

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

REPORT ON BUDGET CLOSING DIFFERENCES

MAY 20, 2017

**GOVERNOR'S FINANCE OFFICE
Budget Division (101-1340)**

The Governor recommended General Fund appropriations of \$56,686 over the 2017-19 biennium to fund start-up costs for a fiscal training course that would be offered by Western Nevada College (WNC). The WNC class would consolidate and enhance the fiscal training currently provided by the Department of Administration, Controller's Office, the Governor's Finance Office and other entities and provide an "employment credential" for persons that complete the course.

The Senate Committee on Finance approved the Governor's recommendation to fund start-up costs for a fiscal training course at Western Nevada College, whereas the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means did not approve the Governor's recommendation to fund start-up costs for a fiscal training course at Western Nevada College.

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

The Governor recommended the continuation of a Public Information Officer (PIO) that was established in the 2015-16 Interim. It was noted in the closing document, that the Treasurer's Office would have built in salary savings of \$50,000 in FY 2018 and \$52,604 in FY 2019, due to positions that were under-filled in FY 2017, and anticipated to continue to be under-filled in the 2017-19 biennium.

The Senate Committee on Finance did not approve the continuation of the PIO position in the 2017-19 biennium, and recommended reducing funding by \$78,679 in FY 2018 and \$81,673 in FY 2019 related to funding the position. The Senate did not make any adjustments to reduce personnel expenditures based on the estimated built in salary savings for under-filled positions.

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved the Governor's recommendation to continue the PIO position in the 2017-19 biennium, but reduced the Treasurer's Office personnel expenditures by \$50,000 in FY 2018 and \$52,604 in FY 2019 to account for the under-filled positions.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Controller's Office (101-1130)

The Governor recommended eliminating the Training Facility and a Training Officer from the Controller's Office budget. Funding reductions in General Fund appropriations of \$140,579 in FY 2018 and \$147,169 in FY 2019 would result from this recommendation.

The Senate Committee on Finance approved the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Training Officer and the Training Facility from the Controller's Office budget.

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means did not approve the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Training Officer and the Training Facility from the Controller's Office budget, which would require additional General Funds of \$140,579 in FY 2018 and \$147,169 in FY 2019.

Debt Recovery Account (101-1140)

The Governor recommended transferring the Debt Collection Unit from the Controller's Office budget to the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) budget.

The Senate voted to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Debt Collection Unit from the Controller's Office to the Governor's Finance Office, and organize the Debt Recovery Account (1140) under the GFO.

The Assembly did not approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Debt Collection Unit from the Controller's Office to the GFO.

A statutory change would be needed in order to transfer the state's debt collection responsibilities from the Controller's Office to the GFO. Assembly Bill 51 would have made the statutory changes. Since Assembly Bill 51 was not passed by the Assembly before the First House Passage deadline no further action may be taken on the bill. In order to approve the Governor's recommendation to transfer the Debt Recovery Account enabling legislation would be needed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Child Support Enforcement Program (101-3238)

The Governor recommended outsourcing the State Collections and Disbursement Unit (SCaDU), which is responsible for child support payment processing, effective January 2018. The recommendation would result in a net savings of \$1.6 million over the biennium and includes the elimination of 17 positions, of which the agency does not anticipate any layoffs.

A motion was made to not approve the Governor's recommendation to outsource the State Collections and Disbursement Unit. The motion was passed by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, but the motion failed in the Senate Committee on Finance. The Senate did not make an alternative motion.