

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**REPORT ON BUDGET CLOSING DIFFERENCES**

**MAY 16, 2015**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Administrative Fund (101-1030)**

The Executive Budget includes \$336,181 (\$190,614 General Fund) over the 2015-17 biennium for a Deputy Solicitor General position within the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). During testimony on this item, the OAG indicated that the Deputy Solicitor General position would work with the existing Solicitor General to review all appellate briefs filed on behalf of the OAG to 1) ensure consistency on the state's position for appellate matters; and 2) help reduce the caseload of appellate cases assigned to the existing Solicitor General. Further, the new Deputy Solicitor General position would review requests for the OAG to participate in amicus briefs and other sign-on requests by other states. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means voted to close the budget as included in The Executive Budget, which included the Deputy Solicitor General position. The Senate Committee on Finance voted to not approve the addition of a Deputy Solicitor General position.

**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER  
State Treasurer (101-1080)**

The Senate Committee on Finance approved \$10,658 in each fiscal year of the 2015-17 biennium for 15 additional in-state travel trips. Subsequent to the budget closing by the Senate Committee on Finance, the Treasurer's Office requested a reduction of \$4,278 in each fiscal year in the costs for the 6 trips recommended for the State Treasurer to eliminate the per diem reimbursement originally recommended. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved the revised amount of \$6,380 in each fiscal year of the 2015-17 biennium for the 15 additional in-state trips.

**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER  
Controller's Office (101-1130)**

The Senate Committee on Finance approved the Governor's recommendation for General Fund appropriations of \$150,124 in FY 2016 and \$19,257 in FY 2017 for the purchase of equipment and associated maintenance costs to add videoconferencing capabilities to the existing State Computer Training Facility in Carson City. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means closed the budget without approving this recommendation.

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
**Nevada Humanities (101-2894)**

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved the Governor's recommendation to continue to provide funding to Nevada Humanities, Inc. with General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 in each year of the 2015-17 biennium. The Senate Committee on Finance approved the addition of \$25,000 in General Fund appropriations in each year, for a total of \$75,000 provided to Nevada Humanities, Inc. in each year of the 2015-17 biennium.

**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
**Field Services (201-4735)**

The Governor recommended 14 additional DMV Services Technician positions for the five major metropolitan field offices to cover vacant positions, based on a vacancy rate of 3 percent (3 percent x 481 FTE = 14 FTE). The Governor also recommended 2 new DMV Services Supervisor positions to maintain the department's supervisory ratio. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means recommended approval of the Governor's recommendation to provide the department with Highway Fund appropriations of \$786,506 in FY 2016 and \$786,998 in FY 2017 for 16 new positions proposed to cover vacant positions.

The Senate Committee on Finance also approved the Governor's recommendation for 14 new DMV Services Technician positions and 2 DMV Services Supervisor positions for the five major metropolitan DMV field offices to cover vacancies; however, the Senate Committee on Finance recommended appropriating the Highway Funds allocated for these positions of \$786,506 in FY 2016 and \$786,998 in FY 2017 to the IFC Contingency Account, and directing the agency to seek these funds from the Interim Finance Committee if the department is able to justify the need for these positions after it fills the 59 additional positions approved for the five major metropolitan field offices beginning July 1, 2015.

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION**  
**Colorado River Commission (296-4490)**

The Senate Committee on Finance voted to approve the Governor's recommendation for Water Administration Charges of \$122,898 in FY 2016 and \$338,614 in FY 2017 to add a new unclassified Deputy Director position and a new unclassified Natural Resource Specialist position with associated operating costs to support increasing activity related to the water resources of the Colorado River. The Governor's recommendation includes \$50,000 in FY 2017 to produce a water conference in cooperation with Southern Nevada Water Authority that would include invitations to various water agencies in the Colorado River Basin states and would further Nevada's Colorado River issues and inform our sister states of the special needs and problems within Nevada relative to water resources. The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means voted to not approve the Governor's recommendation to add the two new positions and \$50,000 to produce a water conference.