sense to know that it is difficult to get construction projects expended during this limited time window by the end of 2026, so I was wondering if you could provide any more detail on a specific timeline on that and maybe address some of the concerns that we've seen played out in the media about any delays or any problems with that project.

MR. HARDY:

Thank you, Chair. To Senator Nguyen, I will endeavor to get you specific and exact timelines by the close of business today.

With regard to the media reports, yeah, there were stops and starts. This Committee allocated money to this project as well as to a mental health building. Was...a lot of news about the fact that the health building fell out when the donors decided not to fund that project because of various challenges and problems we had with UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas). This project, however, has remained consistently in the sights of everybody. There are several contributors to this project, and those monies are being spent on design. City of Las Vegas, for example, provided money specifically for design. The last date...the last update I got was that the contracts are pretty much ready to be sent out. The thing that's holding us up now is the lease agreement with UMC, which I believe is going to be finalized this week.

The other thing that's been a little bit of a drag is I committed verbally to Governor Sisolak that we would work on a project labor agreement on that job, and we've been in the process of developing that project labor agreement and are going to send it to the labor unions this week.

I will get you a detailed analysis and timeline of when the dollars from the state will be spent on this project and how.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you. Chair, may I follow up? I mean, obviously, we want to see this project be successful, but I don't want to be sitting here December 31, 2026, and having to give back this money and have half-completed projects. I think a more detailed timeline about what the expectations are, because even under the timeline that you're telling me now, it still will be very difficult to be able to expend that money. The sooner you can get that back to us, the sooner I think it would be advantageous for everyone.

This kind of is a follow-up. Are there any matching dollars or any other private donations or any other things that you are also waiting on that is somehow...are there...is this being used to match any other monies that, if we were to pull it right now, would that have other implications?

MR. HARDY:

Thank you, Chair. To my knowledge, there are no matching funds that are dependent on the state funds. I apologize, I was not aware...I just got a text that said you asked about this...I was not aware we needed to do a presentation. I could have had all that information available to you today, and I will provide it, but to my knowledge, the funding is in place. Obviously, the state funding is the centerpiece of that. I think the City of Las Vegas contributed, I want to say \$9 million, and that was specific for design. We just realized it's not going to take that much to do the design, so we just received authority or authorization from the city to expend the rest of those dollars on the construction.

I will say this, my last update, the contractors and the developers and the folks that are working with us are very aware of the timelines, and we realize it is going to be close, but the last conversation I had is that we'll be fine, and I will provide those specific details to you.

Without the \$35 million appropriation, I can't remember the exact amount, but without the appropriation from the state, the project stops. I would also say this is NHVC (Nevada Heart and Vascular Center) is doing the project at the request of Governor Sisolak. This is not a project that our donors are really working on or involved in, they did it at the request of Governor Sisolak, so that's how we got involved. There are no donor dollars going into this. The donors are working on other projects, but we committed to Governor Sisolak that we would help with this.

There have been complications and confusion, especially with the public lab, or excuse me, public mental health facility, which the donors were going to be involved with. With that falling out, that caused significant delays, but we are very mindful of the time limit on this, and the last I heard, we are going to be able to meet those limits. I will provide that specific detail, hopefully by the end of the day.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you. I would just say, while I recognize you may not have been given a month's notice that we were going to have this IFC meeting and we were going to ask you for information, I would say to everyone, not just to you, that until these funds are 100% expended, we're responsible, and we're in the middle of a session and we have an IFC on the calendar, so I guess be ready, because we don't know, you know, we've got to ask these questions because we're literally about a year out. It's going to be June 2025 in a heartbeat, and then we're going to have till December 2026. That's 18 months. That is a very quick timeline, so please be ready.

MR. HARDY:

Thank you, Chair. Understood.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you. Sort of following with that same, I think there were some questions about the Nevada State Public Health Lab with NSHE [Nevada System of Higher Education]. If you could give us an update. We see that only 0.08% of the money has been spent. Correct us if we're wrong.

KEVIN KNUF (Associate Vice President, Facilities Services, University of Nevada, Reno [UNR]):

Good morning, Chair Dondero Loop and Committee members. Just for the record, this is a state project being built on our campus. The report that shows 0.08% complete, the \$61,000, that is incorrect. To date, all the funds have been committed, and we...construction has started, and to date, we have spent \$12.6 million on the project.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Am I correct, you were given \$75 million?

MR. KNUF:

That's correct.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

And you're saying that you have spent \$12.06 million of that \$75.0 million?

MR. KNUF:

Yes, it's at 16.8% to date.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you for the clarification, but that's still 16%.

MR. KNUF:

Well, we are...we've...the project is under contract, and everything is moving along fine, and the plan...the schedule shows us being complete well before the deadline.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I appreciate that. We're just trying to be good stewards here. Assemblymember Monroe Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. When you say that it's...the funds are obligated, there's contracts, could you go into a little bit more detail, because when you say the \$12.6 million, that's still at the 16%. What is that obligation, what are those contracts, what are the timelines?

MR. KNUF:

We signed a CMAR [Construction Manager at Risk] contract, a construction contract. The design is complete, and we broke ground about two months ago. The footings are all in, the foundation is going in, and we have a construction schedule to meet all the deadlines, and everything is proceeding as planned.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

With the construction that's going on—loving to hear that the footings and everything—are you paying them at different steps in the project, and that's why there's still dollars sitting waiting to be paid out, waiting for the work to be done, getting that invoice, and then you're paying the invoice once it's received?

MR. KNUF:

Correct. All the funds are committed, and we are paying progress payments as they perform the work.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I understand that the reimbursements aren't being requested, and I think that's probably some of the confusion. We are looking at a spreadsheet that tells us the total reimbursements, but, for example, if you've only requested \$61,000, then our percentage is much lower than what you're saying you've spent.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We need to take just a quick recess because I believe we have lost some internet connection.

Chair Dondero Loop called a recess at 8:58 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:59 a.m.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We might be able to reconvene. Thank you. Looks like we have some connection back, and some nice music.

Assemblymember [Monroe-Moreno], did you have another comment? I think we lost you midstream of your comment.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Your last comment about the reimbursements and how you're paying the invoices, could you just state that again, because we had lost internet connection to the Las Vegas room. I want to make sure everyone heard that.

MR. KNUF:

What did you want me...I...so we have made progress payments up to \$12.6 million, which is 16.8% of the project.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

You had stated that these are reimbursements as the work goes along, you're paying the construction at different intervals of how the project's being completed, and you're under contract. We had lost feed to Las Vegas; they were not able to hear that. I wanted you to go back over that.

MR. KNUF:

Yes. The payments are being made on, typically, a monthly basis on the percentage of the project is complete. We make payments as the work is progressing, and everything is progressing fine, and that is where we are today with \$12.6 million expended.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

My last question, Madam Chair. How often do you put in your request to the GFO for the monies to be drawn down so that you can pay out these contracts? Is it within a week of receiving it from the actual vendor that you are contracted with, and then you're sending that to the GFO? Are you holding them for two or three months before you send it to the GFO? What is that time frame of getting that information so that the GFO's records match your records for where these projects are at?

MR. KNUF:

We do those monthly so that we keep up with that as we make the payments.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Well, I'm just going to say there's a discrepancy in opinion on that, so maybe that's a conversation you have to have with the GFO so that our records match.

My concern, and I share the concern of the Majority Leader, we've seen funding pulled back from the federal government under this administration. I do not want us or you on the hook for work that's being done. When the federal government looks at the documents that we have and says, well, this money isn't spent, we're going to take it back, but we're already obligated because the work has already been done, then you're left on the hook, and the state's left on the hook. That's the concern.

RODRIGO FERREIRA (Senior Project Manager, UNR):

The percentage, like Kevin [Knuf] was stating at 16.8%, we...just to start construction has been roughly 4 months of construction, of 22 months. The additional funds have gone towards plan check, design, and so on, so forth. As we progress with construction, those dollars are going to be spent at a much more accelerated rate. We feel actually very comfortable at this point that we're going to be spending all the money by the end of 2026. The completion of the project from a construction standpoint is scheduled for roughly end of October 2026, so we still have some breathing room there.

I would just like to say that's just the typical progression of construction, and we start with smaller dollars [sic] amounts for design and all that. Now that we're actually doing the construction, we're going to see the increase. We're

still, like Kevin was saying, we're still...we just finished the foundation, we're going to start the slab on grade the next couple of days, and then we're going to go vertical, and then there will be a lot of money moving towards the building. As of right now, we're on budget and on schedule, just like to let you know.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

I thank you for that. I just can't emphasize enough my concern. We've had the money for a while, and I do understand the construction schedule, but the difference with this, as in any regular construction schedule, these were ARPA dollars that we have to spend in our state by a certain amount of time. I do not want to send any money back to the federal government. There's so many needs in the State of Nevada that if we can't spend it on this project, then we need to redirect that money elsewhere to another project that's...was already an approved project.

On top of that, we've seen other dollars, ARPA dollars that were in our state, get pulled back in the last two weeks, so that's a concern that the federal government might look at this and say, no, you guys aren't on track. Then, in addition to that, yesterday, the President levied tariffs, which may mean that now this construction project's going to cost us more than we anticipated, and we might run out of money before the project is completed. So, a number of concerns. No questions, just a lot of comments and concerns, and wanted to make sure we're where we need to be and that we have things on the record so that if someone in Washington D.C. is watching this hearing or goes back to look at it, knows that this project is on track. There's no reason for them to think that they need to come in and take this money from the State of Nevada; this project is going to happen. Make sure that your communications with the GFO is timely so that when the GFO has to do their reporting to us and to Washington D.C., that everything matches.

MR. FERRIERA:

That is a great point. We're feeling a lot of stress because of the threats of tariffs, and I apologize for saying this, I don't know if I'm out of line or not, but actually, this project could use more money. We have very limited contingency, so I, as of right now, I don't feel like we're going to be returning any money; if anything, we could use some additional funds. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, and just as an add-on to the comments, this document that we are looking at, the Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)), is online. If somebody looks online and sees this and sees that the numbers don't match—and just because you're up here, I'm not picking on you right now—but for example, you said \$12.6 million and we're seeing the total reimbursements are only \$61,000. Either they haven't...the numbers are not put in here right, or you haven't asked for the reimbursements. We're just trying to sort through it. And once again,

it's because of the fear that we're going to lose this money, and you're not going to have it. We're on your team. We're Nevadans trying to take care of this money. Thank you very much.

I believe Senator Nguyen has one question before we move on to something else.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I don't know where to start. Again, I'll just reiterate, I think we need more detailed information. It also is very concerning because it sounds like this, what is it, \$75 million, what you're indicating is you already know that this is not enough money. I'm curious on what other kind of avenues...what the financial stability or, not stability, I guess the sustainability of this entire project is as a whole, Because it sounds like...are there other avenues that you've tried to receive money? I know that some of the ARPA funds around the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] were terminated last week, and what kind of impact they have. What other kind of categorical grants do you anticipate, are you relying on to fund this project as well? I know this is just kind of a rapid fire, but it sounds like, unlike some of these other projects, there's a lot of other moving parts and a lot of other funding sources that are potentially in jeopardy or have been jeopardized around staffing and equipment. It sounds like no matter what, you're going to be back here asking for more money if we are wanting to complete this project. I don't know what the question is in that, but can you address some of the other impacts of any other loss of funding, or any other categorical, or any other kind of matching funds that you have to complete this project?

MR. FERRIERA:

It comes down to the way...this is a CMAR delivery method. Within the CMAR, we have a contingency for unknowns, for things that typically happen in construction. Our contingency is very small based on industry standards, but as of today, we have the money to complete everything, it's just the nature of construction.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I just get the impression, and maybe you can correct me if I'm wrong, it seems like you are obligating the state to build something bigger than what you have now, and that we are going to end up in a situation where we are now obligated, not only for the funds that are potentially not expended by the end of 2026, but also on the hook for any other expenditures as this project appears to be growing in size.

MR. KNUF:

No. The building...we have all the funds we need for the building. The areas that we could use additional funds for would be for lab equipment and for FF&E [furniture, fixtures, and equipment], for furnishing the building. The building is 100% funded, and we have enough funding to complete the project. This is the only funding source for this project, is the ARPA funds. We...there are no other funding sources for this project.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Except for the things that are potentially in the building. You could have potentially a building that is not functional because it doesn't have furnishings and laboratory equipment, and staffing, or any of those kind of things?

STEPHANIE VAN HOOSER (Administrative Director, Nevada State Public Health Laboratory):

Built into this project was some additional equipment for expansion of services. We have everything we need for the current services provided by the Nevada State Public Health Lab, and we have submitted some grants on our own to fulfill the shortages that have been presented to us through the FF&E for equipment.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

You're confirming that you won't need more state funds to actually operate the lab?

MS. VAN HOOSER:

That is correct, and we have adequate staff as well.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

You won't be coming back here saying, "we need more staff, we need more money for equipment," even though I think you recently lost about \$6 million, is that correct?

MS. VAN HOOSER:

That is correct.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

How did you make up that \$6 million, or how do you anticipate? I know it was just last week, so how do you anticipate making up that \$6 million?

MS. VAN HOOSER:

One of those awards was never executed yet, so we never actually had that to work with, and then the other one, we have ARPA genomics funds, which are fulfilling the shortage.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you. Thank you, Chair, for your indulgence.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Thank you so much for being here and giving us this information. Like I said, we just felt like there were a few projects that we'd like a little more information on. There's obviously, like I said, this is online, and there are multitudes of projects, but we appreciate your time today. Thank you very much.

I think another project that we would like a little more information on might be the Boys and Girls Club, and where that project is.

JOHN SANDE (Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs):

I believe we have representatives on the phone that will be able to field any questions you have about the various projects they have.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you, and please go ahead on the phone line.

DANIEL SOLOW (Chief Operating Officer, Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada):

Yes. Good morning. I am here to talk about the Southern Nevada allocation. This is a joint project with the Shaquille O'Neal Foundation. We're building a campus in east Las Vegas that includes a Boys and Girls Club Communities and Schools Center, and our Early Childhood Learning Center.

This project is fully on track. There are some complexities with the financing, where we're building a package that includes New Market Tax Credit funding, the ARPA funding that's before the Committee, and some private funding, but everything is on track to be closing within the next week for the funding.

We do already have our notice to proceed for the construction, and our timeline has the entire building being completed in September 2026. Everything has been on track; we're actually ahead of track.

The only reason we have not expended any of the money yet, part of how we're expending the money is through a sublease with the Shaquille O'Neal Foundation for the Early Childhood Learning Center, and we're simply awaiting the close of the financing so that we can come up with the payment and draw down schedule. We expect that a significant amount of the funding will be drawn down shortly after closing to start paying for the construction costs, with the remainder being phased through the next 14 to 16 months.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. It sounds like you might be a little further along than this sheet indicates.

MR. SOLOW:

[inaudible]

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I'm sorry, would you repeat that?

MR. SOLOW:

Yes, ma'am. We are a little bit further than what the sheet indicates, but we have not expended any of the money yet. We've just been getting everything set up, but we are pretty much at the point where we're ready to start drawing that down significantly. We expect probably about 50% of the drawdown to be done within the next 30 days and then phased out for the remainder.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Once again, the concern is just that we don't want to lose this money. Thank you very much, and we appreciate that, and we appreciate your time.

MR. SOLOW:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Mr. Sande, did you have something else you wanted to add?

MR. SANDE:

I believe there was another item. I think there's someone on the phone for that one as well.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Is that the Northern Nevada? Go ahead when you're ready. They might not be on. Thank you very much, Mr. Sande.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, did you have one more that you wanted to look at?

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. If the Early Learning Center in Dayton could submit something to us in writing as to where you're at, because on our sheets, it says that they're at the 1.71% of the monies that were appropriated to them for their project. We really need to get some information from them. They may not have been on the phone line. Are they on? If they're on...if you're on from Lyon County to discuss the Early Learning Center in Dayton, please go ahead and unmute your mic.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

Caller, if you are here to speak on behalf of Dayton County [sic], please press *9 to take your place in the queue.

NOELLE HARDT (Nevada Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs):

Hi, Madam Chair. Want to make sure I can be heard.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We can hear you. Thank you.

MS. HARDT:

Oh, wonderful. Thank you for your patience, we were just working on the mute instructions. On the Dayton Early Learning Center project, I'd be happy to follow up with you after the fact. They were not listed on our list from the budget department as far as being available for comment today, but I do know that project is well underway, so I can give you some detail by close of business on the status of that project.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much.

MS. HARDT:

Madam Chair, we also do have North Lake Tahoe on the line, and they just need the unmute instructions of *9 and then *6 to be in queue, and they're happy to answer questions about the Incline Village project as well.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I appreciate that. We will gather that information from you via email, and we will move on. Thank you very much.

MS. HARDT:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. In the interest of saving time, if we could get the West Hills Facility Rehabilitation, I believe that's out of Washoe County, to come to the table, as well as the Carson Tahoe Health for the mental health unit, Healing Our Kids, along with Vitality [Unlimited]. I know that you submitted a memorandum, but if you could just join them at the table, and we just get a quick update on all of those projects to save some time.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Go ahead when you're ready.

JULIA RATTI (former State Senator [2016-2019], and Behavioral Health Administrator, Washoe County):

Good morning, Madam Chairs and members of the Committee. We are pleased to provide you an update on the West...what we now call the formerly known as West Hills Project, the Washoe County Behavioral Health Center.

Just trying to...I'm just going to move quickly, trying to anticipate some of the questions you've already asked the other projects. As a reminder, we purchased this building in February of 2024. In April of 2024, you awarded us the \$14.5 million. In July of 2024, we went under contract with H+K Architects to start the design. In November, they provided us with a detailed facility analysis. As you can imagine, it's a 40-year-old hospital building; we learned some things from that detailed facility analysis.

During that same time, we did extensive public outreach. We wanted to make sure with this sort of once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve behavioral health services in our community, that we were getting the right program mix in that building, so we did that simultaneously with that analysis.

And then that...again, because we learned a couple things during that phase, because the building and the operations of the building went dark for a period of time, that reset our requirements in terms of meeting the building codes for the City of Reno, meaning that we had to bring everything up to modern standards and building the...and meeting the licensing codes and accreditation codes for the state and the national accrediting body. That did mean that we needed to do some scenario planning to determine what exactly we could pull off with the funds that are available. That has been complete. All of that work was presented to our board of county commissioners at our January retreat. Based on their decision, and I just want to acknowledge the leadership of County Manager Brown, who is sitting next to me, and the board of county commissioners, that they have recommitted to this project and are committed to moving forward, even though some of those challenges have come forward.

Based on that, at the April 8, that's the Tuesday board of county commission meeting, we'll be bringing forward a \$2 million CMAR contract to do the abatement and demo. Then, at the May board of county commission meeting, we have a \$14.8 million, again, county...CMAR with a guaranteed maximum price to complete the first phase of this project by May of 2026. That is all in the contract and underway.

Just to demonstrate our commitment to this, as we have realized that there is some funding gap, the county has also reallocated some of the unexpended ARPA dollars that we had available to us, so we've added additional \$3.02 million to address that gap. That's in addition to the \$4.5 million that we spent to purchase the building. We've sold the T.B., the tuberculosis clinic, for an additional \$750,000 and are allocating that to this. The board of county commission [*sic*] has made an advanced decision that any unallocated ARPA dollars for the rest of our local ARPA funding will be allocated to this project as well, so we're doing everything within our power, on our own, to fill the gaps that have been presented. That's a total of \$17.7 million now, that's going into the project.

I want to be...so we are 100...the bottom line of our presentation is that we are 100% clear, certain, that we will spend your \$14.5 million, and we are on track to spend it by May 2026. I can give you more details, we can follow up with.

I know it doesn't look good on paper. I can tell you that there have been some back-and-forth between our office and the Governor's Office that I will take full responsibility for, where the RFRs [requests for reimbursement] don't seem to have lined up, and we will definitely make sure that that is accurate. But even if they were there, we haven't spent a ton of money just yet because we have been, as many others have spoke to, we've been in the design phase, which is just less expensive, and now we are moving into the construction phase. We will be under contract April 8, and then a meeting in May, so that's all the good news.

I do have to be transparent with you and share that there's some not-so-great news. Again, because of the condition of the building, what was learned during the detailed facility analysis and what was learned, and here I want to commend your team, Cody Phinney and the team at the DPBH [Division of Public and Behavioral Health], and Stacie Weeks and the team at Medicaid, who have been in regular conversations with us to make sure that we could, a) meet the licensing standards, and b) that there would be a sustainable business model once we open the facility. They have been incredibly helpful. With that, what we are doing now is this will be a phase one. I just want to be very transparent that we will not be opening the doors in July 2026. We will need to reallocate additional local dollars to get through phase two before we will be able to open the doors of the facility.

That's where we are, and we are here again, County Manager Brown is with me, you all know Cadence well. If there's any additional information we can provide, we would be happy to do so.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions on this item?
Assemblymember Monroe Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for the detailed information. Thank you for being totally honest about the doors opening. As a fiscal chair, I hope you don't come to the state for that phase two, were able to find the funding for phase two elsewhere. Do you have an estimated date for phase two and the opening?

MS. RATTI:

Our current projections show that we will be opening in 2027.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I think that's it for now. Thank you very much for all of you to be...for being here, we appreciate that. Any additional questions from the Committee? I'm sorry, Vitality Unlimited, don't leave. Go ahead, please.

MICHELLE JOY (President and Chief Executive Officer, Carson Tahoe Health):

Thank you, Madam Chair. When we look at our project, Appendix B ([Exhibit I](#)) has our spend at about \$114,000. We submit our RFRs on the 10th of every month. Our March RFR was \$270,000, the one coming up in April will be \$747,000. Our total expenditures through March is \$1.13 million, so about 32% of our total project. We expect to expend the full amount by the end of the year. I can give you details on where we are with everything.

Our youth outpatient treatment center construction is 100% complete. Our youth crisis stabilization center construction is approximately 50% complete; that will be done by May 30. Our adolescent behavioral health inpatient beds, we're waiting for permit approvals, but once we receive those, we expect construction to be done by the end of June. We purchased four vehicles that have been purchased; they're at the vendors for retrofit, and we will have those in Carson City by the end of June. We're on track with the project and to expend all the dollars.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much and thank you for the update. I appreciate that and what you're doing. Thank you. Vitality Unlimited.

SARAH ADLER (Project Manager, Vitality Unlimited):

Yes, good morning, Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Sorry, I couldn't see you were hidden behind a head, thank you.

MS. ADLER:

Member Torres-Fossett is so tall. Well done. Hello, ma'am. Good morning, members of the Committee. Glad to report on our project. The first...I did submit...I just had 20 copies...there's a brief project overview for many of you, and I gave that to the GFO as well.

First, I want to say that our intention had been to create, indeed, a campus, that would be the CCBHC [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic] building Vitality Unlimited currently operates in, as well as an adjacent building. Similar to what you just heard from Washoe County, that adjacent building, 1962,

asbestos, no ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliance, no life safety measures, so we have had to go to plan B, which is going to be very successful. We are now owners of a property out in the Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Park. It's going to be an excellent health care environment at which to build a new building.

In terms of our expenditure, we're actually partners with Carson City in this project; they have allocated \$500,000 of their ARPA dollars that we have expended in purchase of the property.

In terms of the \$3.5 million project, we are at 25.0% expenditure in terms of your ARPA dollars, which we enormously appreciate. In addition to the 3.0% you see there, we have another 12.7% under contract with our architect to complete design and also fund subcontractor work. We have signed a letter of intent with the entity that will be, you've heard CMAR, we use Construction Manager as Constructors (CMAC), the new term for CMAR. We have a letter of intent with them. The remainder of our ARPA funds will be going to fees and into that CMAR contract, or that CMAC contract.

We know that there is a gap between the \$3.0 million that you have offered in order to retain and expand these substance use disorder treatment beds, but Vitality Unlimited is willing to step into that and fund that with their reserves or by incurring debt.

I will be 100% transparent and say that before we actually sign the CMAR contract, we are going to do a cost analysis relative to the cost of lumber and perhaps changes in Medicaid, other factors that are happening to the east of us that may impact this, and so before we actually sign that CMAR contract, we're going to be 100% assured that Vitality Unlimited has the resources to complete the project. We fully anticipate that that will be the case. If you have any additional questions?

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much for that overview and thank you for the one-pager. Are there any questions? Thank you very much, and we appreciate your time today.

With that, I believe we are going to move on to Agenda Item D.

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

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Committee members, I'll be turning the microphone over to the Fiscal staff to identify items from Lists D, E, F, and J that will be pulled for further discussion. After Mr. Thorley goes through the list, you will have the opportunity to identify any additional items that you may want pulled from that list.

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

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll begin with List D. There are no items identified on List D to be pulled for discussion.

Moving on to List E, the first item on List E will be Item E.17 on page 4, Cannabis Compliance Board, Marijuana Regulation and Control Account. I will note on the bottom of page 4, Agenda Item E.21, State Department of Agriculture, Nutrition Education Programs, we received a revision for this yesterday that I will mention. The revision would eliminate the \$4,074,280...\$248 in federal Local Food for Schools grant funds due to the loss of those federal funds, so that would not be part of the work program revision.

Moving on to page 5 of List E, Item E.23 [State Department of Agriculture, Commodity Foods Distribution Program]. This is another revision that we received yesterday. This would reduce the dollar amount, the existing dollar on the agenda. The dollar amount is \$4,023,601 in federal Local Food Purchase Assistance grant funds. The agency has revised that to \$100,800; again, due to a loss of the grant funds.

On page 7 of List E, Item E.35, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services Division. This was withdrawn yesterday, so will not be considered.

Then we'll jump all the way to page 13. Agenda Items E.64 [Department of Corrections, Director's Office], E.66 [Department of Corrections, High Desert State Prison], E.67 [Department of Corrections, Southern Desert Correctional Center], and E.68 [Department of Corrections, Warm Springs Correctional Center], all for the Department of Corrections, will be pulled for discussion and will be heard together.

Moving on to page 15, Agenda Item E.77, Department of Public Safety, Records, Communication, and Compliance, Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. That received a late revision as well on March 26 that's not reflected in the agenda. That revision came over after the agenda was posted. The revision would adjust the transfer amount stated in the, on the agenda. It's \$1,657,014. The revision would change that to \$1,775,426.

Then, going to page 17, Agenda Items E.89, E.90, and E.91 for the Department of Transportation will be pulled for discussion and will be heard jointly.

Then on to the last page of List E, this is page 18, Item E.97 for the Public Employees' Benefits Program, will be pulled for discussion. That is all the items on List E.

Moving on to List F, on page 3, the last page of List F, Item F.13, Department of Corrections, One Shot Appropriations. That has been identified to be pulled for discussion. That's it on List F.

Then lastly, List J, which is the Informational Items List. There's no items on List J that have been identified to be pulled for discussion; however, I will note that Agenda Item J.7 from the State Department of Agriculture, Livestock Inspection, the backup material has been updated. The backup material in your meeting packets is old; the new backup material has been posted on the [Committee website](#) and also provided to all of you all as a separate handout at the dais, so that information is available. Madam Chair, that is it for me.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much, Mr. Thorley. Committee members, are there any additional items you would like to pull? I believe that got pulled, is that correct, Senator? Seeing none, then we will...I will accept a motion to approve items on Lists D, E, and F not pulled for discussion, inclusive of the withdrawals and revisions noted by Fiscal staff.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEMS D, E, AND F INCLUDING THE REVISIONS NOTED FOR AGENDA ITEMS E.21, E.23, AND E.77.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Any discussion? All those in favor say aye; all those opposed say nay; motion passes.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

Thank you very much. We will excuse those of you here who have sat through with us this morning for an item that did not get pulled. Thank you all for being here.

- 1. Office of the Governor - COVID-19 Relief Programs - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$133,691 from the ARPA - State Agency Allocations category, \$30,238 from the ARPA - Community Recovery Grants category, \$203,623 from the ARPA - Children's Mental Health category, and \$42,405 from the ARPA - SVCS for Specific Populations category to the ARPA - Administration category to account for savings from various projects and to reallocate the \$409,957 in savings to the Governor's Office of Finance for staffing costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA - Administration category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS D.4 AND D.5. Work Program #25FR132750**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 2. Office of the Attorney General - Administrative Budget Account - FY 2025**
Addition of \$660,533 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs budget account to align current state fiscal year authority for a subaward to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the ARPA CRG category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25FRF1030**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 3. Office of the Attorney General - Grants Unit - FY 2025**
Addition of \$199,614 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds transferred from the COVID-19 Relief Programs budget account to align current state fiscal year authority for the Red Flag Education Initiative program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the ARPA category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25FRF1040**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 4. State Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2025**
Deletion of \$29,813 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to deobligate funds from the White Pine Ministerial Association food bank expansion, project #22WPFBK01, due to the project having difficulties in spending its funds. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount deleted from the ARPA Comm Funding Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM D.1. Work Program #25FR136206**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

5. **Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Health Care Financing and Policy Administration - FY 2025**
Deletion of \$99,491 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to deobligate funds approved to support Medicaid program activities studies, project #23MCPAS01, due to the project being completed under budget. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount deleted from the ARPA Studies Professional Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM D.1. Work Program #25FR315811**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

E. 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 - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**
Addition of \$5,096,390 in federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Codes grant funds to accept the conditionally awarded Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Information Dissemination Award and deletion of \$6,392 to align the Renewable Energy Fund transfer. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the IRA Codes category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C74440**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

2. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**
Addition of \$46,898,686 in federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Energy Rebate and IRA Hi-Efficiency Rebate 50121 funds to be used for planning, administration, or technical assistance related to the state's development of the Home Energy Rebate Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the IRA Home Energy Rebate 50121 category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C74441**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

3. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**
Addition of \$46,722,156 in federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Electric Rebate and IRA Hi-Efficiency Rebate 50122 funds to be used for planning, administration, or technical assistance related to the state's development of the Home Energy Rebate Program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the IRA Hi-Efficiency Rebate 50122 category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C74442**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

4. **Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**
Addition of \$330,193 in Transfer from Renewable Energy account funds, deletion of \$51,877 in Application Fees, and transfer of \$98,471 from Grid Resilience category, \$42,922 from Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Home Energy Rebate 50121 category, \$22,160 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Energy Use Data category, and 42,922 from IRA Hi-Efficiency Rebate 50122 category to the Personnel category due to a projected shortfall based on the cost-of-living adjustments approved during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the ARPA State Energy Use Data category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74451**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

5. **Office of the Governor - Office of Science, Innovation and Technology - FY 2025**
Addition of \$17,871 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds (CPF), for consulting services and a feasibility study that will provide for Nevada's statewide broadband connectivity strategy by determining how to improve connectivity in communities across the state and how to best allocate federal broadband infrastructure funding. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the CPF - Admin category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25ARP10033**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$618,470 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to cover the additional cost of the Barracuda Premium Support software. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74113**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$625,637 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to cover the additional cost and increase in the Office 365 Business Productivity Suite software. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74209**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$1,129,028 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74653**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$131,956 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74382. WITHDRAWN 2-27-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

10. Office of the Governor - Office of the Chief Information Officer - IT Security - FY 2025

Transfer of \$402,927 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74400. WITHDRAWN 3-20-25.**

11. **Office of the Attorney General - Grants Unit - FY 2025**
Addition of \$500,000 in federal Department of Justice Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program funds to implement a program to prevent, enforce, and prosecute cybercrimes against individuals. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Cybercrime category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74684**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

12. **Office of the Secretary of State - Secretary of State - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$3,074,389 from the Credit Card Discount Fees category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent credit card fees to the General Fund. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74389**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

13. **Department of Administration - Fleet Services Division - Fleet Services Capital Purchase - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$49,854 from the Reserve category to the Vehicle Purchase category to support the purchase of automobiles. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Vehicle Purchase category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73798**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

14. **Department of Administration - Division of Human Resource Management - Unemployment Compensation - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$797,113 from the Reserve category to the Unemployment Benefits category to allow the Unemployment Insurance fund to fulfill its obligations under the statutory authority of *Nevada Revised Statutes* 612 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Unemployment Benefits category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74358**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

15. **Department of Administration - Mail Services Division - Mail Services - FY 2025**
Addition of \$190,623 in Postage funds to fund a projected shortfall in the Postage category due to increased costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Postage category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74408**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

16. Department of Administration - Risk Management Division - Insurance and Loss Prevention - FY 2025

Transfer of \$4,010,859 from the Reserve Workers Comp category to the Ins Premium Workers Comp category to fund an increase in workers' compensation expenses. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Ins Premium Workers Comp category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C72890**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Deletion of ~~\$946,334~~ **\$1,500,000** in Civil Penalties funds and transfer of ~~\$553,666~~ to the Reserve for Reversion category to reflect FY 2025 projected revenue to be collected. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion **reduction to the Transfer to State Education Fund** category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74783. REVISED 3-18-25.**

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. We will begin with the first item pulled for discussion, which is Item E.17. Thank you very much for being with us today.

LISA FIGUEROA (Chief Financial Officer, Cannabis Compliance Board):

Good morning. I understand you might have questions about the work program.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Senator Titus.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for being here. I appreciate the opportunity to ask a question. I need some clarification on the process. This work program moved money from what would have been into the Education Fund to the General Fund, so I have a couple questions along that avenue. Number one, was the money sent to the Education Fund already, and now you're taking it back? Is that what this process is?

Ms. FIGUEROA:

Good morning again. Through the chair to Senator Titus. I did...I can see how this is very confusing because, to date, the funds that were received for civil penalties always would default to the child...excuse me, Education Fund at the end of the fiscal year. Through the transition of the Cannabis Compliance Board and the revision of the regulations and the statutes, excuse me, the statutes, it was

unclear. There's a housekeeping issue there, it was unclear that the funds were to be earmarked specifically for the Education Fund versus the General Fund, and since it's left kind of in a gray area, it was determined that we needed to go ahead and change that back to default to the General Fund because it's not clearly specified in the statute. The funds at this point have gone directly to the General Fund.

SENATOR TITUS:

Follow-up, Madam Chair? Can you clarify then how much funds...what's the amount of the funds that have been sent to the Education Savings Account already? And now total from those fines, fees, penalties, now you just recognized it was \$1,000 or about fif...it let's see, \$1.5 million now will be drawn back from that fund. What's the total amount that's already been sent, or is that the total amount of fines, fees, and penalties that went, that you so far have put out but because I think there's a lot more money than that.

MS. FIGUEROA:

Great question. I wanted to clarify on that. Initially, the \$1.5 million was based on a projection; what we thought we could receive in civil penalties. The reality is through the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, there have been limitations that were put on the amount of civil penalties, which were fined to various individuals. We're finding now that the revenue coming in is far less than the \$1.5 billion [sic] back when the budget was built. To date, we have received just shy of \$140,000. That is all that has been transferred to the General Fund and has literally been transitioned from the Children's Education Fund. We don't know, it's not a very reliable resource of money because it is based on fines and penalties. We don't anticipate that we will get many more through the next three months of this fiscal year.

SENATOR TITUS:

What I'm...follow-up, Madam Chair? What I'm hearing is that this \$1.5 million is a projection; it's not actually something that you've already received, but you're taking it out of the Education Fund now, but you don't have the money. You didn't really pay that money to the Education Fund already. Can you explain that again?

MS. FIGUEROA:

Sorry if I have confused you, but yes, initially the \$1.5 million is authority, and we we're figuring that we would collect up to that dollar amount, but to date, we have only collected \$140,000, and that money has been deposited directly to the General Fund, and that is because the statute does not specifically state that the funds will go to the State Education Fund, it says it goes to the General Fund, and so that's by statute, we were forced to pull that authority out. We are no longer going to receive funds for that. Any funds that are received by way of civil and penalty funds will go direct to the General Fund. It won't even come to us, it goes directly into the General Fund.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you for that, because that's where I needed for moving forward, a process. From now on, it's not even going to go through your board, it's going to go directly to the General Fund, any fines, fees, or penalties, correct?

MS. FIGUEROA:

That is correct. We will receive the funds through the Cannabis Compliance Board, but it will be coded directly to the General Fund, so it does not hit our budget account.

SENATOR TITUS:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair, for the questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions on Item E.17? Seeing none, then we will move on to the next...oh, sorry, I'm out of practice. I'll look for a motion.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM E.17.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Any discussion on the motion? All in favor, say aye; all opposed; motion passes. Thank you very much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

- 18. 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 obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the Teach Nevada Scholarships 25% category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73736. WITHDRAWN 3-17-25.**

- 19. State Public Charter School Authority - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$738,178 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category, \$189,253 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category, and \$219,278 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74476**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 20. State Department of Agriculture - Measurement Standards - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$285,863 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category, \$123,181 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category, and \$1,922 from the Reserve category to the Out-of-State Travel category to fund projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74485**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 21. State Department of Agriculture - Nutrition Education Programs - FY 2025**
Addition of \$6,044,040 in federal Child and Adult Care Food Program grant funds, \$4,074,248 in federal Local Food for Schools grant funds, and \$10,459 in federal National School Lunch Program Special Milk Program grant funds to align state authority with federal authority. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Child and Adult Care Food Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74509**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

22. State Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2025

Transfer of \$159,665 from the Reserve category to the Shipping Expense category to fund a projected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Shipping Expense category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74145**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

23. State Department of Agriculture - Commodity Foods Distribution Program - FY 2025

Addition of \$4,023,601 in federal Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant funds and a transfer of \$1,784 from the Reserve category to the LFPA Grant category to support the LFPA program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the LFPA Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74324**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

24. Commission on Mineral Resources - Division of Minerals - FY 2025

Transfer of \$337,569 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for the category. **Work Program #C74277**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

25. Department of Business and Industry - Division of Mortgage Lending - FY 2025

Transfer of \$133,180 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund a projected shortfall due to the payment of a stale claim for the replacement of the division's database system. 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 #C74397**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$151,618 in federal Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act State Councils on Developmental Disabilities funds to provide support to the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. 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 #C74512**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

27. Department of Health and Human Services - Director's Office - Data Analytics - FY 2025

Addition of \$83,625 in federal National Violent Death Reporting funds to support efforts to collect and disseminate data. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Violent Death Reporting Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74528**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$224,360 in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C funds to continue supporting the Nevada Individuals with Disabilities Education program's development and implementation of the statewide comprehensive interagency service delivery system for eligible infants and toddlers and their families. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74146**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$1,278,782 from the Medical Contracts/Payments category to the Personnel category to cover a projected shortfall 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 #C73741**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

30. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Autism Treatment Assistance Program - FY 2025

Transfer of \$468,183 from the Autism category to the Personnel category to cover a projected shortfall 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 #C73742**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

31. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Home and Community-Based Services - FY 2025

Addition of \$5,445,963 in federal Title XIX funds to align revenue authority and to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion to General Fund category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73683**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$122,372 from the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category to fund additional contract personnel, and a transfer of \$2,264 from the MFP Reserve category to the Information Services category to fund software licensure to meet program mandates and requirements. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73384**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$298,359 in federal Lifespan Respite Dual Diagnosis grant funds to continue developing a system of respite care for children with behavioral health and developmental disability diagnoses. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Lifespan Respite Dual Diagnosis category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C68161**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$429,421 in federal Medicare Assistance Program - State Health Insurance Assistance Program grant funds to continue to provide information and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and their caregivers. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C73484**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

35. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - Sierra Regional Center - FY 2025

Addition of \$583,592 in federal Title XIX funds to support an increase in eligible Title XIX administrative services in FY 2025. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74310**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$99,383 in federal Title XIX funds to align authority due to an increase in eligible Medicaid administrative services in FY 2025. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion to General Fund category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73693**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

37. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - State Independent Living Council - FY 2025

Addition of \$310,026 in federal Rehabilitation Act Subchapter B Independent Living Services Grants Award Authority grant funds to continue to support community living and independence for people with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Independent Living Program category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C72586**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

38. Department of Health and Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division - State Independent Living Council - FY 2025

Addition of \$48,919 in Transfer from Nevada Department of Education funds to support the Nevada Transitions Roadmap Through Innovative Partnerships project in hiring a Youth Outreach Specialist to provide peer support, transition, and self-advocacy training for youth with disabilities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Independent Living Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73748**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

39. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Intergovernmental Transfer Program - FY 2025

Addition of \$47,495,606 in Managed Care Organization Enhanced Rates funds, \$10,021,226 in Treasurer's Interest Distribution funds, \$7,349,310 in Receipts from County Inpatient Upper Payment Limit funds, \$7,328,667 in Receipts from Practitioner Upper Payment Limit funds, and \$495,905 in Receipts from County Graduate Medical Education funds, and a transfer of \$33,788,159 from the Reserve category to the Transfer to Medicaid Program category to align funds and to continue providing Intergovernmental Transfer Funds to the Medicaid programs for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Transfer to Medicaid Program category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM E.43. Work Program #C74377**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$1,647,963 in federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Fed Grant – Prerelease grant funds to promote continuity of care for people transitioning out of incarceration. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the CMS - IT & ERH Prerelease Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74165**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

41. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Public Option - FY 2025

Transfer of \$186,531 from the Personnel category to the Public Option category to support a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Public Option category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74353**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$89,088,768 in Transfer from Prescription Drug Rebates, a deletion of \$59,524,117 in federal Title XIX Receipts, and a deletion of \$111,724 in federal Title XXI Receipts to offset General Fund, federal Title XXI Receipts, and federal Title XIX Receipts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM E.44. Work Program #C74363**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$849,577,359 in federal Title XIX Receipts funds and \$157,108,883 in Transfer from Intergovernmental Transfer Account funds, a transfer of \$251,010,387 from the Offline category to the Parents and Children and Newly Eligible categories, and a transfer of \$17,155,922 from the CHIP to Medicaid category to the MAABD category, Waiver category, Child Welfare Services category, and School Based Services category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Parents and Children category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM E.39. Work Program #C73486**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

44. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Health Care Financing and Policy - Prescription Drug Rebate - FY 2025

Addition of \$89,088,768 in Drug Rebate funds, and transfer of \$421,323 from the Breast & Cervical Drug Rebates category, \$3,992,173 from the Enhanced FMAP Drug Rebates category, \$78,866,010 from the ACA FMAP Drug Rebates category, and \$16,911,053 from the MCO Supp Drug Rebates category to the Medical FMAP Drug Rebates category to realign projected drug rebates for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee Approval since the amount added to the Medical FMAP Drug Rebates category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM E.42. Work Program #C74190**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

45. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025

Transfer of \$93,120 from the Food Service category to the Operating Expenses category, transfer of \$17,837 from the Food Service category to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category, transfer of \$31,545 from the Food Service category to the Utilities category, and transfer of \$72,875 from the Community Triage Center category to the Utilities category to fund projected shortfalls in these categories. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval, since the amount transferred from the Food Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74210**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

46. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Crisis Response - FY 2025

Addition of \$717,505 in federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Nevada 988 State and Territory Improvement funds to continue to provide support to Nevada's 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline program and in-state crisis support centers. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nevada 988 State and Territory Improvement category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74176**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$147,148 in federal Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funds to continue to provide support to reduce homelessness in individuals diagnosed with severe mental illness. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the PATH Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74136**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$2,153,802 in Nevada State Opioid Response revenue transferred from the Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment account to provide support to promote and administer vaccinations to high-risk and uninsured populations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nevada State Opioid Response category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74068**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

49. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2025

Addition of \$1,840,239 in federal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program funds to continue to provide emergency preparedness response activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73564**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$493,905 in federal Cancer Prevention and Control Program funding to continue to provide early breast and cervical cancer detection and diagnostic services to low-income and uninsured populations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Nat'l Cancer Prev & Control category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74147**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$317,969 in federal Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant funds to continue to provide resources for health promotion and prevention to local and state health authorities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Preventative Health Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74233**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$120,735 in federal Nevada Sexual Violence and Prevention Program funds to continue to provide sexual violence prevention activities. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Rape Prevention and Education category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74170**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$3,340,154 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Program grant funds to provide free and reduced-price meal benefits to eligible children during summer months. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Summer EBT Program category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74138**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$42,000,000 in federal U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program funds to provide benefits to eligible children to reduce food insecurity during summer months. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Summer EBT Benefits Program category exceeds \$350,000. **This work program requests provisional approval pursuant to NRS 353.3375 to accept grant funding that has not yet been awarded by the federal government and to revise the work program to implement the grant. Work Program #C74155**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$1,392,931 in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training funds to support workforce opportunities for program participants. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the SNAP E&T Expansion-C category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74082**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$13,617,357 in federal Child Care and Development Fund Mandatory/Matching grant funds to support increased caseload for subsidies for child care services for eligible families. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NEON/TANF Child Care category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74226**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$17,246,969 in federal Child Care and Development Discretionary Block Grant funds to support increased caseload for subsidies for child care services for eligible families. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the NEON/TANF Child Care category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74288**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$2,192,396 in federal Child Care Supplemental Non-Disaster Discretionary grant funds to support a new program to provide child care assistance for children in foster care and/or involved with Child Protective Services. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Fed American Relief Act CCDBG category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74401**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

59. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Nevada Youth Training Center - FY 2025

Transfer of \$41,675 from the Personnel category to the Contract Services category to support contracted staff costs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Contract Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73714**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

60. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Workforce Development - FY 2025

Transfer of \$107,123 from the Reserve category to the Semi-Autonomous Research Assistant (SARA) Reemployment System category to fund a contract shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the SARA Reemployment Sys Int category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73858**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

61. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2025

Addition of ~~\$827,990~~ **\$828,390** in federal Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Assistance grant funds to support the Unemployment Insurance program. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Pandemic UI Assist-PUA category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73002. REVISED 3-6-25.**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

62. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2025

Addition of \$754,400 in federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) funds to continue the agency's program operations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Fed Pandemic UI Admin FPUC category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74583**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

63. Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Employment Security Division - Unemployment Insurance - FY 2025

Addition of \$424,350 in federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program funds to continue providing administrative assistance in implementing PEUC for Nevadans who qualified for additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Pandemic Emergency UI-PEUC category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74584**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

64. Department of Corrections - Director's Office - FY 2025

Addition of \$33,268 in Budgetary Transfers to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Training category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for the category. **Relates to Non-IFC Work Program #C73574. Work Program #C73406**

Agenda Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item F.13.

65. Department of Corrections - Prison Medical Care - FY 2025

Addition of \$654,614 in Transfers from the Inmate Welfare Account to receive projected reimbursement for qualifying medical claim expenditures as defined in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 209.221 and NRS 209.246. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Inmate Drives category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS E.69 AND E.71. Work Program #C74502**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

66. Department of Corrections - High Desert State Prison - FY 2025

Addition of \$137,004 in Budgetary Transfers to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Maintenance of Building and Grounds category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for the category. **RELATES TO ITEM E.68. Work Program #C74500**

Agenda Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item F.13.

67. Department of Corrections - Southern Desert Correctional Center - FY 2025

Addition of \$113,316 in Budgetary Transfers to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for the category. **RELATES TO ITEM E.68. Work Program #C74497**

Agenda Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item F.13.

68. Department of Corrections - Warm Springs Correctional Center - FY 2025

Deletion of \$250,320 in Budgetary Transfers to fund projected shortfalls within the department for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount deleted from the Utilities category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for the category. **RELATES TO ITEMS E.66 AND E.67. Work Program #C74543**

Agenda Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item F.13.

69. Department of Corrections - Offenders' Store Fund - FY 2025

Transfer of \$1,039,191 from the Retained Earnings category to the Transfer to Inmate Welfare Account (IWA) category to fund eligible medical claims pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 209.221 and NRS 209.246. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Transfer to IWA category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS E.65 AND E.71. Work Program #C74452**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 70. Department of Corrections - Offenders' Store Fund - FY 2025**
Addition of \$19,119 in User Charge revenue and transfer of \$1,266,391 from the Retained Earnings category to the Inventory Purchase for Resale category to fund a projected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the Retained Earnings category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74523**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 71. Department of Corrections - Inmate Welfare Account - FY 2025**
Addition of \$1,039,191 in Transfer from Offenders' Store Fund revenue to fund projected eligible medical claims pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 209.246 and NRS 209.221 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Transfer to Medical Co-Pays category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEMS E.65 AND E.69. Work Program #C74462**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 72. Department of Motor Vehicles - Department Transformation Effort - FY 2025**
Addition of \$282,898 in Career Enhancement Program funds from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide support and training of new and existing staff to support continued development and solutions. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Training category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74221**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 73. Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol - Nevada Highway Patrol Division - FY 2025**
Addition of \$76,800 in federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds transferred from the department's Justice Assistance Grant Trust Account for stress management training. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the OCJA JAG Grant category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C72768**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$228,507 from the Staff Physicals category to the Information Services category to fund software and maintenance contracts. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Information Services category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74443**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$49,000 from the State Funded House Arrest category to the Client Drug Tests category to monitor drug use for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Client Drug Tests category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74435. WITHDRAWN 3-14-25.**

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

Transfer of \$773,200 from the Reserve category to the Personnel category, \$355,719 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category, and \$718,043 from the Reserve category to the Information Services category to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Personnel category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74478**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Transfer of \$1,657,014 from the Reserve category to the ARPA Modernization Project category to continue implementation of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System modernization project. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the ARPA Modernization Project category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74486**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

78. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - Highway Safety Plan and Administration - FY 2025

Addition of \$205,847 in federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds transferred from the department's Traffic Safety budget account to support highway safety programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **RELATES TO ITEM E.79. Work Program #C74491. WITHDRAWN 3-19-25.**

- 79. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2025**
Addition of \$1,231,551 in federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant funds to support highway safety programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Community Services category exceeds \$350,000. **RELATES TO ITEM E.78. Work Program #C74490**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 80. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2025**
Addition of \$232,413 in federal Distracted Driving Incentive Grant funds to support distracted driving awareness programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Distracted Driving 405E category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74492**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 81. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - FY 2025**
Addition of \$1,319,348 in federal Section 164 Alcohol Penalty funds to provide alcohol-impaired driving prevention programs. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the 164 Grant Aid to State and Local category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74508**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 82. Department of Public Safety - Traffic Safety - Motorcycle Safety Program - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$79,401 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category to fund contracted staff for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74506**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 83. Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Assistance - Justice Assistance Account - FY 2025**
Addition of \$423,737 in Opioid Settlement funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Fund for Resilient Nevada account to purchase handheld drug testing equipment. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the DHHS Mass Spectrometer Grant category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74501**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 84. Colorado River Commission - Power Delivery Project - FY 2025**
Addition of \$15,019,982 in Power Sales revenue to fund a projected shortfall in the Power Operations category due to the expansion of the Boulder Flats Solar Interconnection Project and other related projects. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Power Operations category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74322**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 85. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Water Resources - FY 2025**
Addition of \$170,704 in federal Community Assistance Program - State Support Services Element grant funding to provide technical assistance to communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to evaluate community performance in implementing NFIP floodplain management activities across the state. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Flood Community Assistance Program category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74188**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 86. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Forestry - Administration - FY 2025**
Addition of \$75,000 in Transfer from BA4196 - Incident Business Unit funds and a transfer of \$20,000 from the Operating Expenses category to the Utilities category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Incident Business Unit category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74403**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 87. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Natural Heritage Division - Nevada Natural Heritage - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$46,787 from the BLM Rare Plant Surveys and Seed Collection category to the Personnel category to fund a projected shortfall due to salary increases approved during the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the BLM Rare Plant Surveys and Seed Collection category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74422**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

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

Addition of \$670,571 in federal Inflation Reduction Act grant funds to support the maintenance, operation, and upgrades of the ambient air monitoring network that the Bureau of Air Quality Planning operates across Nevada. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Inflation Reduction Grants category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C71958**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

89. Department of Transportation - Transportation Administration - FY 2025

Addition of \$40,000,000 in Highway Fund Authorizations and \$110,000,000 in Federal Highway Administration grant funds to fund approved road construction and maintenance projects throughout the state. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Buildings/Improvements category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C73651**

Agenda Items E.89, E.90, and E.91 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E.91.

90. Department of Transportation - Transportation Administration - FY 2025

Addition of \$705,000 in Highway Fund Authorizations to fund a projected shortfall in the Information Services category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Information Services category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74134**

Agenda Items E.89, E.90, and E.91 were discussed jointly. Refer to discussion and motion for approval under Agenda Item E.91.

91. Department of Transportation - Transportation Administration - FY 2025

Addition of \$10,000,000 in Highway Fund Authorizations to fund a projected shortfall in the Operating Expenses category. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Operating Expenses category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74551**

Agenda Items E.89, E.90, and E.91 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Good afternoon. Thank you for working with us through the recess. We will go back to our agenda, and we will go to Items E.89, E.90, and E.91.

SAJID SULAHRIA (Deputy Director of Project Delivery and Engineering, Nevada Department of Transportation [NDOT]):

Good afternoon. With me in Las Vegas is Deputy Director Mario Gomez of Operations. Here in Carson City, I have Assistant Director of Administration, Felicia Denney, and I will pass over to her to give you the work programs.

FELICIA DENNEY (Assistant Director of Administration, NDOT):

I will just give a brief overview of the work programs. The first one is Work Program #C73651. This program requests \$110 million in federal aid reimbursement and \$40 million in State Highway Funds to ensure the department has adequate authority to cover projected capital outlay expenditures for approved state and federally funded projects, including state match requirements.

The department's 2025 budget was submitted in September 2022 and was originally projected at a required flat conservative level. At that time, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was in its first year, and we were very fortunate in that we received some discretionary grants that were not foreseen at that time.

Since that time, highway construction costs have also experienced significant inflation. By the measure of the Highway Construction Cost Index prepared by the FHWA [Federal Highway Administration], we've seen costs increase over 68% from the fourth quarter of 2020 to the fourth quarter of 2023, and that's greatly impacted our project costs.

The next work program that we're here for is Work Program #C74551. This work program requests \$10 million in State Highway Funds to ensure that the department has adequate funding to cover higher-than-anticipated costs for security services, maintenance contracts, electric utilities, diesel fuel, repair parts, and other operating expenses.

Last but not least is Work Program #C74134. This work program requests \$705,000 in State Highway Funds to provide adequate authority for the department to make payments to the OCIO [Office of the Chief Information Officer] to cover computer services provided by that agency to the department. This funding is needed to cover changes in OCIO rates that we did not have in our original budget submittal. We're happy to answer any questions you may have.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I believe Assemblymember Watts has a few questions.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Yes, thank you, Chair, I do have a few. I know we've have had a few conversations about this as well in some of the subcommittee hearings about the proposed budget for the upcoming biennium, but based on the materials that I have, if we approve these items, we needed to have around \$140 million in...actually, ending fund balance of about \$150 million in order to meet our reserve goals of 45...30 days of operating, 45 days of capital construction expenses. If we approve these items, we're going to be at about \$50 million, which is about one-third of that amount. Can you just walk us through, first of all, how did we kind of get to this point, and second of all, what are the potential consequences of running on such a small reserve amount?

MS. DENNEY:

How we got to this point is we had a lot of projects that were planned where the costs went up significantly. We also had some federal money that we didn't want to lose that required higher-than-average match, so when those bids came in higher, it took a greater need for our State Highway Funds. Additionally, just the cost of operating has gone up. We had some emergency projects here and there that we needed to deal with, and as a result of that, the department's been deferring state-funded projects and focusing overwhelmingly on our federal program with the goal of bringing the Highway Fund balance up over the upcoming biennium.

We also share this Highway Fund with other state agencies, including the DMV [Department of Motor Vehicles] and the Department of Public Safety. I believe they're...while they don't spend as much of the Highway Fund as we do, they've also experienced increasing costs, so that's also been part of the story.

Your second question was, oh, what is our plan? I think I answered that. Please correct me if you need any additional information. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you. I think the question was, what are the consequences of that? I think you discussed one of them, which is state-funded...state projects are being deferred in order to have enough resources to see through the federal projects that we already have underway. Are there any other potential consequences to this, including impacts to our bond rating? Any potential risk of cash flow being so low that we may have difficulty making payments? Any other potential issues?

MS. DENNEY:

Thank you for restating the question. The consequence of not having enough budget authority, which is the reason we're here, and I do want to reiterate that the majority of it is for federal aid projects to receive reimbursement, would be that we would not be able to pay our contractors for ongoing projects. That would be, not a good thing at all.

Also, for...as to our bond rating, if we're not making payments, that does not bode well for our bond ratings. We are very careful when we do issue bonds to work with the Treasurer's Office as is required per NRS 408. We also receive authority from the Transportation Board, which has oversight, and the Board of Finance, before we're able to sell any bonds, and then we do work with the Treasurer's Office hired consultants—their legal and technical consultants—and we would work with them on any future bond sales to try and ensure that we can get the best terms possible. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you. That actually was another question I had of what would the consequence be if we did not increase this authority? I think you did a great job answering that. I think the question is what risks or consequences are there to the state currently, due to the fact that we only have about 10 days of operating expenses and 15 days of capital construction expenses set aside, could that impact future bond ratings for future bond issuance? Do you see any other issues with the fact that we have one-third of the amount that has historically been recommended that we have set aside?

MS. DENNEY:

Yes, it could have an impact. I do want to point out that we are looking, and rightfully so, at the unrestricted balance, and that target's very important because those are the most flexible funds we do have. We do show that we'd have a balance of bond funds and restricted funds, and the department typically makes an effort to use the most restricted funds first. We're putting a special emphasis not just on federal projects but utilizing those restricted funds wherever we can so that we can bring up those balance of those unrestricted funds. We certainly are working hard to increase the balance.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you. Again, I know that we've had some of those conversations in subcommittee as well, and so we'll definitely be following up as we move towards closing on that budget for the upcoming fiscal year because this is definitely a concern, the fact that we may be operating not only for the end of this...heading into end of this fiscal year, but for the next two fiscal years, under this level that we've had set and potentially significantly so. You mentioned that there've been, essentially, changes in the kind of...the statewide transportation improvement

plan, deferring certain projects. Do you have any information in front of you currently on what projects have been or will be delayed or canceled in order to address the slow balance in the unrestricted Highway Fund?

MR. SULAHRIA:

Assemblymember Watts, the projects that we are...they will be deferred, I only can highlight... there's number of projects could be affected, preservation projects, but some of the big projects we're talking about is the next phase of North Valleys project. That's one major project that we are targeting to advertise fall of this year or early...late summer. Also, we have I-80 project that we all know about, that is a major project that we're looking at. We have some other bridge replacement projects that are coming up, up north here in I-80, and also some projects in Las Vegas. We are looking at...we are currently in design, but it's like Via Nobila, Henderson Interchange, we are coordinating with our stakeholders, and these are some of the major projects, but there's a list of other projects statewide that could impact.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you. If you could just follow up with that information for us, I think that would be very helpful. I know the questions are direct, but obviously, this is an issue of concern for us. We're both concerned about this potentially having additional repercussions for the state and for our financial standing over the next biennium. It's also a concern in terms of just the limitations and constraints that we have and the projects that we are seeing, getting pushed out, delayed, deferred, canceled, etc. I do appreciate that you're in a very difficult position to work with. We have structural issues with the Highway Fund balance. It is...we are not getting enough revenue into the Highway Fund to meet our transportation and infrastructure needs, and we are going to need to take additional action, hopefully soon, to address some of those structural issues. If you could follow up with some of that so we understand what the consequences are to important projects. I know we did talk about North Valleys, and there's essentially one phase already underway, additional phases that need to happen in order to really complete the vision for that project, but those may not move forward immediately following that first phase due to some of these funding constraints. If you can follow up with that information, that would be great. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Are there any additional questions on these particular items? Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, please.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a quick question. I'm not sure how much your department/division is involved in Brightline project that's going on. Do you anticipate any...with everything going on with the federal government, do you anticipate any work stoppage, money being pulled back, have you heard anything about that?

MR. SULAHRIA:

At this moment, best of our knowledge, everything is moving along. We are not hearing anything. The project is moving forward and that is, I believe construction should start this summer. That's what we hear, so fingers crossed, I think we'll be good, Chair.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you so much. I'm crossing both fingers.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions? If not, I will take a motion on Items E.89, E.90, E.91.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEMS E.89, E.90, AND E.91.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

So moved by Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, seconded by Senator Nguyen. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say aye; all those opposed say nay; motion passes. Thank you very much for being here with us today.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS
PRESENT.

92. Office of the Military - FY 2025

Transfer of \$88,382 from the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to the Enterprise Information Technology Personal Computer Local Area Network (EITS PC/LAN) category to provide onsite and remote support for Office of the Military software and computer systems. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the EITS PC/LAN category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74309**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

93. Office of the Military - FY 2025

Transfer of \$186,263 from the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category to the Utilities category and \$60,000 from the Range category to the Utilities category to fund a projected shortfall for the remainder of the year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74376**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

94. Office of the Military - Patriot Relief Fund - FY 2025

Transfer of \$265,887 from the Patriot Relief Fund category to the Reserve category to align authority with the projected expenditures. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred from the Patriot Relief Fund category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C73967**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

95. Department of Veterans Services - Southern Nevada Veterans Home Account - FY 2025

Transfer of \$228,679 from the Reserve category to the Pharmacy category to fund a projected shortfall for the continued operation of the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Pharmacy category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74514**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

96. Department of Veterans Services - Southern Nevada Veterans Home Account - FY 2025

Transfer of \$448,444 from the Reserve category to the Operating Expenses category to fund a projected shortfall for the continued operation of the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home for the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Operating Expenses category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C74517**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

97. Public Employees' Benefits Program - FY 2025

Addition of ~~\$8,000,000~~ **\$13,000,000** in PPO RX Rebates revenue and ~~\$3,000,000~~ in State Subsidies **\$1,200,000 in Treasurer's Interest Distribution** revenue and transfers of \$4,000,000 from the State Medicare Retiree Insurance Cost category, ~~\$3,782,761~~ **\$5,769,809** from the HRA Reserve category, ~~\$13,446,186~~ **\$6,489,774** from the IBNR Reserve category, and ~~\$7,347,674~~ **\$3,047,035** from the Catastrophic Reserve category to the State Employee Insurance Cost category to pay projected medical and pharmacy claims and administrative costs through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the State Employee Insurance Cost category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #C74477. REVISED 3-25-25.**

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will next move to E.97, Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP). Thank you for joining us. Go ahead when you're ready.

CELESTENA GLOVER (Executive Officer, PEBP):

Good afternoon. Today we present you a work program to increase our budget authority in our medical claims category by \$33.5 million. We will do this by reducing our reserves by a little over \$15.0 million and using some savings we have in another expenditure category, as well as offsetting some projected increase in revenues. With that, I'll take any questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I do believe we have one question from Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, Chair. Thank you so much for being here, for your long day and the break in between. I appreciate that. I see in the work program exactly what you just detailed, and a \$15.3 million in reserve reductions. I'm curious, can you talk about what concerns would PEBP have if the reserves are \$15.3 million less in FY 2026 and FY 2027 compared to the amounts that are projected in The Executive Budget? What is the impact?

MS. GLOVER:

Obviously, it's going to affect our balance forward, it's going to reduce what we have available. That will also be dependent on our final expenditures and revenues. That reduction in reserves could be offset with additional revenues or savings and expenditure, so we don't know what that true balance forward is going to be. It may not be as big a hit as it looks right this second. Obviously, a reduction in our reserve levels affects us if the new budget is not sufficient to cover our cost,

and that is always something we have to be concerned with. In the past, we had excess reserves, and we could tap into those. We no longer have that. There is a small amount built into the 2026-27 Biennium [sic], but where that ends up, we don't know. We're seeing these shortfalls in part because our medical claims have been budgeted at a much lower percentage than we are experiencing. We are typically capped at the same amount the rest of the state uses—[Department of] Corrections, Medicaid—but our inflation has gone up higher than what we've been budgeted for, so we do what we can in other areas. Part of the reason we have those reserves is to bail ourselves out if we need to, and that's what essentially we're doing.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, follow-up Chair? Thank you. I just really want to, to be thoughtful, and I appreciate the hard work that you're doing in order to balance. If the \$15.3 million is not restored to reserves, what are the potential impacts to plan design to benefits in the coming fiscal years?

MS. GLOVER:

Depending on what we see in actual expenditures...rates have been set for 2026 because we're in the rate testing process now. May 1 is open enrollment. In 2027, if we continue the way we're going and we continue to have to go into reserves, then it will affect our benefits if we can't fund ourselves. What that potentially does is either we reduce benefits, which we don't like to do, or we use what we have for the employer contribution, and we have to offset it with the employee and the retirees' contribution, so their rates potentially go up.

We did make a decision during our board meeting on March 20 to offset the amount of subsidies...could potentially lower the rates for the 2026 plan year, but we've agreed to keep those flat. The board did approve that so that we can reserve a small amount of our employer contributions for 2027, because that is the year we don't know what's going to happen at this point. That's more of a concern than 2026 is.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, I appreciate that clarification. 2027 is a concern here as well, as we're looking at how are we thoughtfully preparing for the future and the folks that are counting on their benefits. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions on this item? If not, I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEM E.97.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you, from Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, second from Senator Nguyen. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say aye; all those opposed say nay; motion passes. Thank you again.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS
PRESENT.

F. APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS RELATED TO THE REVERSION OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION BILLS APPROVED BY THE 82ND (2023) LEGISLATURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220.

- 1. Office of the Governor - State Energy Office - Office of Energy - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$9,238,400 from the SB505 ET One Shot category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining funds from Senate Bill 505 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV486801**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

- 2. Office of the Governor - Governor's Office of Finance - Special Appropriations - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$7,082 from the AB482 1365 EITS Loan category, \$69,087 from the AB506 1373 EITS Loan category, \$3,486 from the AB488 1387 EITS Loan category, \$144,689 from the AB488 1388 EITS Loan category, \$6,000,000 from the AB522 Retention category, \$3,000,000 from the SB457 Kirk Medicine UNLV category, and \$25,662,470 from the SB510 Collective Bargaining category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount added to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV130101**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

3. **Board of Examiners - General Fund Salary Adjustments - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$22,075,693 from the Ex Branch Salary Adj BA with Reserves category, \$21,672,907 from the Ex Branch Salary Adj BA W/O Reserve category, \$314,536 from the Continuity BA With Reserve category, and \$321,789 from the Continuity BA W/O Reserve category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV488301**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

4. **Office of the Secretary of State - Secretary of State - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$3,500,000 from the Project Orion SB485 category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations from Senate Bill 485 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV105001**

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5. **Office of the Secretary of State - Help America Vote Act Election Reform - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$4,500,000 from the VREMS Project SB484 category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations from Senate Bill 484 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV105101**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

6. **Office of the State Treasurer - State Treasurer - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$211,039 from the AB526 NP COVID Relief category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining General Fund appropriations from Assembly Bill 526 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV108001**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

7. **Office of the State Controller - Controller's Office - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$1,980,000 from the SB460 - One Shot category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining General Fund appropriations from Senate Bill 460 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV113001**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

8. **Department of Taxation - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$58,300 from the SB466 - One Shot IT Consult category, \$264,463 from the SB467 - One Shot Carson Move category, and \$180,602 from the SB489 - One Shot IT Projects category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV236101**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

9. **Nevada System of Higher Education - System Administration - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$1,537,324 from the Formula Funding Study category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV298601**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

10. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$5,070 from the AB511 - One-Shot category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations from Assembly Bill 511 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative change to the AB511 - One-Shot category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV316101. WITHDRAWN 3-4-25.**

11. **Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Rural Clinics - FY 2025**
Transfer of \$119,548 from the AB511 - One-Shot category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations from Assembly Bill 511 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV364801**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

12. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Youth Parole Services - FY 2025

Transfer of \$50,244 from the SB495 - One Shot category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining funds from Senate Bill 495 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred from the SB495 - One Shot category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV326301. WITHDRAWN 3-3-25.**

13. Department of Corrections - One Shot Appropriations - FY 2025

Transfer of \$225,400 from the Director's Office/Staffing Study category, \$35,000 from the NNCC/Kitchen and Laundry Equipment category, \$22,834 from the SDCC/Battery System category, and \$475 from the LCC/Food Delivery Equipment category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert unspent General Fund appropriations from Assembly Bill 507 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV371401**

Agenda Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13 were discussed jointly.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Now we will move on to Items E.64, E.66, E.67, and E.68.

KITTY DESOCIO (Deputy Director of Support Services, Nevada Department of Corrections [NDOC]):

Good morning, Chair, Committee members. We're here to answer questions that you might have on the items that were pulled: Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68. These are our traditional yearly transfers within budget accounts to align expenses and authority. We're here to address any questions you might have.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I don't know if anyone else on the Committee has a question. I know that I have one that I'd like to ask you about. I understand there was just short of \$60 million worth of overtime, and I would like to know some specifics or some conversation about that, and how that happened, and what we are doing moving forward. If anyone else has questions, please let me know.

Ms. DESOCIO:

Director Dzurenda will take that. He's ready.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Director, I'm trying to get you in my eyesight.

JAMES DZURENDA (Director, NDOC):

Good morning. Thank you, Chair Dondero Loop and Vice Chair Monroe-Moreno, for having us come up here. The overtime, to me, it's complicated, and I'm going to try to express concerns that this is, it feels like *déjà vu*, this has been going on for many years. When I look at some certain projections on day one of our budgets, we're usually about \$60 million short on day one over a biennium.

What I could do, I can explain how that is, and it's over Personnel Services. Like I said, this isn't new; this went back even to a study that Director Cox did in 2011 and 2013 by A-S-C-A [Association of State Correctional Administrators], which is ASCA. It was a staffing study to say the agency is significantly short on their post charts. Coming today, we still are significantly post chart short. I brought this up in the 80th (2019) Legislative Session. Director Daniels brought it up in March 2022; it must have been in an interim. There's a few things on this that come to attention when I look at the overtime management.

First, when we talk about central transportation posts, we only have specific posts that do routine transfers across the state for going for either court or transfers from one facility to another. It doesn't put in any budgeting approval for out-of-state transfers that we pick up or we bring back. Currently, we have about 86 out-of-state transfers. Those are offenders from Nevada that are in other states. We have about the same number from other states that are in our state. We share expenses when we move back and forth. However, those are all unbudgeted overtime every time we move people to out of state or back in state.

When you talk about the training academy, the training academy only has seven positions that are authorized under our budget to run the academy. However, when you look at training hours, we have to, in order to do an actual training, whether it's in-service training or pre-service training, we don't have seven officers, or seven positions is not going to cover the amount of training we do. I could do a breakdown what the academy needs even to do a use-of-force training; how many...it's required by POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and by American Corrections Association [*sic*] (ACA) standards, how many trainers you need per correction officers when you're doing the training. Just in 2024, we had to, I would say borrow, or take 243 officers offline just in 2024, just to come and assist and do academy training, which came to about \$1,000,083...83,000 in 2024, just to pull those staff.

When you pull a staff out of a facility to do things like this, we have to pay overtime in the positions where they came from, that's all unbudgeted. In 2025, just to the start, ending in March 31 of this year, we already had to pull 77 staff out of facilities to do training for the new recruits that came online. That's already at \$176,500 for just this year alone.

When I first got to the agency back in 2023, January 2023, I was hit with a severe number of vacancies in the state, and at a position where, when you look at it, I am shocked the agency hasn't had more devastation. It was at a severe rate where the, it was dangerous for staff to work in those conditions. There was one incident I could just pick in the top of my head in August 2024, where we had three separate homicides in a short period at Ely State Prison. That day, every single officer worked more than 16 hours straight, except for eight. That's how short we were. When I first came to the agency, we were at a 36% vacancy rate statewide. However, at Lovelock [Correctional Center], there was 48%, Ely [State Prison] there was 52%. When you look at that, and I tell agencies, departments of corrections from other states, they're shocked that we even were able to do that without even getting anyone's...any more lives taken, because it is extremely dangerous.

My very first mission with the agency was trying to fill those positions to get us to a rate where I felt that it was safer. The way you do that, when I looked at the...we hired a company called All Star Recruiting. What we found out when we were doing the analysis of recruiting and hiring, we found out that the people that put in for the positions in corrections, they shotgun out positions for everywhere; every law enforcement agency, whether it's the public safety, whether it's the local sheriff's department, county jails, police, local police, they put them out everywhere. What they...what we found they did, was, is they'll take the very first position they come from as long as it's comparable pay.

What they do with corrections...when I first came on and did a human resourcing analysis, found out that it took about four to six months to onboard. Well, trust me, those other agencies were taking our staff whenever they can get them, because they were hiring so fast. The only way that we came to find that we can actually get the staff on board and get them hired before anybody else, was take them what we call a FAM, an F-A-M, and we call it a familiarity posting. When we hire them, we hire them the second they pass a test and a background, which could literally be in a couple weeks. We hire them contingent upon passing everything else, contingent that you're going to pass the academy, contingent that you're going to pass your physical fitness, your physical testing, and your psychological. The reason why we do that so quick is just so the other agencies don't pick them up. We hire you contingent that you're going to pass everything, and we put you in, what's a training program inside the facilities. Since you did not go through the academy yet, you can't work on your own, so, you would be teamed up with other staff members. They would show you what happens, they would teach you about the logistics of the facility, how the operations works, what you do with the offenders, how a housing unit actually operates, the safety and security pieces around, and this is all before you go to the academy.

How do you pay for it? We're not budgeted for that. We're not even budgeted for a correctional officer at the academy. What we do is, is we're budgeted for what's called a PCN number [Position Control Number], a personnel number to hire into a position at a facility. Correction officers cannot work in those PCN positions until after graduation. What happens before graduation? We pull tho...in order to pay

that individual, we pull those PCN numbers out of a post. Say that open vacant PCN was working in Housing Unit 1, we hire someone as a FAM. We'll pull that position out of unit one so we can pay that FAM; however, someone has to work unit one; that's all overtime. When we started pulling all these FAMs out, we started reducing our over...the overtime increased; however, our vacancies decreased. We went to a position with the state right now, currently, today, we are at 6...16% vacancies with correction officers, uniformed employees.

The other thing we have is, we have a current academy class going on right now. We have 80 in our academy. After they graduate, and this is if we lose no employees to termination, retirement, or resigning, we will be at 11% as soon as the classes that are in there now graduate, 11% vacancies. We have 48 FAMs that are currently online being paid right now. After they graduate, statewide we'll be at 9% vacancy for correction officers. When you look at that, it comes with a price, and the price is twofold: comes to a price to pay that it's going to cost money, but it also comes to a price that it increases safety and security in our institutions because now we don't have to worry about having staff working more than 16 hours, we don't have to worry about the safety and security issues that come along with shortages of staff.

When you talk about shortages of staff, what the...what we do now, which I have Warden Bean can, if we have questions, can re...specific answers about the actual facilities and what they do. When we talk about staff shortages now, it's not that our vacancies are short, it's we're staff short. When you talk about staff short, and you look at these post charts that we use to put...get PCNs approved to put people in, I could just pick up two posts that I see right off the bat on these post charts. There's Housing Unit 8 up at Lovelock Correctional Center, Housing Unit 12 at Ely State Prison. The post charts has nobody assigned to them, has nobody working in them. Well, obviously, I can't have offenders living in a housing unit with no staff. What that means to me is, it's unbudgeted. We don't get paid a PCN to put in those units. What do we do? We put overtime, we have no choice but to put 24/7 officer assigned into those housing units. This is consistent across the board with our post charts.

When you look at even hospital trips, hospital guarding, medical appointments, we averaged out the last six months and came with 66.7 officers every single day needed to do those three areas: the hospital trips, hospital guarding, and medical appointments. We are only authorized 20 officers for 66.7 that go out every single day. Where does that 46.7 come from? It's unbudgeted overtime, so now the overtime rates go up.

When you talk about CBA [Collective Bargaining Agreement] and the unions, when the unions starte...took over the first negotiations when they came out with their contracts, not one administration employee from the NDOC was involved in the negotiations contract. I was literally pulled in the last couple weeks of the approved contract to go over the contract with the negotiators to say what was in it. When you look at what was in it—and believe me, today our administrators and actually Warden Bean is actually on the negotiations panel—but it's already, the contracts

are already in place, it's just redoing the contracts. When you look at the CBA agreements, it allows for two additional days off a year, that's man...that's kind of like a mandatory use them or lose them personal leave. Well, when you're talking about 1,870 officers getting two additional days off that are unbudgeted, you pull those people out and they don't work, and where is it, it goes overtime in their positions. More, again, unfunded budgeting overtime. When I looked at what that meant, those two additional officers is one...the two additional days off for every officer is \$1,981,000 that is unbudgeted to corrections that we pay in overtime to cover when they have those days off. The other thing they added in the CBA was they added 2,000 hours that the union gets to have as union employees for days off. Well, when they take a day off, we pull them out of a housing unit or out of a post, and we put someone in there as overtime; again, unfunded, budgeting overtime that we have to pay for.

When you...the other thing I looked at, when you start talking about the shift relief factor. A shift relief factor puts in the...if we had an accurate up-to-date shift relief factor—a shift relief factor determines how many positions you would actually need based upon how many posts you have, whether they're five-day, seven-day, or 8-hour, 10-hours, or 12-hours—and it would give us the appropriate number. However, when you have an inappropriate shift relief factor, it doesn't count in the correction officer's overtime...the correction officer's union leave, when it doesn't count in the two additional days off, when it doesn't appropriately count the actual amount of posts that are necessary to run the operation. Like I said, just those two buildings, 8 and 12 at Lovelock and Ely, those are...those come to me that I have to fill positions where I don't have approved positions. We fill them with unfunded overtime posts.

When you look at it is, when you hear complaints from, whether it's...I'm sure you'll probably...you might even hear it today from public comment from Return Strong, when you hear these comments about canceling visits, when you hear about these locking down of facilities because they're shortage of staff. It's not the vacancies. The vacancies, like I said, our vacancy rates, if we were appropriately staffed, we wouldn't have the issues that we would need to lock down and shut things down. We shut things down because we don't have enough staff to run the operations that we were approved.

What we do, and this is what the warden can explain, we start shutting areas of the facilities down that we shouldn't; we shut them down or we cut posts, we shut down posts and move those positions into overtime posts so it doesn't cost overtime, however, it affects the operations.

We created what was called a, and this is a fictitious name, but you'll hear it all over the place, a minimum staffing plan. Minimum staffing plan is something that is actually made up. We made it up, because what I ended up doing, I had to be able to tell the facilities where they can go with reducing and eliminating posts before it becomes too much of a safety and security concern. What we do is, is I tell the facilities where we can actually go below the approved legislative post charts and approved positions to run the operations of a facility. If you go below

that minimum, we got to start locking down, we got to start closing visits, because we don't have enough staff to safely operate the facilities. That's when you start hearing about vacancies. Vacancies has nothing to do with our shortages of staff that we talk about, it's a different language, and it's a different reason why we are creating these shutdowns and closing visits. It's because of the post charts.

We had discussions with this last year. I met with the GFO office discussing all this. We agreed that there's a problem with the overtime...problem with the posting of these charts, and the only way to really rectify this is to hire a company, which I believe this is under Item F.13, you'll see it as a one-shot, hire a company to come out that has nothing to do with us, we did it by RFP [request for proposal], and the company would come out and do a staffing analysis. They would go based upon not what we believe, but what the standards of the ACA says you need to run a unit or an operation. If you have a...this level security of offender, you need two officers, you need three officers. If you have a housing unit of 110, you need two officers; you have a housing unit of 150, you need three officers. They will rate their analysis based upon ACA standards and come back and say where our post charts are wrong. What they are going to be recommending, and to me, I mean, I met with them recently, I think it's going to be devastating when they do present this. I believe you're going to see not that \$60 million short that I said, it's going to be more of over \$100 million.

The way I could look at it is, is we can get these, the real analysis of where we should be, and I could space it out over maybe six years or three bienniums [sic] However, I can do this to make sure that we appropriately staff so we're not going to be faced here again with \$50 million in shortfall of, because of overtime costs. All that just builds up, and all that is areas where it looks like the NDOC may be using funds wrong or creating overtime or with these a lot of things that I've been hearing, but if I look at it and it's something just quickly \$60 million short on a biennium where we're asking for about \$50 million shortfall means that I save \$10 million. I don't know if that's true, but that's the way I look at it.

But anyway, we are trying to rectify something that has been going on for decades. It's not something new; that shift relief factor has not been updated. We have not had an analysis of the post charts done in decades. The one that was done that was done by ASCA in 2011 and 2013, it was dismissed because they claim it was never approved to be able to do in the first place. I have those post charts, and I have those...that analysis that was done back then. It was never submitted for approval because it said it was never given approval at day one, so they would not accept it as an approved analysis.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Director Dzurenda, we have some questions up here...

MR. DZURENDA:

That's all I had anyway...

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I don't know if you want to stop and do the questions, and then if you have additional information. I will go to Majority Leader Cannizzaro first because I believe she has some questions.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to take a few steps back, because I think we were hoping to kind of get in there, and we have a long list of things that I think you're probably going to get some questions on.

First and foremost, what we are talking about is in FY 2025, in the current fiscal year, there's a projected shortfall within the NDOC, approximately \$53 million, that we have to go and find because of overtime. Is that correct?

MR. DZURENDA:

The majority of it is, that's correct.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

This is money that we are going to have to figure out, this Committee here, as we sit in joint committee during the legislative session and hear budgets to find that \$53 million for this particular fiscal year. That money is due to overtime. I think...I heard some of the things that was said today. Obviously, even in our pre-session budget hearings, you came in and mentioned about some of the incidents that have happened at some of the facilities and that when a critical incident happens where someone is injured or where we've had individuals who've been killed within the prisons that results in officers having to work exceedingly long hours. I think today you mentioned 16-hour days for a lot of those officers that were working, and I see you nodding your head yes, so I'm going to take that as a...

MR. DZURENDA:

It was actually more than that. It was exceeded 16 hours.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I'm sure you would agree with me that 16 hours plus per day is extremely hard for the officers that you have employed in the NDOC. Again, I see you nodding your head yes. I think...I mention that because where we have these overtime hours, we're talking about officers that are not working 9 hours or 10 hours, they're working many, many, many more hours, with either small breaks or no break at all in picking up those overtime hours. Is that sort of your understanding of some of the issues that relate to this overtime issue?

MR. DZURENDA:

What...you're going into two different areas, and when you're talking about these 16-hour shifts, I have an Administrative Regulation 326 that dictates that staff can't work more than two 16 hours in a row. However, I was overridden by the CBA agreement because now in the contract that gives unlimited numbers of overtime. Sixteen, they could do 16 hours every single day for 365 days in a year, and I have no control over it.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Is it your contention then that, as you read that CBA, that it requires you to give overtime for as many hours as you may need someone to work?

MR. DZURENDA:

If there's overtime that's available, I cannot tell them no. If I have someone volunteering, that's been working 16 hours for the last 30 days, if there's overtime, that's open for a hospital trip, if that individual volunteers to work, I can't tell them no.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

It is your...so it is your contention that you must give overtime hours for any individual when you need shifts covered for that individual who volunteers. That you must allow them to work, and you must make sure that they are being paid overtime, but they must be permitted to work for any number of hours, ad nauseam.

MR. DZURENDA:

Sixteen hours straight. They have to have 8 hours off before the next 16. In a 24-hour period, it's 16 hours. Every 24-hour period, they can work 16, 16, 16, 16, all year long.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

If we received information that it is in fact that the CBA says that overtime that...that you have officers who can volunteer for overtime, not that if they volunteer for overtime, you have to give them those overtime shifts, and you have to, in fact, pick overtime over anything else. That would be incorrect.

MR. DZURENDA:

No, that's not...it's kind of twisting the story. If we have an overtime shows up, you have someone who has to go to the outside hospital. I need two officers for overtime. I have no one that's...everyone's already scheduled to work in a post. Those two officers...now it goes out to the shift that we need two officers or if it's

two officers or four, we need that many at the end...at that start of the next shift for overtime. We first ask for volunteers. Anyone in the CBA that volunteers, we have to take them first before ordering an officer to stay over to work, even if that other officer was only there for six hours.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Right. I think that one of the...so what I'm trying to get at here is, because we heard a lot about the CBAs...without going too far down a road, the reason why we're allowing for employees' right to bargain is so that they can have the ability to talk about good working conditions and being treated fairly when they do have to do things like overtime. So, yes, I would imagine that there probably is a CBA that says that if they are going to volunteer for overtime, before you require another officer to take that overtime spot, if all you have are officers and no matter who you plug into that position, they're going to be an overtime that yes, you would have to take somebody who's going to volunteer to work overtime before mandating someone to work overtime. That would be a very typical workplace condition type negotiation, and that's how I would understand the CBA, but how I think it has been portrayed today is that you are required, no matter what, to pay overtime.

This brings me to my next question, which is I think two, I have two, Madam Chair, and then I know other folks have questions. A couple of things, thank you. First of all, these post sheets that we have heard so much about, you mentioned two things that I would like answers for. The last thing you just said was that they didn't submit post sheets, they didn't approve them before they were...before the post sheets were sort of utilized. Who is this "they" that you are referring to, that did not approve these...you can't use these post sheets?

MR. DZURENDA:

When you talk about post charts, we build the post charts around how many approved posts you have, and the post charts will identify what those posts are, whether they're 24/7, whether they're 5 days, 7 days, that...those post charts have to go to the Legislature for budget approval. They don't approve what's on them, they just say if this is what we got, we justify to say this is what the post chart said, this is how they got to that. The Legislature would have to approve the use of those post charts to have the budget money moved over to pay for that. That's all that comes from. They don't get down the weeds to say yes, this post, no, not that post; it's the post charts have to be approved legislatively in order to get the money to be able to move over that we need for PCNs.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

When you were referring to, I think you said 2012 redo of post sheets, the "they" that you are referring to is the Legislature?

MR. DZURENDA:

That's what I was told, was is that Greg Cox, the Director at the time, brought it up to the Legislature—and I'm not sure if it was on the interim or if it was during the regular session—and was told that since it was not approved from the Legislature to do the staffing analysis, that they were not accepting it as an analysis. Because they said that the ASCA at the time were all hired—this is what I was told from Greg Cox—what was hired from ASCA was retired directors. It would be a conflict to say that a retired director saying that another director needed this, it wouldn't be impartial. I still have those post charts. Those are post charts that were never submitted through the regular...the whole process, and they continue with the same post charts today that have been going on prior to then, except when we come back and say we need...we...housing unit opened, and we need this put on the post chart, but those post chart analysis has not been done prior to then.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

How many times since 2012 has the NDOC brought before this body a recommendation, a request, or a redo of those post sheets to adjust your staffing levels?

MR. DZURENDA:

We have asked probably every session when we add on posts. If we add a housing unit that was under construction or coming up, we asked for it, but not to redo them.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I'm going to stop you right there because I'm not talking about a new housing unit or a new issue piece where we're then being asked to fund additional positions to fund a new place. We're talking about that there is an issue that you have identified has been going on for a very long time. That part and parcel of that is that as of 2012, these post sheets were not approved or admitted, that those same post sheets are being used, that this is forcing you to have to regularly default to using overtime as opposed to hiring new officers. How many times have you come to the Legislature to ask to redo those since 2012 to add positions to adjust so that not all of your officers are continually working overtime on a regular basis, such that now we have this very large hole that we have to fill?

MR. DZURENDA:

I can't speak on the last couple of sessions that I wasn't here, but when we brought this up, or I brought this up, when I first got here, I was told we need to wait until you have an outside consultant come in to do the analysis based upon data, not by what we think, but using standards across the country, ACA standards, American Correction Officer standards, using that analysis. Then we can ask for the post charts to be redone based upon what the staffing study showed. We have not brought that up because there has not been a staffing analysis done by an outside contractor since 2011 and 2013.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Why has there not been a request every session since then? If that was done, not accepted, is not being utilized, this has been an ongoing problem since at least then, how come that request has not been made every single session since then? I understand there are some that you were not here, so I won't ask you to speak to those, but what about every other session in between?

MR. DZURENDA:

Go back to 2019 and you could pull up [Assemblymember] Frierson and [Assemblymember] Carlton. It did come up. I brought this up when I was here in my first term. What happened after I left? I have no idea. Brought it up again in 2023, was told I got to do a staffing study from an outside agency in order to change those post charts.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

But I'm not talking about the post charts, I'm talking about the staffing study. Where's the request for that staffing study then?

MR. DZURENDA:

That came up in 2023, the staffing study when I put in I want an RFP for a company out there in 2023 to be able to get a company that says that they can actually do this. We had a bunch of companies put in for this, and a company called Corrections Consultant Inc. [sic] was the one that actually accepted the offer and that was hired.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I think some of the...some of I think the frustration is that this is something that is also...if we're going to regularly use overtime...and this is maybe, you probably have an answer to this, and then I'm done, Madam Chair. To me, if it is that we're just going to have to regularly rely on overtime either because something was not approved, because the post sheets can't get fixed, because there isn't a staffing study done, because there's a CBA, because of whatever the reason is, if we are

aware that there is going to be a regular ongoing use of overtime monies, then there should have been some piece of that that said we're going to need a reserve of X amount of dollars that we believe because we are going to have to pay overtime so that we're not sitting here with a hole in a current fiscal year that we have to go now find money for, which means we have to readjust things in the budget that we have before us that we have been going through. As this issue has come up, I think two things of note: a) that just should be a budgeting practice if there aren't other solutions to this rather than to know that this is going on, turn a blind eye to it, then have a budget hole, then be asked halfway through a legislative session to figure out how to fill that hole. Two, there's got to be then, I think, some more conversations about how it is that this is remedied, because it is just...it puts us in a very bad spot to have to try to find that significant amount of money at this point in the legislative session.

MR. DZURENDA:

You are 100% correct. That's what...when you look at the money issue, it puts you in a bad spot. When I have to look at staffing issues and shutting things down, it puts me in a bad spot. This is not just about money on my end. I'm...I get faced to be able to cut that back. If I know I'm going to be \$60 million, how am I going to cut back \$60 million? You're saying put it into a fund? Great, that would make my problems go away. But since it's not, I have to go out and start shutting things down, saying we can't do this, can't do that, arouse tension, security issues. One hundred percent agree. But hopefully this will all be resolved once that posting chart and staffing analysis is completed and we come up with a plan over the future, how this is going to be rectified, but right now it's not, and I knew this coming into it day one.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I'll go to Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Director, for being here and answering questions. I got to push back on some of the things that you said, okay, because you and I both know this is my area of expertise, right? But I got to push back on a few things because I was not here in 2011, 2012, or whatever. I was here in 2019, but I was also here in 2021, and we had Assembly Bill (A.B.) 462. That bill was approved for a staffing study for \$289,000. When we came back to this legislative body, that study hadn't taken place. I'm not sure what happened to the funds, but it was approved for a staffing study in 2021. Then again, last legislative session, there was A.B. 507 that approved funding for a staffing study, another \$395,000. That money was not used for a staffing study, and of that money, \$225,400 are funds that are set to be reverted. Please let us know what happened to the funds for those two studies and why they were not done, because this legislative body heard you, and we appropriated the funding for the staffing studies for two reasons: we have a responsibility to make sure that the staff that work for you are safe, but for the inmates in our custody are safe as well, so please tell us what happened to that.

JASON GIESLER (Chief Financial Officer, NDOC):

Senator Chair Dondero Loop through you to Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno. I can't speak to the first issue of what happened in 2019, because obviously, I wasn't here, I don't know if any of us were here in 2019, maybe Director, but...

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I believe it was 2021, and you may go direct.

MR. GIESLER:

Thank you. In A.B. 507 that passed over the last biennium, it did appropriate some funding, \$395,000 as one-shot funds, for us to conduct a staffing study. What you'll see in Item F.13 is a reversion of partial of that amount, it's like \$225,000 being reverted, because the staffing study, as Director Dzurenda had mentioned, the contract of that through Correctional Consultants Services Inc. [sic], that total contract's approximately \$160 some odd thousand and is expected to complete by this fiscal year. The GFO has asked us to revert any additional funds that would not be used via one-shot spend, so that information on Item F.13 is a representative of the surplus of funding that will not be used.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Okay, so let's go there. When I'm doing my budget, if I have money left over in one fund that I might need to move somewhere else, then I talk to my husband and say, "Hey, maybe it would be better use of these dollars if we put them here." Was there ever a conversation with the GFO, the Governor's Office, or the legislative body that says we're not going to be able to use all the money for the

staffing study, we don't need it all; however, I do have a budget shortfall in this account, this account, and this account, can I get permission to use those dollars that have already been appropriated for these other shortfalls instead of coming to the legislative body during a session and say now I'm an additional \$60 million in the hole?

MR. GIESLER:

Yes. Some of those conversations did occur with one-shot funding, but the way that the one-shot funding is designed is it's specifically to be used for the bill, how it's appropriated under the bill, and this section in A.B. 507 specifically earmarked those funds to be used for a staffing study for the department, so it would be mismanagement of funds for us to use that money for anything but that.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

It would be if you just moved the money, which the NDOC has done before, and then had to come and get their hand slapped, so I appreciate you not doing that on your own. But my question is, was there ever a work program that was brought to us or a conversation that said, "Hey, we have extra dollars for this staffing study that we're not going to utilize because the company that we've contracted with will not need all of the money; however, the department does need funding in this area, that area, or another area," and then the GFO could have submitted a work program to this body to move those dollars. That could have happened. Did it happen?

MR. GIESLER:

In particular to the correctional staffing study, no. In relation to other items, yes. Those conversations have occurred.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

There's so much more I could say, but I know other people have questions, Madam Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I'll go to Senator Nguyen.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I'm not going to reiterate what everyone else has said. Obviously, we are sitting here today towards the end of the fiscal year, and I understand the why, or what you're purporting to be the why we have these overtime things. I'm just wondering where it...it appears that in a management structure, there were so many levels of failure to catch this, and if we go back to just this last quarter's reports to the Board of Examiners, there was a \$15.62 million in overtime alone from the NDOC. When

we look at the next closest thing that's in close alignment with what you do at the NDOC, we have [the Department of] Public Safety and they're only at \$3.2 million, and that's kind of a blip. When I looked back at the first quarter reports, again, it was another \$15.3 million. I suspect if I keep going back looking at these quarterly reports that are presented by your agency to the Board of Examiners, I'm going to see continual overages in the overtime that is purported. In talking with GFO, it sounds like they only became aware of this in the end of February 2025. How do we get to this point where we've had a colossal mismanagement where every area where a red flag could go up has not gone up over a year, where we end up into this problem, one? Two, what have you done to make sure that we don't end up with this problem moving into the future?

MR. DZURENDA:

First of all, those discussions with the current GFO is correct, because they just started there in February, they weren't from the GFO office. It was discussed with the prior staff. That's why I was told last year in 2024, we cannot address the personnel services until we do the staffing study. But it was...it has been addressed all along. I don't know what the process is with getting it to you, but I know what this has been discussed. When it...when you talk about what have we done, we shut everything down, and we constantly do that, and are we going to be here in the same boat yet next year if we don't do something different? Of course we will. We have to figure this out. That's where that staffing study's going to come up and we do what we been doing constantly is shutting things down, utilizing staff from one areas to cover the others because they're not posted. That's how you reduce overtime.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

You're saying that your agency told the Governor's Office, maybe not the current GFO, but had been in conversations with the previous...with the Governor's Office, as the head of one of the major agencies in the state, had these conversations about, "Hey, we're going to run into huge deficits, we're going to overspend like nobody's business in overtime," and they were aware of this and they just didn't bring it to our attention until March?

MR. DZURENDA:

I don't know when they brought it to your attention, but these discussions have been happening since I got here in 2023. We knew we were going to be short, and I'm telling you we're going to be short next time, too. These are the reasons I explained today is where we're short. We were told last year, this is before the current GFO office, that we needed to wait to adjust our personnel services issue until the staffing study was completed.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Now, let's get back to the cor...the current...I'm sorry, the post charts that we've been talking about. Obviously, we understand you need updated post charts. Have you even been submitting the post charts under the existing protocol and the existing [inaudible] thing? It's my understanding that we haven't even received, or they haven't even been received. We're so...it sounds like you're so far behind in existing post charts.

MR. DZURENDA:

I was told to wait until the staffing study is done because I can't tell you what I need until a staffing study verifies it based upon an ACA standard to say this is where our post charts should be.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I understand that going forward in the future and since that staffing study isn't even going to be complete until I think July of this year, was it just, we're going to continue to act in this...with this overtime and be back here with these huge overtime requests that we have to find money to cover?

MR. DZURENDA:

I was told I need to find a way to cut back on the overtime.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I just can't believe this. You knew that there was an overtime issue, and I'm looking at the request, so you knew this was a problem back in the fall of 2024. That was around the same time that you were preparing your recommendations for The Executive Budget and what to be included in there, and this isn't addressed in there because you're waiting for a staffing study to be able to go forward. But you knew that you were going to have a problem, and that staffing study wouldn't go into effect until probably the 84th (2027) Legislative Session, so what was the plan to address those shortfalls in the budget requests?

MR. DZURENDA:

Just to cut back on overtime. I have the warden here to say how we're actually doing it. That's all.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

What we're looking at today is a cutback on overtime already?

MR. DZURENDA:

Yes, and more than what has been going on. We have a chart that'll show where the overtime was since January of this year, where it's going. It's actually, it's different because we took more drastic measures.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I guess I'm looking at some of the requests, and it seems like there's hardly any requests to increase staffing, just anecdotally, without a study. It sounds like there's like a "cert" team and there's things that are not going to significantly decrease a \$53 million shortfall.

MR. DZURENDA:

That was a move that we did when we transferred Ely State Prison to High Desert [State Prison] and the effect that it made on there, not our current staffing problem. That was based upon a specific transfer of offenders, high-risk offenders, and the need that it would take down at the Southern Desert [Correctional Center] because they needed to move that regional CERT team [Correctional Emergency Response Team] to High Desert [State Prison] where the incidents are happening, leaving Southern Desert [Correctional Center] with no staff for emergency response.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

May I ask just a couple more questions, Chair? It is your intention that you are not going to ask this legislative body for more money for staffing this...during this legislative session?

MR. DZURENDA:

Only the CERT team that you saw that you mentioned for that area and relocation of some staff from one...from our closing...closer facilities that were reallocated those numbers, but that was it, not the adjusted post charts and not additional staff to cover for that overtime that you're talking about, no.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

You're doing this not because you don't believe you need that staff, but because you're waiting for this study?

MR. DZURENDA:

That is correct.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Then you're additionally trying to cut overtime internally to bring down this number?

MR. DZURENDA:

That's correct.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

But it's fair to say that you're going to end up in this problem, even heading into FY 2026?

MR. DZURENDA:

That is correct, but it probably won't be as much because we have other avenues to be able to reduce the overtime.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

I'm just incredibly disappointed. You also said that the way you'll make this up is making significant cuts to programming. What kind of cuts are you talking about cutting in order to make up for this overtime shortfall?

MR. DZURENDA:

I have Warden Bean, who is the largest facility warden in the state, that can go over what each facility does, and what we cut back, and what we decrease in order to make up for the overtime.

JEREMY BEAN (Warden, High Desert State Prison):

To address your question, for programs cuts, what we've done is we have traditionally in-person program, the offenders that requires, because we have 20 housing units at my facility alone, it requires additional staff to stand in with the programming officers to foster those programs. We've transitioned all of those to distance education type of environment, and they're done through mail-in packets through the internal mail service to reallocate those staff members to a minimum staffing position to reduce overtime.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Are there any other programs that you're thinking about cutting...camps or any other things to alleviate staffing and work overtime programs that we are probably going to find out about next year when we're not in session?

MR. BEAN:

Yes. We've also reduced our visiting schedules to every other week. We're on a 50/50 schedule so that we're only providing in-person visits to the population once every two weeks. Then those staff members assigned to the visiting positions could also be rolled back into the minimum staffing, reducing overtime further.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Rather than asking this legislative body for additional staffing, so we don't have officers working...some...I've heard numbers from the GFO that there is an officer that has already, in this fiscal year, logged in 1, 600 hours of overtime, which puts you on track to work 80-hour weeks. Rather than do that, we are going to cut visitation, we are going to cut educational programs that ultimately what we've heard from you, Director, over and over and over again, actually make those prisons safer for your correction officers and safer for the people that are incarcerated in there. Is that my understanding?

MR. DZURENDA:

That is correct. And then we just monitor tension and stress in the units and when it feels like it's hitting at a point, we reopen everything. That is correct.

SENATOR NGUYEN:

Thank you. I have no further questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I believe Assemblymember Watts has a couple of questions.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you so much, Chair. Just echo my colleagues. I know that we had some of these conversations in budget subcommittee but even more has kind of come to light through this. I just want to follow up a little bit on this staffing study issue. The last Legislature allocated funds for the study. What was the timeline for...from that approval two years ago to finding a vendor and getting the study underway?

MR. DZURENDA:

The first thing was is drafting what we are looking for in the study and sending it through approvals of making sure all the staff that are involved with facility planning and all that understand what's going to be in the proposal after we already got the ROI [*sic*] initiated. When we do an RFP [request for proposal], we put those proposals in so that we could submit it for an RFP that...our entire RFP process takes about eight months.

Once you get the RFP process completed and a vendor on board, then we do the contract piece. We negotiate the contract, we work with the Attorney General's Office, that could take 3, 4 months from there, and then we put it in...present in front of the Board of Examiners for the actual contract, then we can get the money approved to be able to start the contract, but just getting that on board was about 18 months.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

When is that study going to be complete?

MR. DZURENDA:

It's already in progress with the corrections consultant and it's actually...they said they will submit the final report by June 30 of this year.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you, Chair, for the indulgence. You mentioned that you essentially had to do everything at the ground level. As you heard, we approved funding for a staffing study in 2021, so none of that...no groundwork was even completed in advance of you returning to this position, and so you had to do some of that initial work with staff, essentially the pre-RFP work, and you did that after the legislative session in 2023, after that bill had passed and those funds had been approved?

MR. DZURENDA:

You're correct, and I have no idea what they did in 2021 with that money or what they did with the process, but I have nothing turned over for me...to me from the last administration showing what they have done with any outside consultant or request for or RFP or anything for it. I started it from scratch.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER WATTS:

Thank you for that. The last thing I have is just a comment. I think, our understanding...I know that there's those timelines. I think our understanding was that when we fund a staffing study, we expect that in two years, when we come back in session, that we're going to have results from that, that can inform our budgeting for the following two years. It's incredibly frustrating for me and I think for everybody else on this body to hear that that study is going to be completed a month after this legislative session concludes, and we're going to have to wait another two years before we can see updated post charts and updated budget mechanics to reflect a need that has been communicated to us and that we have been working on our side to address for at least the last four years.

MR. DZURENDA:

I echo exactly the same. It's my frustration too, and that's what our RFI [request for information], RFP, our contract, the state created to be able to have a process that takes this long, and now here we are. I can't get a company fast enough to be able to do it that quick. Takes them at least eight months before they can actually complete a real study of every facility.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I'll go to Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director, I need to apologize to you. I believe that you've been put in a situation that's not a winnable situation. I respect your leadership, and you know how to run your facility. I believe that you know—you don't need a study to tell you—you know where you're lacking of staff. You know that every month when you see the overtime, you know at this facility on these days of the week, we are short-staffed. You know if there's a medical emergency, you're going to be short-staffed. I believe that you are a professional that doesn't need a study. I don't know if it was the Legislature or the Governor's Office or who it was that's put you in a situation that makes the men and women that serve under you in a bad situation. I believe that you know the dollar amount that you need, the number of bodies that you need; the study would only confirm that.

Now that you've told us, we have a responsibility to make sure that you get what you need for your staff to be safe and the inmates in our charge that...to be safe. You may not have gotten the approval from the Governor's Office or the okay, but because you are a professional and the administrator of this division, I would like you to tell us what it is that you believe you need. I don't know if we have that in the budget because the budget's tight, but we have a responsibility now that we know about it to try to find that, because it would be irresponsible of us to let this continue, knowing you don't have the staff or the money, and you're going to have to come back to us in the interim to ask for it.

What I'm asking, I'm sure you probably have it on the back of a napkin or somewhere. Get that information to us so that when we go to close budgets, we can address that, because if we don't, then that's a failure on the Legislature. We have done what we...what was brought forward to us and tried to address that in 2021 and in 2023, but now that we've had this conversation today, you've put us all on notice. We do have to make a change, but the only way we can make that change, because we don't sit in your seats, we're not in the warden's seat or any of the other wardens. They know what they need, will we be able to meet it all? I don't know, but we can try to close that gap. But we can't even try to close the gap if we don't know what that gap actually is. Is that fair?

MR. DZURENDA:

I completely agree. Yes, it is.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. We'll go to Speaker Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER YEAGER:

Thank you, Chair. I don't really have a question; it's more of a request. I think if there...there are a lot of takeaways from this conversation this morning, and one takeaway for me is something we already know: it's very expensive to run a prison. Takes a lot of people, you factor in health care. I just think about some of the reforms we made years ago to try to get more non-violent offenders out of your custody and into local jails and programs. My request is this: as we see bills coming in through this session to put more non-violent folks in prison, to extend prison sentences, to limit the availability of parole, if you, as an agency, can make sure that you're accounting for those costs in the fiscal notes that you're submitting, because I don't think it's just...it's not just the fiscal note...it's not just the fiscal impact of longer sentences or more people. I think you have to factor in the problem that we are looking at now, which is there's way more cost than we think on the back end because of the overtime, so I would just ask you to be very mindful of that as we're looking at those bills. If you could take some extra attention on those fiscal notes and really think about what the extra impact is going to be from some of these bills that are coming through the session, because I think the last thing we want to do is be back here in two years and maybe we solve this problem, but we have other problems because we didn't account for the impacts of these things. I just want to thank you for being here to answer these questions and bringing this to light. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. When we started this particular item, I did not mention Item F.13. Instead, I said Items E.64, E.66, E.67, and E.68. Do you have anything else that you want to add for Item F.13 since we have sort of covered that within this conversation?

MR. DZURENDA:

No, I do not.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions or comments from the Committee? With that being said, I would accept a motion for Items E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, and F.13.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEMS E.64, E.66, E.67, E.68, AND F.13.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

All those in favor, say aye. Discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye; all those opposed say nay; motion passes. Thank you very much.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE MEMBERS
PRESENT.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We're going to take one minute recess.

Chair Dondero Loop called a recess at 10:50 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

If we could come back to order, we're trying to get the day's schedule organized. With that, what we are going to do is we are going to recess right now. We will come back upon the adjournment of Assembly floor, and we will hope to get this all done so that the afternoon committees can continue on. With that, I will recess until after Assembly floor. Thank you very much. You may leave your things at your desk because no one else will be in this room until then.

Chair Dondero Loop called a recess at 10:56 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

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

Transfer of \$183,886 from the SB472 South Fork Dam category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining funds from Senate Bill 472 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the cumulative amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV417101**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

15. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Administration - FY 2025

Transfer of \$200,000 from the Deferred Facilities Maintenance category to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining funds from Senate Bill 407 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds 20% of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #25RV419501**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

16. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Forestry Division - Conservation Camps - FY 2025

Transfer of \$350,000 from the Deferred Facilities Maintenance category, \$200,000 from the Replacement Trucks category, and \$100,000 from the Replacement Trailers category to the to the Reserve for Reversion category to revert remaining funds from Senate Bill (S.B.) 470 and S.B. 492 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Reserve for Reversion category exceeds \$350,000. **Work Program #25RV419801**

Refer to motion for approval under Agenda Item D.

G. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request for approval of transferable tax credits to Redwood Materials, Inc., pursuant to NRS 360.889(4). WITHDRAWN 3-25-25.

H. 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 DONDERO LOOP:

Next, we have withdrawn Item G so we will go to Item H, the Housing Division report on the Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI). We'll move to a...this is the standing agenda item for a report from the Housing Division on Home Means Nevada Affordable Housing Initiative. Here to present is Steve Aichroth and Christine Hess. Welcome back to the table, and please begin when you are ready.

STEVE AICHROTH (Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Business and Industry):

Thank you. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to talk through our Home Means Nevada project. As indicated, to my right is Christine Hess, our Chief Financial Officer. Sort of a follow-up from what we were discussing this morning, or at least what Christine was discussing this morning, our updated projections, which you haven't seen, are 41.0% of the total of the \$500 million spent, \$206,708,000, so we're at, overall, 41.48% spent through on the entirety of the Home Means Nevada projects.

As we look at it, we look at it both from an overall standpoint and from an individual standpoint. I kind of want to go through this process of how we get to the expended levels. Obviously, as was told to you earlier today, all the funding has been obligated, so that box has been checked, and we've seen communications from Treasury looking for obligations to be refunded. Obviously, we have none at this point nor does the state as was indicated earlier. When we do our projects, we contract our development projects on a reimbursement basis and we do that to ensure that compliance has been met, that eligible expenses are being paid. It's just a way that we make sure that we double check before. They submit a draw along with all the backup documentation, and then as they do that, it's evaluated at the division, the division determines that yes, in fact, these are eligible expenses, and we can pay them, and then we cut them a check. We have not advanced any funds. We always do it on a reimbursement basis with our development projects.

If there's concern about that process or expediting that process, we could have a discussion about advancing funds to the development. It's not something that we're looking to do, not something that we would typically do in practice, but potentially that could happen I suppose. To answer the overall question that was posed earlier today, we are extremely confident that all the funds will be expended by the December 2026 deadline.

To that point, if you look at the sheet, you'll see items highlighted in blue on the first page, just take a look at the first page of our spreadsheet ([Exhibit C](#)). Those items highlighted in blue are all projects that are 100% spent down. The point I'd like to make right now is none of those projects are open, none of them have a COO (Certificate of Occupancy). When the money is provided to these developers, typically, it goes out very, very rapidly once the construction begins. It's getting to that point, you heard that from other presenters earlier this morning, between architects and development and land. Really when you start to go vertical is when the money really starts to go out the door. With that, I just kind of wanted to provide that overall arching overview.

I know when we come before this board, we have shown pictures in the past and done some other descriptions and maybe to our detriment, we have not kind of gone through the deep, deep dive that was indicated earlier today, and maybe that's something we need to correct in the future on these reports going forward. With that said, I'm going to wrap up, I'll turn it over to Christine if she'd like to make any additional comments. She does have information on each individual project, so if there are specific projects you would like to ask about, we'd be more than happy to answer those questions. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you and go ahead. No, no, I was just going to thank Mr. Aichroth. Thank you very much and go ahead please.

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

Thank you, Chair Dondero Loop. Excuse me, excuse my interruption and Vice Chair Monroe-Moreno and Committee members. Wonderful to be back with you. I did not have enough time to print everything, and I don't think you would have had enough time to read everything anyway, but what I did want to offer in our report, and the reason why Administrator Aichroth gave you the most recent update, is because I had our team member update the 3-31 numbers. We did it March 31. We always do that right before we come so we can give you hot off the press numbers as opposed to the two months prior to submit for the agenda.

I also...I wanted to offer, as you look at the list, and if you have some questions on the projects—I know the Majority Leader had questions around some of the preservation funding—but I would be happy, on the list, to provide an update. Excuse me, I do have my surface here because I couldn't get things printed soon enough, but I have both, as I indicated this morning, I have both quarterly project status reports with major milestones, so the points in which they are in their construction process. I also have their spend plans, that is a requirement. Again, as I spoke with this Committee, we do flag projects that aren't spending timely for higher risk, and again, just constant follow-up. I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I'll open it up to you all. If you have a particular project that you'd like to hear a little bit more detail on. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Members. They wore us down.

Ms. HESS:

And if I may, Madam Chair and Vice Chair, members of the Committee, perhaps because of the time, and I know we're working towards the afternoon meetings, what I can do is a follow-up for this meeting. I had my team members pull, I picked a threshold, I said, can you please provide me and drop them into a folder so I can find them easily, the quarterly reports for all projects that are less than 50% spent. If it makes sense for the Committee, I can package that up with all projects that are less than 50% spent with their spend project forecast and their quarter...their most recent quarterly report and send that to you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

That would be great. That would be very helpful. I think we all know that everybody's doing what they need to do, it's just that our comrades to the east, we're afraid of what may happen, and we want to make sure that we don't lose any of this funding. We know how important housing is. Thank you very, very much for that information and for offering that to us.

With that, if there are no questions, I thank both of you for being here this afternoon and waiting through the recess period so we can go to floor and come back. This is an informational item only, so there's no...we will not be voting on this. Thank you very much and hope to see you soon. Thank you.

MR. AICHROTH:

Thank you, and we'll be here at the next one.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I thought you would, Mr. Aichroth. Thank you very much.

I. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Division of Child and Family Services - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - Status report on the Children with Intellectual Disorder Delay Plan as requested during the January 29, 2025, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee. **RECEIVED 3-11-25, AFTER THE 2-26-25 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will move on to Agenda Item I. This is a follow-up report from the Division of Child and Family Services that was requested by the Committee at January IFC. Here to present is Cody Phinney and Mr. Jack Robb. Please go ahead when you are ready. Thank you very much.

CODY PHINNEY (Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health [DPBH], DHHS):

Thank you very much, Chair Dondero Loop and Committee members. Good afternoon. This is really a team project at the DHHS, so I am here today. We appreciate the opportunity to update you on the use of the \$3.8 million in ARPA funds appropriated to expand children...services for children with behavioral health. On behalf of the department, I want to thank this Committee for the continued support and guidance, especially in helping us to refocus this funding to best serve Nevada's most vulnerable children. We acknowledge that there've been challenges with this project, but we're really pleased to be here today to share with you the progress that's been made in the last few months.

We've participated with the county, the Governor's Office, and local stakeholders in the exploration of several alternatives that achieve the goals of improved therapeutic settings, serving the populations that are currently being served in Building 12 and 13 on the SNAMHS [Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services] campus, and what was planned for Building 9 on that campus, and expanding the capacity to serve youth with behavioral health needs. All of that while making sure there is no lapse in services for the youth that are currently being served as I mentioned.

As you know, this is related in some degree to the Campus for Hope project, which was the impetus for moving away from the original plan to expand services into Building 9. Both long- and short-term plans are being finalized, as described in the letter from Administrator McDade Williams that is dated 3-10 [March 10] and is in your packet. That provides quite a bit of detail on the plans that we've been working on. Steps are being taken to prevent any lapse in that care. Administrator Schmidt from the ADSD [Aging and Disability Services Division] was able—I'm sorry, Aging and Disability Services—was able to make available a temporary solution for the intermediate care facility that is Building 13, with an existing intermediate care facility that's already appropriately licensed. We have that temporary solution while a portion of this \$3.8 million is used to bring a facility in the community up to code, and that will allow the permanent solution for the intermediate care facility that was Building 13 and would have been Building 9. I stuck to the building numbers for the names because there's too many ways to switch around with the type of service. I'm hoping that works for you. I'll be happy to answer questions.

In partnership with the county, we've...we're identifying specialized foster care settings in the community. Really, the campus is not the ideal place for that specialized foster care. Having that in the community improves the ability of those folks to then move into that next level of community living in the community (clearly, the emphasis is on community). And those...that is what is currently in Building 12. That funding was ending in August, so we were looking for a solution to that anyway, and a portion of this allows us to bridge that as we work with Medicaid and Administrator Weeks to build the rate for the therapeutic foster group home. That's another step in that continuum of care for these children.

By using...at no point, will any of these children that are currently served be left without appropriate services or placement as a result of any of these changes. That commitment has been expressly shared by our community partners. This effort also aligns with and supports the other initiatives aimed at strengthening the behavioral health system for children that Director Whitley and Administrator Weeks have recently brought to a successful settlement. I hope that helps to anchor us. With that I'm going to stop and Mr. Robb and I are here for any questions.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I do believe that Assemblymember Mosca has a couple questions.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOSCA:

Yes. Thank you, Chair. Well, thank you for waiting with us today, and you did say there's no lapse in services, so thank you for that. I do have some questions. Since the Clark County facility won't be ready 'til 2026, and I know you had mentioned the ASD, but just trying to understand, will the services at Buildings 12 and 13 continue there until the new facilities are operational?

MS. PHINNEY:

The temporary solution for Building 13 is a different building on the campus, and the county is working with us to look for...to find community placements for the Building 12 service because that really is not an institutional level of care, and we'd like to see it in the community. I invite Mr. Robb to add any details that you need.

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

The individuals in the ICF [intermediate care facility] that are getting moved, they're going south of Transverse Road, they're moving from Building 13 to Building 1301. That is made possible because building 1309 is currently under renovation. When 1309 comes back online—May 15 is supposed to be completion of that project—we will move people out of 1301 into 1309. Then those individuals north of Transverse will move into 1301 for the interim until we can get another licensed facility in place, as we spoke about at December's IFC. There's plenty of community partners that want to help us through these endeavors, licensed IFCs [*sic*], or intermediate care facilities and psychiatric treatment residential facilities, they lack in the community, and getting those items up to speed takes time and money, and that's what we're working through now.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOSCA:

Follow-up, please, Chair. Thank you. Thank you for that. You did talk about more of the global view on what you're doing when you talk about community placements, but could you talk more just about what are the efforts to achieve the division's long-term plans to continue providing specialized care to youth?

MS. PHINNEY:

Thank you. As I mentioned, we've got the settlement plans that Medicaid is working through, we've got the CIP [Capital Improvement Program] that I believe you heard Mr. Robb speak to earlier this week about some additional capacity there on the campus, and a huge portion of this is making sure that the rates that providers are getting are adequate. That is key in the work that Administrator Weeks and Director Whitley are doing. I hope that helps.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. I'll go to Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is just clarifying for me. I thought we had a Building 12 and a Building 13. Then I heard you say today there's 13, there's 1301, there's a 13.9 [sic]. How many building thirteens do we have? Is it one building? Is it different wings in the building? What's up?

MR. ROBB:

The low numbers are north of Transverse Drive, where the Campus for Hope is slated to be placed, and then in the Desert Regional Center, south of Transverse Drive, south of Desert Willow Treatment Facility, is where 1301 and 1309...there's a bunch of cottages down there that parallel College Drive, mid-campus. There's 12, 13, the low numbers, but then you get south of Transverse, they turn into four-number buildings.

MS. PHINNEY:

This is how I think about it, because I can't do what Jack can do and rattle off all those street numbers. The DRC (Desert Regional Center) had traditionally buildings that is an intermediate care facility, and one of those cottages is a temporary solution for this, and I'm...and as if I had a map and, the DCFS, [Division of] Child and Family Services, had the buildings that are named Building 12 and Building 13, and those are the ones that will be no longer in service. I hope that helps.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MONROE-MORENO:

That did help. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. We'll go to Assemblymember Brown-May.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you, Chair. Thank you. I'm just reading the backup, and I have a question. It looks like some of our...some of the residents are going to now be moved to the St. Jude Ranch for Children, which is located out in Boulder City. Is that correct?

MS. PHINNEY:

That is part of the longer-term plan, yes.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you. Follow-up Chair? My question then, relative to the folks that are residing in that care facility, what does that do to visitation? How are families affected? I'm just curious to know if we've considered that at all for the residents that are obviously utilizing the state service.

MR. ROBB:

I was in Boulder City on Monday, toured the campus with both Silver State Pediatric and St. Jude staff. I asked that specific question, how does this impact families that live North Las Vegas, Northwest Las Vegas. How do they get here if they do not have the means? Because it already has youth living out there on St. Jude's campus and they have a voucher system, they work with Uber and work with other providers to ensure that families can get out to visit those individuals.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BROWN-MAY:

Thank you. I appreciate that you've asked that question. That would be my concern going forward. I just would want to make sure that as we relocate folks, we're now not relocating them out of the state, but we're relocating them out to another city, which does cause another barrier for visitation and familial bond, right, like how are we helping kids recover come through this process? I just want to make sure that we are adequately caring for our families without creating another hurdle. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Any additional questions? I see none. This is also an informational item, so we will not be taking a vote. Thank you very much, both of you, for being with us today.

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

No one pulled informational items, so if there are no other questions, we will go to our last item on the agenda, which is public comment.

- 1) OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - Office of Science, Innovation and Technology - Semiannual report pertaining to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Capital Project Fund; Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment funds; and the ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, as well as a summary of progress in expanding broadband infrastructure throughout Nevada (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session). **RECEIVED 3-13-25, AFTER THE 2-26-25 SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.**

There was no discussion on this item.

- 2) JUDICIAL BRANCH - Supreme Court of Nevada - Reports detailing salary changes for the period October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, pursuant to Section 13 of Senate Bill 58 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session, and 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 82nd (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on this item.

- 3) DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
- a) State Public Works Division - Information regarding the Project Status Exception Report, pursuant to NRS 341.100(8)(g).
 - b) Report on the status of CIP Projects 23-C35, Purchase of Buildings for State Offices, Las Vegas, and 23-C36, Improvements for Buildings Purchased in Las Vegas, for the quarter ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on these items.

- 4) DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION - Quarterly Report on the status of the Project Modernize Your Nevada Tax (MYNT) system modernization project for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 5) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Quarterly report summarizing the approved projects associated with the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II, Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief III (ARP/ESSER), and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief II Funds for the quarter ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 6) NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
- a) Semiannual report on any additional fees and any additional non-resident tuition fees received by each institution beyond the authorized amounts for the period ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to Section 8(2) of Senate Bill 504 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session.
 - b) Annual report of differential program fees for the period ending June 30, 2024, pursuant to NRS 396.542(3). **WITHDRAWN 3-3-25.**

There was no discussion on these items.

- 7) STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - Livestock Inspection - Semiannual report on the reserve level status for the period July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 8) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY - Housing Division - Quarterly report on the progress to establish a program for the relocation of persons residing in single-family residences in the Windsor Park neighborhood of the City of North Las Vegas, pursuant to Section 11.7 of Senate Bill 450 of the 82nd (2023) Legislative Session.

There was no discussion on this item.

- 9) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

a) Aging and Disability Services Division

- 1) Semiannual report on the status of the Nevada Early Intervention Services program for the period July 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).
 - 2) Semiannual report on the status of provider rate increases and associated provider capacity and waitlists for intellectual and developmental disabilities waiver services for the period July 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).
 - 3) Annual report on Independent Living Grants for the period ending June 30, 2024, pursuant to NRS 439.630(3)(f).
- b) Department of Health Care Financing and Policy - Semiannual report on the implementation and status of the private hospital provider tax program for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).
- c) Department of Child and Family Services - Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - Semiannual report regarding staffing at the Desert Willow Treatment Center, average bed census, and an update on the hardening project for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on these items.

- 10) DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION - Employment Security Division - Semiannual report on the implementation of the unemployment insurance system modernization project for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 11) DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Semiannual report on the status of the DMV Transformation Effort project for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 12) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - Semiannual report on the status of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System modernization project for the period ending December 31, 2024 (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 13) STATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- a) Historic Preservation - Comstock Historic District - Notice of approval of funds from the Emergency Fund account for the replacement of the HVAC system for the Comstock District's office in Virginia City, pursuant to NRS 353.263. **WITHDRAWN 3-17-25.**
 - b) Water Conservation and Infrastructure - Quarterly report regarding the allocation of \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the quarter ending December 31, 2024, as requested during the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.
 - c) Division of State Lands - Semiannual report on the status of the state's Environmental Improvement Program Fund to Protect the Lake Tahoe Basin for the period ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to Chapter 514, Statutes of Nevada 1999.

There was no discussion on these items.

- 14) DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE - Annual report from the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada concerning the Dream Tags program for the period ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to NRS 502.219(5).

There was no discussion on this item.

- 15) OFFICE OF THE MILITARY - Division of Emergency Management - Emergency Assistance Account - Quarterly report on expenditures made from the Emergency Assistance Account for the quarter ending December 31, 2024, pursuant to NRS 414.135(5).

There was no discussion on this item.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I will repeat the public comment number is 888-475-4499. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, please enter 822-2635-2437, and press #. When prompted for a participant ID, please press #.

I will begin with public comment here in Carson City. Is there anyone who would like to make public comment? Seeing none, I'll go to Las Vegas. Is there anyone in Las Vegas? Seeing none, we'll go to the phone lines. [LCB Audio Visual and Hearings] AVH, is there anybody on the phone lines for public comment, please?

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

If you'd like to participate in public comment, please press *9 on your phone to take your place in the queue. Chair, the pub...I'm sorry, we do have one caller, Chair.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Please go ahead when you're ready.

Ms. Shead provided public comment for the record ([Exhibit J-1](#)).

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

If you've recently joined the call and would like to participate in public comment, please press *9 on your phone to take your place in the queue. Caller, you're unmuted, and you may begin.

NICOLE WILLIAMS (Board Member, Return Strong):

Good afternoon. I'm a board member with Return Strong and I also have a loved one that is incarcerated. I'm calling in to support the critical funding needed for the safety, security, and normal everyday functions within the Nevada Department of Corrections.

The state has an obligation to keep correctional officers safe as well as individuals that are incarcerated. As you heard, they've cut down visiting to every other week, there's no programming, and of course, our loved ones are constantly locked down, which also means no phone calls, no communication with their support systems and families. This also creates a hostile work environment for the correctional officers. Please fund a much-needed request. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

Caller with the last three digits 115, you may begin.

TERRY CELAYA:

Hello?

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We can hear you.

MS. CELAYA:

I attended today's Zoom via...meeting via Zoom, and I was beyond frustrated to hear all the cuts will be taken from programming to offset overtime cost. Programming, what programming? The parole board repeatedly denies people parole because they haven't completed required programs, yet those programs are nearly non-existent. How can incarcerated individuals complete something that isn't being offered? The result, a growing prison population, longer sentences served, and families suffering because their loved ones are stuck in a system that sets them up for failure.

There is no chaplain, no church, and no religious programs or groups to inspire change. There are no resources to teach life skills, coping skills, or stress reduction exercises. There's no library and no book exchange program, basic necessities that should be available in any facility. It's unbelievable that this needs to be said, but apparently it does.

People in prison should have access to books, not just expensive books sold on tablets, not the few books that the family, already deprived of the incarcerated breadwinner's income, can afford. Not the paltry section that cash-starved prison library. Prisoners, like every person who ever lived, deserve access to good books, books that are...transport them to another time and a place, books that teach them trade, books that keep them... learn new languages, books that help them understand the world. Prisoners deserve books.

Instead of addressing this crisis, resources are being misallocated. Before the move to Ely [State Prison], High Desert [State Prison] visiting rooms were full. Now that they are half empty, and yet the same number of visiting officers remain, sometimes six to eight officers at a time. I recently witnessed a heartbreaking example of this: a loved one traveled from France to visit an incarcerated individual, only to be denied an all-day visit. The room was half empty, there was more than enough staff, yet the visit was cut short for no reason.

Meanwhile, the reality inside is dire; our loved ones are suffering. They are locked down for days at a time, receiving little to no yard time, minimal phone calls, and now even fewer opportunities for self-improvement. When we do get a call, it's not about family or normal life, it's them pleading for help. We hear the fear in their voices, the frustration, the sense of hopelessness, and then calls cut off. They are left in tears, knowing that they are trapped in a system that offers them nothing but punishment with no path forward.

If parole is dependent on program completion, then those programs must exist. Cutting them only guarantees for more parole denials, more overcrowding, more suffering. This isn't just unfair, it's unacceptable. Nevada must do better.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

Caller with the last three digits 322, please press *6 to unmute yours...

ASHLEY REVELS:

Hi, good afternoon. My husband is incarcerated at High Desert State Prison. I don't know if any of you have ever had the unfortunate experience of having a loved one incarcerated, but it's a life I wouldn't wish on anyone. It's a life of constant worry, sleepless nights, and days filled with anxiety, as we wait for a simple phone call just to know that they're okay. It's been days, nearly a week, since my last call with my husband. When the operator finally connects us, I hear the relief in his voice, just in him saying hello. I try to hold back my own emotions so he doesn't hear the sadness in mine. We talk, we update each other, and then just 15 minutes later, we hear the dreaded automated warning: 1 minute remaining. His frustration is clear because just as we are saying goodbye, the officers open his cell door, and his chair time is over. One call, one 15-minute call in nearly a week. How is this fair?

For my husband and for so many others, the reality of short staffing means days locked in a tiny cell with barely 20 minutes of chair time every few days. He hasn't felt the sun on his face in over a year. Can you imagine not feeling the sun on your face for a year? Meanwhile, even the men that are in solitary confinement, or in the hole, receive more outdoor time than he does. This is completely inhumane. These conditions create animosity, tension, and increase the risk of violence, not for just those inside, but for the officers as well.

It's not just the incarcerated who suffer. Our children, the most important people to us, our children are mourning a father or a mother who's still alive. My son asked me the other day, "Hey mom, when's dad going to call?" Anticipating his disappointment, I told him, "Sorry, son, he called earlier, but it's probably going to be a few more days before we hear from him again." I see the sadness in his face, the quiet heartbreak of missing a parent he barely gets to talk to.

Nevada has entire communities of broken families who have been...who have seemed to be forgotten in all of this. This is not just about my family; it's about the thousands of families that are impacted by staffing shortages and the freezing of overtime for correctional officers. We are desperately crying out for change. Please don't let these conditions continue. Please don't let our loved ones suffer, because they are our loved ones. The families of the incarcerated deserve better. The officers deserve better. Our communities deserve better. Nevada, we need to make a change. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

DENISE BOLANOS HEREDIA (Associate Director, Return Strong):

Good afternoon, Interim Finance Committee. We're [Return Strong] an organization led by families of incarcerated people, fighting for transparency, accountability, and humane treatment in Nevada's prisons.

We're here today to address the overtime freeze in the NDOC, which is nothing less than a public health crisis. Extreme isolation is devastating to mental health, both inside and outside prison walls. Nevada restricted solitary confinement because of its known harm, yet we are now imposing isolation under a different name.

If we as a society choose incarceration as a response to harm, we have a moral obligation to ensure that it is humane, and that requires proper funding. As Speaker Yeager pointed out, if we can't afford a system that meets basic human rights standards, we must ask, should incarceration always be the answer. While this can't be fixed overnight, the NDOC needs immediate funding to let people out of their cells, restore visitation with their families, and provide rehabilitative programs. The harm being caused right now must stop. We appreciate the thoughtful questions asked of the department from this Committee, and we urge your support for these critical funding requests. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

ANNA ROBINSON:

Thank you. I support the NDOC getting the money that they're asking for. I think at this point, it doesn't matter why or what; they just need the money. But it's nice to see that some accountability is taking place, finally. I also echo Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno's opinion today. I was previously incarcerated, and I also have loved ones that are incarcerated, and this needs to be done, so I am in support of it. Thank you.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. Next caller, please.

[LCB AVH STAFF]:

Chair, there are no more callers at this time.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you very much. With that, that completes our agenda today. Thank you very much to everyone for this meeting morning, afternoon, and fortunately, not evening. Tomorrow morning, we'll be back in a joint subcommittee to continue budget closing process. This meeting is adjourned.

L. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Dondero Loop adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair
Interim Finance Committee

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