

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
SUBCOMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Eighty-Second Session  
May 4, 2023**

The joint meeting of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation was called to order by Chair Howard Watts at 8:04 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [[Exhibit A](#)], the Attendance Roster [[Exhibit B](#)], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023).

**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair  
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman  
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow  
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Dallas Harris, Chair  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Rochelle T. Nguyen

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None



**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Alex Haartz, Senate Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
James Malone, Senior Program Analyst  
Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary  
Janet Osalvo, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Watts:**

Welcome to today's joint meeting of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation. [Roll was taken and the Subcommittees' rules and protocol were explained.]

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

I will be presenting the budget closing for the Nevada Department of Corrections. We have 28 budgets on the agenda, 10 of which have already been heard by the Subcommittees and 18 which Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations. There is also a Department overview discussion where Department-wide decision units will be discussed.

The Department overview begins on page 3 of your closing packet [[Exhibit C](#)]. The first Major Closing Issue is the offender population and facility capacity. The Governor recommends an increase in State General Fund appropriations of \$3.9 million and other funds of \$15,629, and an increase to reserves of \$670,141 over the 2023-2025 biennium, as a result of increased offender-driven costs related to an increase in the projected offender population. As the Subcommittees may recall, the maintenance (M) 200 decision units for the Department of Corrections are within each of the institutional budgets, which adjust the offender-driven expenditure categories based on projections provided by the James F. Austin (JFA) Institute. The Governor's recommended budget is based on the October 2022 projections that are provided, and that information is in the tables located at the top of page 4 and the table located on the top of page 5. The Department did provide a capacity analysis report during the budget hearing that details a bed capacity of 13,011 beds, which is sufficient to cover the offender population. The capacity report was updated during the work session we had on April 12, 2023, and that information will be provided in the document in the Warm Springs Correctional Center budget closing.

Fiscal staff received new information based on the February JFA report, and the Department of Corrections provided updated offender projections, which are detailed in the table at the top of page 7. This table indicates by institution, conservation camp, and transitional housing, an actual average offender population for fiscal year (FY) 2022 of 10,141 offenders,

the Governor's recommended populations for FY 2024 and FY 2025, and the updated projections with the JFA projections, resulting in 10,223 offenders in FY 2024 and 10,480 offenders in FY 2025. This is a difference of 274 offenders in FY 2024 and 188 offenders in FY 2025 when compared to the Governor's recommended budget. This table contains the projections provided by the Department which has been updated based on guidance provided by the Subcommittees during the Department's work session on April 12, 2023, and reflects no offender populations at the Humboldt, Tonopah and Ely Conservation Camps, and no population at the Warm Springs Correctional Center in FY 2024. Accordingly, offender populations have been reallocated to other facilities based on offender type, capacity, and availability.

There is a technical adjustment. The Department has provided updated workbooks to balance the revenues from the M-200 decision units, and Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment resulting in a reduction of \$810,317 in other funds over the biennium. As a result of the February 2023 JFA projections, the Department's M-200 decision units that fund changes in populations for offender-driven expenditures results in a total cost of \$1.4 million, which is \$3 million less than the \$4.3 million recommended by the Governor over the 2023-2025 biennium. This results in a net decrease in General Fund appropriations of \$2.2 million and \$810,317 in other funds over the biennium.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the adjustments to average annual offender population caseloads as included in The Executive Budget, including the noted technical adjustments which would result in a reduction of \$2.2 million in State General Fund appropriations and \$810,317 in other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium and provide Fiscal staff with the authority to make technical adjustments as necessary?

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this item? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ADJUSTMENTS TO AVERAGE ANNUAL OFFENDER POPULATION CASELOADS AS INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET, INCLUDING THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF \$2.2 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$810,317 IN OTHER FUNDS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

The second Major Closing Issue begins on page 8 [[Exhibit C](#)] and is offender-driven food inflation. This is decision unit M-101, located within each of the institutional budgets. The Governor recommends an increase in General Fund appropriations of \$1.6 million over the 2023-2025 biennium as a result of increased offender-driven costs related to inflationary cost increases for food. The Department of Corrections has recently contracted with a new vendor, Aramark, to procure and deliver food for each of the institutions. This new contract has a 3 percent inflationary cost increase each year built into the terms, and therefore, the Governor has recommended this adjustment to the budgets to account for the inflationary cost of food. The decision units have been updated based on the offender projections, which results in inflationary costs for offender-driven expenditures of \$1.5 million, which is \$34,124 less than the \$1.6 million recommended by the Governor over the 2023-2025 biennium.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$1.5 million in General Fund appropriations for inflationary cost increases consistent with the population adjustments approved in Major Closing Issue 1 and provide Fiscal staff with authority to make technical adjustments as necessary?

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions about this motion? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF \$1.5 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR INFLATIONARY COST INCREASES CONSISTENT WITH THE POPULATION ADJUSTMENTS APPROVED IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 1 AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on this motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Senator Harris:**

Members of this Subcommittee will recall a robust discussion during the Department of Corrections (NDOC) budget around the cost of some of the items in the Offender's Store Fund. For members who are also on Judiciary Committees, you have heard more and more about that issue as well. I know it is the NDOC's desire to do everything they can to lower those costs while also remaining whole. Given that information, I would move to

recommend approval of transferring the costs associated with operating the law libraries at the Warm Springs Correctional Center, Northern Nevada Correctional Center, Southern Desert Correctional Center, Ely State Prison, Lovelock Correctional Center, Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center, and High Desert State Prison, to include 14 administrative positions currently budgeted within budget account 240-3763 to the budget of the facility at which a law library is operated. In addition, I move to approve \$2.2 million in restricted General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund the law libraries in a dedicated special use expenditure category with a corresponding reduction of \$2.2 million of other funds from the Inmate Welfare Account.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERRING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATING THE LAW LIBRARIES AT THE WARM SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTER, NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER, SOUTHERN DESERT CORRECTIONAL CENTER, ELY STATE PRISON, LOVELOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTER, FLORENCE MCCLURE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER, AND HIGH DESERT STATE PRISON, TO INCLUDE 14 ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS CURRENTLY BUDGETED WITHIN BUDGET ACCOUNT 240-3763 TO THE BUDGET OF THE FACILITY AT WHICH A LAW LIBRARY IS OPERATED. IN ADDITION, APPROVE \$2.2 MILLION IN RESTRICTED GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND THE LAW LIBRARIES IN A DEDICATED SPECIAL USE EXPENDITURE CATEGORY WITH A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION OF \$2.2 MILLION OF OTHER FUNDS FROM THE INMATE WELFARE ACCOUNT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (101-3710)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-10**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The first budget account discussed will be the Director's Office, which is budget account 101-3710, and begins on page 11 of your closing document [[Exhibit C](#)]. There is one Major Closing Issue, and this is the human resource advertising and marketing funding Budget Amendment A233093710. On April 7, 2023, to assist with executing the Department's

human resource strategy, the Governors Finance Office submitted a budget amendment to include an additional \$50,000 in State General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium for advertising and marketing, which would be utilized to attract candidates via websites, job fairs, ads, social media, giveaways, and positive stories while also upgrading its social media and website with a separate careers page.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of budget amendment A233093710 to provide a \$25,000 General Fund appropriation in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium for advertising and marketing to assist the Department with its human resource recruitment and retention efforts?

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this item? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT A233093710 TO PROVIDE A \$25,000 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT WITH ITS HUMAN RESOURCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EFFORTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There are four Other Closing Items listed on the bottom of page 11 and the top of page 12 of the closing document [\[Exhibit C\]](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed as recommended by the Governor and Other Closing Items 3 and 4 be closed consistent with the full Committees' action during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered, and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on the other closing items? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 3 AND 4 BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES' ACTION DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS CLOSING WHERE OTHER STATEWIDE GRADE INCREASES WERE CONSIDERED, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - ELY STATE PRISON (101-3751)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-25**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget begins on page 13 of your closing document [[Exhibit C](#)], budget account 3751, Ely State Prison. There are no Major Closing Issues for this budget and two Other Closing Items. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed consistent with the Joint Full Committees' action during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered, and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND BUDGET ACCOUNT 3751 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES' ACTION DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS CLOSING WHERE OTHER STATEWIDE GRADE INCREASES WERE CONSIDERED, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**NDOC - WARM SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3716)**  
**BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-55**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3716 begins on page 17 of your closing document [[Exhibit C](#)] for the Warm Springs Correctional Center. There is one Major Closing Issue, which is the facility closure. The Governor recommends total funding of \$27.5 million over the 2023-2025 biennium for the operation of the Warm Springs Correctional Center to include full staffing and offender-driven costs for 344 offenders in fiscal year (FY) 2024 and 350 offenders in FY 2025.

This budget has been fully funded in the Governor's recommended budget, although the facility did close its operations in January 2023 due to understaffing conditions at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center. Staff and offenders were transferred from the Warm Springs Correctional Center to other institutions.

On April 12, 2023, there was a work session concerning how this facility would be budgeted over the next biennium, where the Department presented a proposal for a phased reopening of the Warm Springs Correctional Center. During the work session, the updated capacity and biennium plan was provided, and the table on page 18 provides an overview of the surplus or deficit of available beds for offenders over the next biennium. The Department had identified a deficit for maximum security male offenders at the end of FY 2024, and a deficit for medium security offenders in FY 2025. These deficits are a result of Capital Improvement Program projects anticipated to commence over the next biennium.

Although there is a deficit of 142 maximum security offenders in FY 2024, the Department did say that there are available beds within the three closed housing units at Ely State Prison that could be utilized to cover this deficit. However, they have identified the need to reopen the Warm Springs Correctional Center to address the deficit of 418 medium security offenders in FY 2025.

The proposal would begin a phased reopening in FY 2025, starting July 1, 2024, which would require the continued temporary closure of the facility through fiscal year 2024. The temporary closure would require two maintenance positions, one plumber, and one facility supervisor. In addition, the Department has 11 staff that they cannot currently transfer to other positions with the same classification, and request funding for these positions within the Warm Springs facility to continue their employment at their current classification level.



The phased reopening plan that begins in FY 2025 would consist of two phases. The first phase at the beginning of the fiscal year would fund 94 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions and would restore administrative, professional, protective, transportation, mail, visitation, maintenance, and food services at the facility. The second phase, which would begin September 1, 2024, would fund an additional 12 FTE in that facility and reopen the remaining housing units. The first phase would provide an additional 249 medium custody beds and the second phase in September would provide the remaining 261 beds, for a total of 510 medium custody beds for the facility. This plan is likely to change as it approaches, so consideration could be given to appropriating these funds to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account, and the Department would be required to come to IFC to request that funding with the revised plan once that is available.

The table that is provided at the top of page 20 details the Governor's recommended budget, which displays \$27.5 million of funding for the facility over the biennium. Underneath that table is the Department's phased reopening plan and associated costs for general maintenance and 11 staff positions, and for phase one and phase two of the plan, for a total of \$15.3 million over the 2023-2025 biennium. The final section at the bottom shows the expenditure authority savings adjusted for offender-drivers and the cost for the phased reopening. The phased reopening of phase one and phase two in FY 2025 would cost approximately \$10.8 million.

During the work session, the Subcommittees provided guidance to Fiscal staff to bring the Department proposal for the phased reopening of the Warm Springs Correctional Center to closing with an estimate of how much would be appropriated to the IFC Contingency Account for the phased reopening, beginning in FY 2025.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Department's proposal to fund maintenance for the Warm Springs Correctional Center over the 2023-2025 biennium to include a total of 13 positions totaling \$4.4 million in General Fund appropriations? Further, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of appropriating an additional \$10.8 million in restricted General Funds to the IFC Contingency Account for the phased reopening of the facility beginning FY 2025, which would require the Department to demonstrate to the IFC that it has filled vacant positions, or is in the process of filling vacant positions, and it can effectively and safely reopen the facility without compromising the operations of the current open facilities prior to receiving an allocation of the funds?

**Chair Watts:**

Is there any discussion on the proposal for the Warm Springs Correctional Center. [There was none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO FUND MAINTENANCE OF THE WARM SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTER FACILITY OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO INCLUDE A TOTAL OF 13 POSITIONS TOTALING \$4.4 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$10.8 MILLION IN RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR THE PHASED REOPENING OF THE FACILITY BEGINNING IN FY 2025, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE IFC THAT IT HAS FILLED VACANT POSITIONS OR IS IN THE PROCESS OF FILLING VACANT POSITIONS AND THAT IT CAN EFFECTIVELY AND SAFELY REOPEN THE FACILITY WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE OPERATIONS OF THE CURRENTLY OPEN FACILITIES PRIOR TO RECEIVING AN ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this motion?

**Senator Goicoechea:**

When is the earliest date they could access these funds to go into IFC and open the facility?  
Are we talking July 1, 2024, or 2025?

**James Malone:**

The motion stated here is that the phased reopening would begin for FY 2025, which will be July 1, 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There are two Other Closing Items. Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed consistent with the Joint Committees' action during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered, and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary, including revising the amount of sworn officer positions the salary increase would pertain to in order to properly account for the decision made in Major Closing Issue 1.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this motion? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES' ACTION DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS CLOSING, WHERE OTHER STATEWIDE GRADE INCREASES WERE CONSIDERED, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING REVISING THE AMOUNT OF SWORN OFFICER POSITIONS THIS SALARY INCREASE WOULD PERTAIN TO IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ACCOUNT FOR THE DECISION MADE IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 1.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - ELY CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3747)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-96**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget account begins on page 25 of the closing document [[Exhibit C](#)]. This is for the Ely Conservation Camp, budget account 3747. There is one Major Closing Issue, which is the continued temporary closure. The Governor recommends a reduction of \$2.7 million in State General Funds to \$361,748 over the 2023-2025 biennium to continue the temporary closure of the Ely Conservation Camp. As background, Ely Conservation Camp was temporarily closed as of July 10, 2020, due to a critical staffing shortage at Ely State Prison. Accordingly, the 2021 Legislature passed Assembly Bill 494 of the 81st Session which included a \$2.6 million General Fund appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) for allocation to Ely Conservation Camp in the event that it was to be reopened.

The Department has not approached the IFC to reopen this facility over the current biennium and has indicated they do not plan to reopen the camp over the 2023-2025 biennium. On April 12, 2023, the Subcommittees held a work session for the Department of Corrections, where the Department's proposal for a multi-biennia consolidation plan for the conservation camps was discussed. The Department of Corrections attributes passage and approval of Assembly Bill 236 of the 80th Session for a reduced number of offenders eligible to work in the conservation camp programs. Historically, the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) has traditionally operated 74 10-person fuel and fire squads across the state, which has required a minimum of 740 offender workers. However, the Department reports that, currently, there are only 300 qualified offenders. This has resulted in a decline of available crews to only four crews and three squads, as detailed in the table at the bottom of page 26. The Division

of Forestry and the Department of Corrections and their proposed plan would consolidate offender camp operations to the four most stable camps over multi-biennia—the Three Lakes Valley, Jean, Stewart, and Pioche Conservation Camps.

The plan for the 2023-2025 biennium plan, phase one, would consolidate six camps—Stewart, Three Lakes Valley, Jean, Pioche, Wells, and Carlin Conservation Camps—with the intent to permanently close the Ely, Tonopah, and Humboldt Conservation Camps. Currently, the Governor's recommended budget already provides the decision unit to reduce funding in this facility by \$2.7 million. The facility is operating under a Recreation and Public Purposes Act patent from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that mandates removal of all infrastructure and equipment and the restoration of the landscape to a natural state upon termination, or when not used for five consecutive years. The five-year mark will be reached July 2025, which is the start of fiscal year 2026. If the funding is reduced for the continued closure of the camp, the Department would have the 2023-2025 biennium to either renegotiate the patent with BLM, repurpose the facility, or request funding to rehabilitate the land back to its natural state during the 2025 Legislative Session. The Subcommittees provided guidance to Fiscal staff to bring the Department proposal for the consolidation of the conservation camps over the biennium with the option to fund either permanent or temporary closure of the camp for the 2023-2025 biennium for consideration during the budget closings. Fiscal staff has provided two options on page 28 [\[Exhibit C\]](#).

Option 1 is the permanent closure. As recommended by the Governor, funding for the Ely Conservation Camp is reduced to \$361,748 over the 2023-2025 biennium to maintain the facility in mothball status. If the Subcommittees wish to approve this option, the Subcommittees would recommend approval of the Governor's budget and not recommend setting aside funding in the Interim Finance Committee's Contingency Account sufficient for the department to resume camp operations.

Option 2 is the temporary closure. If the Subcommittees do not wish to recommend approval of reducing funding to \$361,748 to continue the facility mothball status, it should not recommend approval of decision unit enhancement (E) 225. If the Subcommittees recommend this option, they may wish to consider continuing the \$361,748 of funding in the budget and allocate up to \$2.7 million to the Interim Finance Committee's Contingency Account for distribution to the Department should it seek to reopen the facility during the 2023-2025 biennium. This is similar to the approach the money committees took during the 2021 Legislative Session.

Regardless of the budgetary approach chosen by the Subcommittees, the Subcommittees may wish to recommend the issuance of a letter of intent directing the Department to provide a report to the Interim Finance Committee by June 1, 2024, on the status of the conservation camp consolidation plan for the 2025-2027 biennium, including, but not limited to, information on the Department's ability to appropriately staff each camp.

Options for the Subcommittees are as follows:

Option 1: Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the approval of the Governor's recommendation to continue the closure of the Ely Conservation Camp and maintain the facility in mothball status over the 2023-2025 biennium resulting in a reduction of \$2.7 million in General Fund appropriations with the intent that the camp be permanently closed?

Or

Option 2: Do the Subcommittees wish to not recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation by not recommending approval of decision unit E-225 to continue closure of the Ely Conservation Camp, with the intent that the camp continue being closed on a temporary basis? If so, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend continuing \$361,748 in the budget to maintain the facility in mothball status for the 2023-2025 biennium but also approve allocating up to \$2.7 million in General Fund appropriations to the Interim Finance Committee's Contingency Account for distribution to the Department should it determine that the camp is to be reopened during the 2023-2025 biennium?

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the issuance of a letter of intent directing the Department to provide a report to the Interim Finance Committee by June 1, 2024, on the status of the conservation camp consolidation plan for the 2025-2027 biennium including, but not limited to, information on the Department's ability to appropriately staff each camp?

**Senator Goicoechea:**

I know we are mixing budgets here but as we look at the Ely Camp, it was my understanding that NDF was going to place two civilian fire crews in that camp. So, somebody please explain to me how this is going to interact. I know we are mixing budgets. But clearly, if the Department of Corrections just needs to get out, and the NDF is going to pick up the ticket to go in, it changes the mothball status.

**Chair Watts:**

Thank you, Senator Goicoechea. These issues, particularly the conservation camps, are extremely intertwined, and that is one of the reasons that I think we are definitely going to want some ongoing information about the camp consolidation plan so that we can figure out where things are going and what needs to happen both with the Department and NDF. I will see if staff has anything they want to add.

**Senator Harris:**

Someone from Fiscal staff please correct me if I am wrong—permanent closure of the Ely Conservation Camp would not prevent NDF from being able to pick that camp up and use it for firefighting purposes in the future if they so choose.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

Thank you for that, and I think it clearly makes a difference whether we are talking \$361,748 to keep it in mothball status, or if it is going to be used and we do not have to mothball it.

**Alex Haartz, Senate Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst:**

I believe the first option as noted on page 28 [[Exhibit C](#)] does include the \$361,748. While the option would be to permanently close it, that option still maintains funding for the mothball status.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

Does it require \$361,748 to keep it in mothball status if somebody else is going to be using it?

**Chair Watts:**

I think this is one of the issues we are going to have to unwind as we go through the consolidation process. While I appreciate the proposal that has been brought forward, which gives some sense of where folks are trying to head, I think there are probably still going to be changes. If NDF decides that they want the camp, it is not going to be a Department of Corrections facility at all—it is going to be an NDF facility. I think we can certainly figure out a way to help facilitate that, but it is going to be a conversation that will come back to IFC and we are going to have to work that out.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

Clearly, we have the money. I am just concerned. We are booking \$350,000 against the Department of Corrections that I am hopeful we are not going to need, because NDF is going to pick it up. That is where we are.

**Chair Watts:**

With those funds being set aside, if we go in a different direction, that money will revert back, and we are going to continue to get information about this kind of reorganization and additional modifications will be something that will come up in IFC.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

Let us hope we have something in place by July when this dries up.

**Chair Watts:**

We will hold out for a new hope on some of these things.

**Assemblywoman Anderson:**

I greatly appreciate the clarification of what is happening. I noticed that the letter of intent says information on the Department's ability to staff, but if there is also a calendar or some sort of visual aid of the timeline for transferring responsibility of these camps to a different

department, that would be very helpful. I do not know if that needs to be part of the letter of intent, but any sort of calendar type of phase-in, because I agree with Senator Goicoechea. We all know that it is going to be a tough fire season, so as soon as we can find out that information, the better.

**Chair Watts:**

Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE CLOSURE OF THE ELY CONSERVATION CAMP AND MAINTAIN THE FACILITY IN MOTHBALL STATUS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF \$2.7 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE INTENT THAT THE CAMP BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED AND RECOMMEND THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE BY JUNE 1, 2024, ON THE STATUS OF THE CONSERVATION CAMP CONSOLIDATION PLAN FOR THE 2025-2027 BIENNIUM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO APPROPRIATELY STAFF EACH CAMP.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Senator Nguyen:**

It just seems like this is the way.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There are two Other Closing Items detailed on page 29 of your closing documents [\[Exhibit C\]](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 and 2 not be approved contingent on approval of the Governor's recommendation to continue the closure of the Ely Conservation Camp, which eliminates all the positions within the budget, and requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 NOT BE APPROVED BASED ON APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE CLOSURE OF THE ELY CONSERVATION CAMP, WHICH ELIMINATES ALL POSITIONS WITHIN THE BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY. ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - TONOPAH CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3754)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-110**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget account begins on page 31 of your closing document [[Exhibit C](#)]. This is for the Tonopah Conservation Camp budget, budget account 3754. There is one Major Closing Issue, which is the facility closure. The Governor recommends \$3.7 million in General Fund appropriations and \$29,344 in other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium for the full operation of the Tonopah Conservation Camp, to include full staffing and offender-driven costs for 94 offenders in fiscal year (FY) 2024 and 95 offenders in FY 2025. As previously discussed, this location has been identified as part of the Department's plan to consolidate foreclosure. There are currently six positions employed at the Tonopah Conservation Camp and they have been employed by the Department since the camp's closure in November 2022. The proposal to close this facility would maintain the six currently employed positions for FY 2024, then continue the facility in mothball status starting in FY 2025. The table provided for the Subcommittees is on page 32.

The Governor's recommended budget of \$3.7 million and the cost to implement the Department's consolidation plan for this facility is \$1 million over the 2023-2025 biennium, with total expenditure savings of \$2.7 million over the 2023-2025 biennium. This facility is also operated under a Recreational and Public Purposes Act lease agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (U.S.) (BLM) and expires on January 1, 2029. During the Subcommittees' work session, the Subcommittees provided guidance to Fiscal staff to bring the Department's consolidation proposal for consideration at the budget closing, with the option to close the facility permanently or temporarily.



At the top of page 33 are two options for the Subcommittees' consideration.

Option 1: Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the approval of the Department's recommendation to close the Tonopah Conservation Camp, maintain the facility in mothball status over the 2023-2025 biennium, and continue the funding for six currently filled positions in FY 2024, resulting in a reduction of \$2.7 million in State General Fund appropriations and \$29,334 in other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium with the intent that the camp be permanently closed?

Or

Option 2: Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the approval of the Department's recommendation to close the Tonopah Conservation Camp, maintain the facility in mothball status over the 2023-2025 biennium, and continue the funding for six currently filled positions for FY 2024 resulting in a reduction of \$2.7 million in General Fund appropriations and \$29,384 in other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium with the intent that the camp be temporarily closed? If so, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend allocating up to \$2.7 million in General Fund appropriations to the IFC Contingency Account for distribution to the Department should it determine that the camp is to be reopened during the 2023-2025 biennium?

**Chair Watts:**

I want to note that in terms of continuing to get updated information on the consolidation plan, I want to express particularly to the Department, as well as to NDF, that we hope to continue to get regular updates and with the letter of intent, be apprised of additional changes and plans.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

I would go with Option 2, as I would like to see it temporarily closed. My question is, with the six staff members there, is that enough to hold it open? I know we were holding approximately 30 inmates there at one time in the Tonopah facility; would that be enough staff to manage a couple of fire crews, if we had those, in Tonopah and backfilling it with NDF supervisors? Maybe we are holding something in the hope that we can reopen it, but at this point, I would hope we can at least keep it in mothball status.

**Chair Watts:**

I do not know about the exact staffing ratios, but I share the hope that we might be able to make some adjustments and ensure that part of the state has coverage from a camp.

**Senator Goicoechea:**

I guess Option 2 would give us the ability and the flexibility to move forward, rather than Option 1. If it is permanently closed—that is not an option.

**Assemblyman Hafen:**

I understand we are looking at Options 1 and 2, which are both outside of the Governor's recommendation. I am going to agree with Senator Goicoechea on this, that Option 2 would be a better alternative, but I have a question on the allocation of up to \$2.7 million in General Funds. The Governor's recommendation, I believe, was \$3.7 million over the biennium in the event that they needed the additional million dollars, give or take, depending on timing. Could they come back to the IFC Contingency Account for additional funds?

**Chair Watts:**

When the Governor's recommended budget originally came out, it had funding for this camp. Since we are closing it, but maintaining these positions, the net reduction is \$2.7 million. That is why there are the differences. We still have some funding associated with staffing and some of the baseline operations. That is the consideration; if we are going to move from baseline mothball status into reopening, that is when the consideration of up to \$2.7 million in IFC Contingency Account funds would come into play.

**Senator Harris:**

I was wondering whether Fiscal staff might be able to give us the amount of General Fund that would be needed if we only wanted to fund a potential opening in FY 2025?

**James Malone:**

The cost for FY 2025 to reopen the facility above what has already provided in the plan, would be \$1.7 million in General Fund appropriations.

**Chair Watts:**

Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THE TONOPAH CONSERVATION CAMP, MAINTAIN THE FACILITY IN MOTHBALL STATUS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AND CONTINUE THE FUNDING FOR SIX CURRENTLY FILLED POSITIONS FOR FY 2024 RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF \$2.7 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$29,344 IN OTHER FUNDS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, WITH THE INTENT THAT THE CAMP BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND RECOMMEND ALLOCATING UP TO \$1.7 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD IT DETERMINE THAT THE CAMP IS TO BE REOPENED IN FY 2025.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There are two Other Closing Items for this budget detailed on page 33. Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed consistent with the Committees' actions during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered and consistent with the actions taken in Major Closing Issue 1. Fiscal staff also requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES' ACTION DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS CLOSING, WHERE OTHER STATEWIDE GRADE INCREASES WERE CONSIDERED, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION TAKEN IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 1, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - HUMBOLDT CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3741)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-91**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget account begins on page 35 [[Exhibit C](#)] for the Humboldt Conservation Camp, budget account 3741. Similar to the Ely and the Tonopah Conservation Camps, this conservation camp was identified by the Department to be closed as part of the consolidation plan over the next biennium. The costs associated with this camp are detailed in the table on page 36, which displays the Governor's recommended budget of \$3.7 million over the next biennium to fully operate the facility, and the Department's consolidation plan costs of \$1.4 million over the 2023-2025 biennium. The consolidation plan includes funding for

10 positions at this facility for fiscal year (FY) 2024, and then the facility would be put into mothball status for FY 2025. The difference between the plan and the Governor's recommended budget is \$2.3 million over the biennium.

This facility is operating under a Recreational and Public Purposes Act agreement with the Bureau of Land Management and the lease expires in October 2030. The Subcommittees provided guidance for Fiscal staff to bring the Department's proposal for consolidation of the conservation camps over the 2023-2025 biennium to the budget closing with similar options for the Ely and Tonopah Conservation Camps.

The decision for the Subcommittees is as follows:

Option 1: Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Department's recommendation to close the Humboldt Conservation Camp, maintain the facility in mothball status over the 2023-2025 biennium, and continue the funding for 10 currently filled positions for FY 2024, resulting in a reduction of \$2.3 million in General Fund appropriations and \$25,240 other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium with the intent that the camp be permanently closed?

Or

Option 2: Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Department's recommendation to close the Humboldt Conservation Camp, maintain the facility in mothball status over the 2023-2025 biennium, and continue the funding for 10 currently filled positions for FY 2024, resulting in a reduction of \$2.3 million in General Fund appropriations and \$25,240 in other funds over the 2023-2025 biennium with the intent that the camp be temporarily closed? If so, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend allocating up to \$2.3 million in General Fund appropriations to the Interim Finance Committee for distribution to the Department should it determine that the camp is to be reopened during the 2023-2025 biennium?

**Senator Goicoechea:**

The Humboldt camp is consistent with the Ely camp. Again, NDF is telling us that they are going to use the facilities to at least house civilian crews. I am looking at Option 2. We have to have the ability to reopen it.

**Chair Watts:**

One of the things I will note is, whether we permanently close or temporarily close, that action is only for the biennium. If there are unforeseen changes that come forward, this can be brought to IFC and we can work them out there. It is kind of a repeat of some of the same things we talked about with Ely Conservation Camp, but I appreciate you putting that on the record, Senator Goicoechea. Are there any other questions? Seeing none, I would accept a motion.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THE HUMBOLDT CONSERVATION CAMP, MAINTAIN THE FACILITY IN MOTHBALL STATUS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, AND CONTINUE THE FUNDING FOR TEN CURRENTLY FILLED POSITIONS FOR FY 2024 RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF \$2.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$25,240 IN OTHER FUNDS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM WITH THE INTENT THAT THE HUMBOLDT CONSERVATION CAMP BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There are two Other Closing Items on page 37 [[Exhibit C](#)]. Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed consistent with the Committees' actions during the statewide decision units closing, where other statewide grade increases were considered, and consistent with the actions taken with Major Closing Issue 1. Fiscal staff also requests authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on the Other Closing Items? Seeing none, I will accept a motion.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES' ACTION DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS CLOSING, WHERE OTHER STATEWIDE GRADE INCREASES WERE CONSIDERED, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION TAKEN IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 1, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**NDOC - PRISON MEDICAL CARE (101-3706)**  
**BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-15**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget account begins on page 41 [[Exhibit C](#)] and is the Prison Medical Care budget, budget account 3706. There are two Major Closing Issues. The first Major Closing Issue is the medical expenditure projections in decision unit maintenance (M) 101 and decision unit M-200. These decision units are similar to the decision units considered for the statewide offender-driven expenditure. The Governor recommends General Fund appropriations of \$6.2 million over the 2023-2025 biennium to support changes in offender-driven medical expenditures due to estimated medical inflation and changes in offender population.

The tables provided on page 42 detail the medical cost per offender, based on the October James F. Austin Institute (JFA) projections included in the Governor's recommended budget and the inflationary percentages applied to various medical categories included in the Governor's recommended budget. On page 43 is an updated table reflecting the updated offender populations based on the February 2023 JFA projections for fiscal year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025. The table provides the historical and the projected cost of the medical expenditures, adjusted by the new offender projections. The updated medical projections based on the February JFA projections reflect a total cost of \$46.8 million, or \$1.5 million less than the \$48.3 million recommended in the Governor's budget, over the 2023-2025 biennium.

Regarding the updated medical inflation, the JFA report results in \$3.9 million in State General Fund appropriations, which is \$84,061 less than the \$4 million recommended by the Governor. Fiscal staff would note that the percentages applied to these medical categories for expenditures are consistent and have not changed with the percentage that is applied to the Department of Health and Human Services budgets. The changing cost is a reflection of the changing offender populations for FY 2024 and FY 2025, and that would be the \$84,061 noted earlier. The population projections reflect the revised cost of \$1.1 million, which is \$1.2 million less than the \$2.2 million recommended by the Governor, to fund the increases in medical expenditures, due to the changes in population.

There is a technical adjustment for the prison medical budget. There were a couple of formula errors within the workbooks that have been corrected. Fiscal staff recommends this technical adjustment be approved and applied to these workbooks.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of decision unit M-101 as updated with the February JFA offender projections resulting in General Fund appropriations of \$3.9 million over the 2023-2025 biennium, and that the M-200 decision unit be

recommended to be closed consistent with the Subcommittees' closing actions and the Department of Corrections overview resulting in \$1.2 million in General Fund savings as well as the noted technical adjustments?

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will accept a motion.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF DECISION UNIT M-101 AS UPDATED WITH FEBRUARY JFA OFFENDER PROJECTIONS RESULTING IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$3.9 MILLION OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, AND THAT THE M-200 DECISION UNIT BE RECOMMENDED TO BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEES' CLOSING ACTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OVERVIEW, RESULTING IN \$1.2 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS, AS WELL AS THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

The second Major Closing Issue begins on the bottom of page 44 [[Exhibit C](#)], recommending a new pharmacy technician position. The Governor recommends \$111,917 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium for a new pharmacy technician position to assist the Department's pharmacies with prescription order fulfillment. According to the agency, the Department is experiencing increased workloads associated with licensing six additional pharmacies throughout the Department and requires additional assistance with prescription order fulfillment and other administrative duties. Fiscal staff has provided a list of duties at the top of page 45, which the Department has indicated have increased due to the licensing of additional pharmacies, to include Drug Enforcement Administration registration and control over controlled substances, inventory management, clinical services such as medication reconciliation, and processing of orders and order reconciliation. The recommended pharmacy technician position would assist the other pharmacy technicians in entering, reviewing, filling, and verifying medication orders for the Department, as well as support additional administrative functions which would allow the pharmacist positions to focus more on their duties associated with the licensed pharmacies. During the hearing, the Department indicated that the increase of the six additional pharmacies was due to new licensure changes. However, they have clarified that the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

notified the Department in July 2022 that it needs to apply for the new licenses based on the current definition of a pharmacy. The Department now has seven licensed pharmacies across the institutions.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$111,917 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium for a new a pharmacy technician position to assist the Department's pharmacies with prescription order fulfillment?

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this item? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF \$111,917 IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR A NEW PHARMACY TECHNICIAN POSITION TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT'S PHARMACIES WITH PRESCRIPTION ORDER FULFILLMENT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**James Malone:**

There is one Other Closing Item detailed on the bottom of page 45 [\[Exhibit C\]](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this item? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion. [There was none]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMS (101-3711)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-21**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next budget account begins on page 47 [[Exhibit C](#)], and is for the correctional programs budget, budget account 3711. There are no Major Closing Issues and no Other Closing Items. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND BUDGET ACCOUNT 3711 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - OFFENDERS' STORE FUND (240-3708)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-114**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The Offenders' Store Fund, budget account 3708, begins on page 49 [[Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues. There is one Other Closing Item, which is a technical adjustment. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, including the technical adjustment noted in the Other Closing Item, and request authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this item? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND BUDGET ACCOUNT 3708 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT NOTED IN THE OTHER CLOSING ITEM, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - INMATE WELFARE ACCOUNT (240-3763)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-118**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3763, Inmate Welfare Account, begins on page 51 [[Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues and one Other Closing Item. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 be closed as recommended by the Governor with technical adjustments based upon the February 2023 updated JFA offender population projections, and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions from the members? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT NOTED IN THE OTHER CLOSING ITEM, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chair Watts:**

I believe that takes us to staff-closed budgets.

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

The next 18 budgets are staff-closed budgets where staff is responsible for developing the closing recommendations. I will go through each one of these budgets, pause for questions, and have a single motion at the end for all 18 budget accounts.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - HIGH DESERT STATE PRISON (101-3762)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-30**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3762, the High Desert State Prison, begins on page 53 [\[Exhibit C\]](#). There are no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3717)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-35**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3717, Northern Nevada Correctional Center, is on page 55 [\[Exhibit C\]](#). There are no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - NEVADA STATE PRISON (101-3718)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-40**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3718, Nevada State Prison, begins on page 57 [\[Exhibit C\]](#). There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

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**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - SOUTHERN DESERT CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3738)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-42**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3738, Southern Desert Correctional Center, is shown on page 59 [\[Exhibit C\]](#).  
There are no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - LOVELOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3759)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-47**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3759, Lovelock Correctional Center, on page 61 [\[Exhibit C\]](#), contains no  
Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - SOUTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3715)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-52**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3715, Southern Nevada Correctional Center, on page 63 [\[Exhibit C\]](#),  
contains no Major Closing Issues and no Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget account? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC- FLORENCE MCCLURE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER (101-3761)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-60**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3761, Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center, on page 65 [[Exhibit C](#)], has no Major Closing Issues and three Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - CASA GRANDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (101-3760)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-65**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3760, Casa Grande Transitional Housing, on page 67 [[Exhibit C](#)], contains no Major Closing Issues and one Other Closing Item.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - NORTHERN NEVADA TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (101-3724)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-70**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3724, Northern Nevada Transitional Housing, on page 69 [[Exhibit C](#)], contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget account? [There were none.]

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**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - STEWART CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3722)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-75**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3722, Stewart Conservation Camp, on page 71, [\[Exhibit C\]](#), contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - PIOCHE CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3723)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-79**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3723, Pioche Conservation Camp, on page 73 [\[Exhibit C\]](#), contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - THREE LAKES VALLEY CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3725)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-83**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3725, Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp, on page 75 [\[Exhibit C\]](#), contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - WELLS CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3739)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-87**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3739, Wells Conservation Camp, on page 77 [[Exhibit C](#)], contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - JEAN CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3748)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-100**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3748, Jean Conservation Camp, on page 81 [[Exhibit C](#)], contains no Major Closing Issues and two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - SILVER SPRINGS CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3749)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-104**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3749, Silver Springs Conservation Camp, on page 83 [[Exhibit C](#)], contains no Major Closing Issues and no Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions?

**Senator Goicoechea:**

When are we going to bite the bullet and move away from this facility? It is deed restricted and we have already given the property back. I know it is cheaper to spend \$10,000 a year than it is to raze the buildings, but at some point, we are probably going to have to get out of business there.

**James Malone:**

The Governor's Finance Office submitted an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program budget that includes the cost to demolish the structures, remove site utilities, and restore the site to predevelopment condition, which is being considered in Subcommittees this morning.

**Chair Watts:**

Any additional questions on this budget? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - CARLIN CONSERVATION CAMP (101-3752)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-106**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3752, Carlin Conservation Camp, is shown on page 85 [[Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues and Two Other Closing Items.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget account? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - PRISON INDUSTRY (525-3719)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-125**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3719, Prison Industry, is on page 87 [[Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues and one Other Closing Item.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this budget? [There were none.]

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
NDOC - PRISON RANCH (525-3727)  
BUDGET PAGE CORRECTIONS-129**

**James Malone, Senior Program Analyst:**

Budget account 3727, Prison Ranch, is on page 89 [[Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues and no Other Closing Items.



**Chair Watts:**

That brings us to the end of our staff-closed budgets. Before we move forward to a motion, are there any other questions from members of the Subcommittees on any of these accounts?

**Senator Harris:**

Not a question—more of a statement. I noticed in quite a few of the camps that we are closing, that inmates who have jobs and are working are the ones who are paying room and board. I know that Senator Nguyen has noted the kind of oddity of charging folks who are trying to do the right thing, and are out there being active and working every day. I hope that at some point in the near future this body seriously considers covering the people who work for their room and board through General Fund, like we do for the other inmates.

**Chair Watts:**

I want to take a moment to state that I appreciate a lot of the information that has been shared with us by the Department of Corrections. I appreciate, in particular, the Director and his vision for making some adjustments and improvements in the operations of the Department and helping ensure that the Department is helping to correct behavior and set people up for success upon release. There is more work that we need to do on this. Certainly, I appreciate the efforts of Chair Harris and the Subcommittees to make some progress toward some of those goals. I also want to acknowledge that more needs to be done, and while the next Legislature will look different, we will see who is sitting up here at that point in time. I certainly hope that the Director and the Department will continue working toward some of those things and, hopefully, we can get some of those recommendations brought back to this body. I hope that the future Legislature will continue to make progress in some of these areas.

Members, are there any additional questions or comments before we get to the motion?  
[There were none.]

**James Malone:**

Fiscal staff recommends that the following budgets be closed as recommended by the Governor, all enhancement (E) 673 decision units be closed consistent with the Joint Full Committees' action during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered, and request authority for staff to make technical adjustments as necessary:

- 101-3762: NDOC-High Desert State Prison.
- 101-3717: NDOC-Northern Nevada Correctional Center.
- 101-3718: NDOC-Nevada State Prison.
- 101-3738: NDOC-Southern Desert Correctional Center.

- 101-3759: NDOC-Lovelock Correctional Center.
- 101-3715: NDOC-Southern Nevada Correctional Center.
- 101-3761: NDOC-Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center.
- 101-3760: NDOC-Casa Grande Transitional Housing.
- 101-3724: NDOC-Northern Nevada Transitional Housing.
- 101-3722: NDOC-Stewart Conservation Camp.
- 101-3723: NDOC-Pioche Conservation Camp.
- 101-3725: NDOC- Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp.
- 101-3739: NDOC-Wells Conservation Camp.
- 101-3748: NDOC-Jean Conservation Camp.
- 101-3749: NDOC-Silver Springs Conservation Camp.
- 101-3752: NDOC-Carlin Conservation Camp.
- 525-3719: NDOC-Prison Industry.
- 525-3727: NDOC- Prison Ranch.

Fiscal staff recommends the following budget amendments be closed consistent with the Joint Full Committees' actions during the statewide decision units closing where other statewide grade increases were considered:

- High Desert State Prison-Budget Amendment A232073762.
- Northern Nevada Correctional Center-Budget Amendment A232343717.
- Southern Desert Correctional Center-Budget Amendment A232153738.
- Lovelock Correctional Center-Budget Amendment A232113759.
- Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center-Budget Amendment A232213761.

- Northern Nevada Transitional Housing-Budget Amendment A232283724.
- Stewart Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232183722.
- Pioche Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232323723.
- Three Lakes Valley Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232273725.
- Wells Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232263739.
- Jean Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232133748.
- Carlin Conservation Camp-Budget Amendment A232223752.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions from members of the Committees? [There were none.]

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO RECOMMEND CLOSING BUDGETS AS READ AND RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF ON PAGE 91 OF THE CLOSING DOCUMENT, INCLUDING DEFERRAL OF ALL E-673 DECISION UNITS, AND THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS READ AND RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF ON PAGE 91 OF THE CLOSING DOCUMENT, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

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Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Is there anyone wishing to provide public comment? [There was none.]

Meeting adjourned [at 9:20 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Anne Bowen  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senator Dallas Harris, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBITS**

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is a closing document titled "Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation Joint Subcommittee Closing List #7," dated May 4, 2023, prepared by Fiscal Analysis Division staff, and presented by James Malone, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.