

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SITTING AS THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
March 2, 2015**

The Senate Committee on Finance, sitting as the Interim Finance Committee, was called to order by Chair Ben Kieckhefer at 9:53 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda and Packet.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Chair
Senator Michael Roberson, Vice Chair
Senator Mark A. Lipparelli
Senator David R. Parks
Senator Joyce Woodhouse
Senator Aaron D. Ford

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Pete Goicoechea (Excused)

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst

LEGISLATIVE SESSION STAFF PRESENT:

Emily Cervi, Committee Assistant
Trish O'Flinn, Committee Secretary

A. ROLL CALL.

The Legislative Session Committee Secretary called the roll; a quorum was present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Kieckhefer opened the meeting to public comment, and hearing no response from members of the public, closed public comment.

**C. WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
NRS 353.220(5)(b). INFORMATIONAL ONLY—REQUIRED EXPEDITIOUS
ACTION WITHIN 15 DAYS.**

1. **Department of Health and Human Services - Health Care Financing and Policy - Administration - FY 2015** - Addition of \$1,766,190 in federal State Innovations Model: Model Design Award for Round Two grant funds and deletion of \$24,752 in federal Title XIX grant funds to support a statewide plan for improving population health issues such as behavioral health, tobacco use, obesity and diabetes. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the State Innovation Models Grant category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C31793**
2. **Department of Health and Human Services - Public and Behavioral Health - Public Health Preparedness Program - FY 2015** - Addition of \$54,212 in federal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Ebola Virus Direct Active Monitoring grant funds to support Ebola virus monitoring activities in Nevada. Requires the Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount added to the Ebola Virus Activities category exceeds 10 percent of the legislatively approved amount for that category. **Work Program #C31776**
3. **Public Employees' Benefits Program - FY 2015** - Transfer of \$5,255,085 from the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Reserve to the Health Savings Account (HSA)/HRA Contributions category to continue to fund the HRA accounts through the remainder of the fiscal year. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount transferred to the HSA/HRA Contributions category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C31782**

Mark Krmpotic, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee members that the work programs under Item C required expeditious action within 15 days of receipt. There was no action taken and, therefore, the work programs were approved in accordance with *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 353.220 and provided for informational purposes only.

**D. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS AND
POSITION CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 353 OF NRS.**

Mark Krmpotic, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised the Committee members that the work programs under Item D required action by the Committee.

1. **Governor's Office - FY 2015** - Addition of \$111,000 in private grant funds from United Student Aid Funds, Inc. to support one fellowship dedicated to assisting in the statewide alignment of education system initiatives and program availability and accessibility to meet career and workforce development needs. Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Personnel category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C32102**

Mike Willden, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, appeared before the Committee to request the authority for the addition of \$110,000 in private grant funds from United Student Aid Funds, Inc. Approval of the work program request would allow the Department to create a fellowship for one year to rejuvenate existing post-secondary education initiatives, create a new scholarship program focused on families with no previous history of post-secondary education, and identify sources of private sector philanthropy to support these programs ongoing. Committee members requested reports

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM D.1.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Goicoechea was absent for the vote.)

2. **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - State Environmental Commission - FY 2015** - Addition of \$300,770 in fine revenues that are ultimately distributed to applicable school districts pursuant to NRS 445B.640(5). Requires Interim Finance approval since the amount added to the Fines/School District Transfer category exceeds \$75,000. **Work Program #C31765**

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED APPROVAL OF ITEM D.2.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Senator Goicoechea was absent for the vote.)

E. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair Kieckhefer opened the meeting to public comment, and hearing no response from members of the public, closed public comment.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Kieckhefer adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Trish O'Flinn,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit		Witness or Agency	Description
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