

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Eighty-second Session  
May 27, 2023**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Marilyn Dondero Loop at 9:18 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2023, in Room 2135 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. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair  
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, Vice Chair  
Senator Dallas Harris  
Senator Dina Neal  
Senator Rochelle T. Nguyen  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert  
Senator Robin L. Titus

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Fabian Doñate, Senatorial District No. 10

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst  
Cathy Crocket, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Paul Breen, Committee Assistant  
Joko Cailles, Committee Secretary  
Helen Wood, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Vinson Guthreau, Executive Director, Nevada Association of Counties  
Joanna Jacob, Clark County  
Jill Marano, Director, Department of Child and Family Services, Clark County

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Andy Matthews, Nevada State Controller  
Brenda Scolari, Director, Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs  
James Settelmeyer, Director, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Tonja Brown, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent  
Annmarie Grant, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:  
We will begin with Senate Bill (S.B.) 41.

**SENATE BILL 41 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to child welfare.  
(BDR 38-392)

VINSON GUTHREAU (Executive Director, Nevada Association of Counties):  
Senate Bill 41 brings clarity and understanding to child welfare funding along with how the fiscal, legislative and regulatory changes impact service delivery to our most vulnerable populations.

All counties are involved in child welfare services. The services are delivered and funded in a hybrid format. In counties with over 100,000 in population, which are Clark and Washoe Counties, the services are funded through a block grant from the State made up of State and federal funding. These Counties supplement with General Fund dollars, if needed, to deliver prevention, investigation, foster care and adoption services in their communities. In our rural communities, Nevada delivers these services and then assesses the counties for those services.

Senate Bill 41 requires a study to be conducted by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services during the 2023-2024 Interim to examine funding for agencies that provide child welfare services. This study includes State and federal unfunded mandates, the impact of any funding reductions from the federal government and the ability of child welfare agencies to meet federal requirements. The study would look at reductions under the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program.

This bill seeks to modernize and update terminology and reporting requirements around block grant funding that accurately reflect how these funds are used.

This bill was passed out of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. There are currently zero fiscal notes on S.B. 41.

The Nevada Association of Counties and our member counties are committed to being a partner in this Interim study should this bill pass and become law.

JOANNA JACOB (Clark County):

The intent of our proposed amendment ([Exhibit C](#)) to S.B. 41 is to clean up what was presented to the policy committee.

In 2011, when the block grant was put into place, it was capped, and we are still at the 2000 level of funding. This is one of the reasons we seek an interim look at how we fund child welfare services in light of federal policy changes and various other policy proposals.

A piece of that block grant was carved out and became known as an Incentive Grant. We must reapply for 2011 level 2 funding in the form of what was then called an "incentive." For incentive funding, we must identify goals and report them to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) as our oversight authority. Then they pass the money down.

We are not asking for money or to change the Incentive Grant. We are asking to streamline the reporting we do under that grant. What we are trying to do is change the reporting structure and tie it to an existing report we already produce. We provide a number of reports to DCFS. We have a biennial improvement plan we do as a program and report on annually. We identify goals related to the program every January in odd years and report on the progress toward those goals in even years.

Incentive funding in the current budget is \$5,250,000 per year for Clark County. This is something we rely on. We are operating a structural budget deficit for a variety of reasons. We have worked with the State and Washoe County, previous versions of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance, commonly referred to as the Money Committees, because this funding was identified to be cut during the COVID-19 Special Session. During the Eighty-first Session, the Money Committees restored that funding. Those monies fund critical activities

performed by child welfare agencies like recruiting foster families, and other things we must do to meet federal mandates.

We would like to change the language to a categorical grant as shown on page 2 of [Exhibit C](#). We want to then report the progress made toward achieving specific goals set forth in our biennial improvement plan under *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 432B.216. This will change the reporting timeline for that process.

If there are oversight concerns, DCFS can put us on a corrective action plan should we not meet those goals. Through that process, DCFS can assess various administrative penalties or hold back funding. This will not change the State's oversight of our goals and reporting requirements.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We received this amendment this morning. Is this a recent piece? Because this bill with the reprint is dated April 17, 2023.

MS. JACOB:

When I was printing the amendment this morning, I realized I had the wrong bill number on the top of the page. We filed it earlier this week and were not sure if or when this bill was going to be heard. There was no substantive change other than the correction to the bill number.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

It is difficult when we receive an amendment a few minutes before we get here.

MR. GUTHREAU:

This amendment reflects what was presented to the policy committee with the updated information at the top.

SENATOR NEAL:

Subsection 3 of the amendment states the categorical grant is to each agency. Why is there no fiscal note? How many agencies are there?

MS. JACOB:

Clark County and Washoe County receive this incentive funding. The reason we do not have a fiscal note is because we already received the funding. It is in the budget. The amendment changes the way we will report the funding. We are

not asking for new funding. We are changing and aligning the way we apply for and report it. Right now, it is only specific to Clark County and Washoe County.

SENATOR NEAL:

This language is similar to the new language in the bill, outside of the amendment. On page 2 of [Exhibit C](#), it states, "any cost of achieving the specific goals set forth in the biennial improvement plan."

In your discussion, you said there were goals, but you are striking out "any costs of achieving the specific goal." Now it says it is reversing this. I want to understand what that means when you strike out "an incentive payment" in section 3.

There are future costs not in the plan. Help me understand the impact. You have nonreversion language in this bill, meaning whatever you get will not revert back to the State should any funds remain, but goals "will be" established. How do we know what the "will be" is? Is it because you are attaching money to it?

Ms. JACOB:

The idea is to report the goal. That will be the application for funding. The following year, we will report on the progress toward the goal.

JILL MARANO (Director, Department of Child and Family Services, Clark County):  
We have a requirement to do a biennial improvement plan. We establish goals related to the three main child welfare goals, which are safety, permanency and well-being. There are several statutory requirements around how we establish those goals. We have to establish baseline data and provide documentation showing we worked with stakeholders to establish and determine those goals. We then provide a report on a biennial basis. In the off year, when we do not produce a new data report, we report on our status towards achieving those goals.

The concept of this amendment would link the report to what would be a new categorical grant. Once we submit the report, we can receive the categorical grant funding and work towards achieving those goals.

This is similar to the current incentive process. The difference is the incentive process is a one-year time frame. This would give us two years to achieve those goals versus the one-year time frame with an annual report.

SENATOR NEAL:

When you say, "any costs associated with these goals" for safety, permanency and well-being, these are broad categories. How does the State understand what those costs are going to be in the categorical grant issued to you? Are there any costs you can define and set up?

Ms. MARANO:

That is how it works with the incentive application; it would continue in the same way.

Ms. JACOB:

If we need to work on the language to make it more specific, I am happy to do so. Our intent is to add to the incentive reporting on the same timeline.

SENATOR NEAL:

Did you say Clark County is financially suffering in this area?

Ms. JACOB:

We have had a structural budget deficit for several years. There are things being funded this year that will address that, such as the increase in foster care rates. We are thankful for the budget proposals.

This is one of the things we have struggled with in previous sessions because of the proposed cuts. We use the funding as part of our improvement programs. The quality oversight we perform is for some of the core things we do related to child welfare—recruiting foster care families, family placement, and other things that are tied to what Ms. Marano outlined as the three core tenets of child welfare.

Proposing things that appear discretionary while operating in a deficit has been challenging for us in previous sessions.

SENATOR NEAL:

If you are operating in a structural deficit, why are you willing to give any of your money up for a stadium?

Ms. JACOB:

How can I address that? We are not taking a position on that bill. We are providing information on it that will be heard later this week. We are carrying forward the structural budget deficit with some of what we can fund out of the General Fund.

But yes, we are concerned with the long-term liability on our General Fund.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Section 1, subsection 2 of the amendment states " request appropriations from the Legislature in amounts sufficient to provide grants to each agency." I guess I am confused because I keep hearing you do not have a fiscal note, but you are cleaning up the language about how you report. That makes me feel like it is still money. Please clarify that.

Ms. JACOB:

Section 1 of the bill is the mandate for the State to appropriate funding from the federal government. In subsection 2, we are requesting appropriations from the Legislature in an amount sufficient to provide the block grant. This is where we are saying the State is our oversight.

This structure has existed since 2011. This incentive grant is a line item in the Clark County budget. It is in the DCFS, Clark County and Washoe County budgets.

I believe the reason why there is no fiscal note is because we are not asking for new money. This is for changing how we report on the Incentive Grant, now called a categorical grant, in the numerous biennial reports to DCFS. We are talking about restructuring the piece in section 1 which flows through the State to us.

SENATOR TITUS:

I think the purpose of this bill is because the funding for child welfare is convoluted and you need some analysis and clarification on funding and the way it is done, not necessarily better funding. It is a mixture of block grants, federal funding and State funding. What this bill hopes to do is create a pathway for steady, transparent funding and funding we can all support.

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MR. GUTHREAU:

That is the goal; to bring transparency in a public process to a complicated topic. I will add for the collective county issue here, this has been a difficult piece for our rural counties to get a handle on. It is a large assessment for them. We have a good partnership with the State Agency. Our intent is to provide clarity.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 41 and move into a work session. We will start with S.B. 24.

**SENATE BILL 24 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.  
(BDR 18-404)

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst):

Senate Bill 24 was heard by the Senate Committee on Finance on May 16, 2023. It was presented by Sarah Johnson, Director, Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA), Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

The bill extends the sunset date of the OSBA from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2025. It also removes the prohibition on General Fund appropriations to OSBA, which would allow General Fund appropriations and any other funding source to be used to fund their operation.

When the Money Committees closed the OSBA budget, it included the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds that funded three positions of approximately \$309,000 in FY 2023-2024 and approximately \$321,000 in FY 2024-2025. As a result, this bill is a budget implementation bill and would achieve the statutory changes necessary to carry out the Money Committees' decisions related to the budget for the OSBA.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 24.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.



THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 455 is a one-shot appropriation bill presented by Daniel Marlow, Administrator, Administrative Services Division, Nevada Department of Administration on May 16, 2023.

SENATE BILL 455: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1111)

The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$7,392 in FY 2022-2023 for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This is in accordance with the replacement schedule by the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Lieutenant Governor (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments presented.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 455.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:  
Next is S.B. 482.

**SENATE BILL 482**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Office of the Attorney General for the replacement of ballistic vests and for licenses to upgrade the computer operating system. (BDR S-1117)

MR. THORLEY:

The Senate Committee on Finance heard S.B. 482 on May 17, 2023, related to appropriations and authorizations for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The bill was presented by Jessica Hoban, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Attorney General.

Section 1 of the bill appropriates \$4,696 from the General Fund for the replacement of ballistic vests in the OAG administration budget.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of ballistic vests that have reached the end of their useful life expectancy.

Attorney General's Office-Administrative Account (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 2 makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$28,741 for licenses to upgrade the computer operating system in the OAG administration budget and authorizes expenditures totaling \$259,669 not appropriated from the General Fund or Highway Fund for the upgrade of the computer operating system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds Windows 11 Pro upgrade licenses.

Attorney General's Office-Administrative Account (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 3 makes a \$1,174 appropriation from the General Fund for the replacement of a ballistic vest in the crime prevention budget.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of ballistic vests.

Attorney General's Office-Crime Prevention (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 4 is a \$248 General Fund appropriation to the Victims of Domestic Violence budget for licenses to upgrade the computer operating system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds Windows 11 upgrade licenses.  
Attorney General's Office-Victims of Domestic Violence (BUDGET  
OVERVIEW-22)

In total, the bill proposes General Fund appropriations of \$34,859 and, with the authorizations in the budget not from the General Fund or Highway Fund, the total cost of this bill is \$294,528.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral, and no amendments were discussed at that time. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 482.

SENATOR NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:  
We will close S.B. 482 and move to S.B. 478.

**SENATE BILL 478**: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for an unanticipated shortfall related to credit card processing fees. (BDR S-1101)

CATHY CROCKET (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst):  
Senate Bill 478 makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for an unanticipated shortfall in credit card processing fees in the amount of \$426,376. It was presented by the Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, accompanied by Chief Deputy Secretary of State Gabriel Di Chiara.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral, and no amendments were discussed at that time. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 478.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 478 and move to S.B. 483.

**SENATE BILL 483**: Makes appropriations to the Office of the Secretary of State for the purchase and replacement of computer hardware and associated software and certain equipment. (BDR S-1118)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 483 was heard in Committee on May 17, 2023. It makes appropriations to the Secretary of State for various computer hardware, computer software and equipment. The bill was presented by Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar.

Section 1 appropriates \$309,675 for computers and software.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 2 appropriates \$28,297 for mail equipment.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of essential and critical equipment.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 3 appropriates \$15,960 for desktop risers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds desk risers for all positions.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 4 appropriates \$11,720 for headsets and associated batteries.

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FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds headsets and batteries for positions in customer service.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

The total cost is \$365,652 in FY 2022-2023.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral, and no amendments were discussed at that time. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 483.

SENATOR TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 483 and move to S.B. 484.

**SENATE BILL 484**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Office of the Secretary of State for the costs of certain audits, voter education materials and outreach, signature verification services and certain systems. (BDR S-1120)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 484 was heard on May 17, 2023. The bill makes appropriations and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Secretary of State for the costs of certain audits, voter education materials outreach, signature verification services and certain information systems. It was presented by the Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, accompanied by Chief Deputy Secretary of State Gabriel Di Chiara. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Section 1 of the bill appropriates \$40,000 for risk-limiting audits.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the implementation and support of risk-limiting audits to help election officials with post election tabulation audits and validate election outcomes.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 2 appropriates \$877,414 for voter outreach and education.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds to purchase of voter education campaign materials to encourage voter education.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 3 appropriates \$90,000 for signature verification contracts.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a contract for signature verification services.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 4 appropriates \$228,000 for mail ballot tracking.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the BallotTrax mail ballot locator and notification system.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 5 appropriates \$25 million for the top-down voter database system. This section also authorizes \$5.5 million for the same information system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a voter registration and elections management solution project.  
Secretary of State-Help America Vote Act Election Reform (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Total appropriations in the bill are \$26,235,414. With the authorization considered, the total overall cost of this bill is \$31.7 million.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral and no amendments were discussed at that time. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 484.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 484 and move to S.B. 485.

**SENATE BILL 485**: Makes appropriations to the Office of the Secretary of State for costs related to the Office's business registration and filing system, Internet website and information security. (BDR S-1121)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 485 was presented in Committee on May 17, 2023. It makes appropriations to the Secretary of State for the cost of the Office's business registration filing system, Internet website and information security. The bill was presented by the Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar, accompanied by the business portal administrator for the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 1 appropriates \$1,294,861 for the business registration filing system, project management, and maintenance.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the project management, maintenance, and support of the commercial recordings business registry application known as Cenuity.

Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 2 appropriates \$15 million for enhancements to the business portal.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds enhancements of the Silverflume Business Portal Registration.

Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 3 appropriates \$61,200 for website redesign.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the redesign of the Secretary of State website.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

Section 4 appropriates \$168,591 for software and information security purposes.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a centralization of information technology log files to enhance cyber security best practices.  
Secretary of State (BUDGET OVERVIEW-22)

The total cost is \$16,524,652.

The Vegas Chamber provided comments in support. There was no testimony in neutral or opposition and there were no amendments discussed. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 485.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 485 and move to S.B. 458.

**SENATE BILL 458**: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Treasurer for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
(BDR S-1122)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 458 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. It was presented by Kirsten Van Ry, Chief of Staff, Office of the State Treasurer.

The bill makes a General Fund appropriation to the Office of the State Treasurer in the amount of \$57,016 for the replacement of computer hardware and



associated software. This is a one-shot appropriation request that was included in the Governor's budget.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Treasurer's Office-Treasurer (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral and no amendments were discussed at that time. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 458.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 458 and move to S.B. 459.

**SENATE BILL 459**: Makes an appropriation to the Account for Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related to Asbestos and Other Disabilities. (BDR S-1124)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 459 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. It was presented by Kirsten Van Ry, Chief of Staff, Office of the State Treasurer.

The bill makes a General Fund appropriation to the Account for Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related To Asbestos and Other Disabilities in the amount of \$35,000 in FY 2022-2023.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds an appropriation for the Silicosis and Disabled Pension Fund.

Treasurer's Office-Treasurer (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

During testimony on the bill, it was noted the amount projected to be expended from the fund in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium is approximately \$18,500. There are 13 unique beneficiaries receiving payments from the fund. The average payout from the fund over the last six years was approximately \$25,500. The realized funding available as of today in the account is \$7,389.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments. This one-shot appropriation was included in the Executive Budget.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 459.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 459 and move to S.B. 486.

**SENATE BILL 486**: Makes appropriations to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account and the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund. (BDR S-1123)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 486 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. It was presented by Erik Jimenez, Chief Policy Deputy, Office of the State Treasurer.

The bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$6 million to support the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. The bill makes an additional General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$75 million for the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds an appropriation to support the Promise Scholarship.  
Treasurer's Office-Treasurer (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds an appropriation to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship.  
Treasurer's Office-Treasurer (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

During testimony on the bill, it was noted the \$75 million General Fund appropriation for the Millennium Scholarship would fund the program through the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 bienniums.

Support testimony was provided by the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), and the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Nevada Faculty Alliance and the Nevada Disability Peer Action Coalition. There was no testimony provided in opposition or neutral.

Fiscal staff would note that if no additional funding is provided to the Millennium Scholarship Program, the fund would become insolvent in FY 2024-2025.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 486.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 486 and move to S.B. 499.

**SENATE BILL 499**: Revises provisions governing expenditures from the Endowment Account established in the State General Fund related to the Nevada College Savings Program. (BDR 31-1190)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 499 was heard in this Committee on May 19, 2023. This is a budget implementation bill that was requested by the Committee to carry out the closing actions of the Committee in closing the Nevada State Treasurer's budget. The bill revises provisions governing expenditures from the endowment account for the Nevada College Savings Program. It was presented by Erik Jimenez, Chief Policy Deputy, Office of the State Treasurer.

The bill authorizes money in the endowment account to be expended for costs related to the Nevada ABLE Savings Program. In addition to current authorized expenditures, the bill increases the current 3 percent cap on the amount that

may be expended for the cost of providing services for these programs out of the endowment account to 10 percent.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral and no amendments were provided at the time. Fiscal staff is not aware of any amendments to this bill.

SENATOR TITUS:

Is the 10 percent for administering this program higher than it should be or is 10 percent a typical cost? I am not sure I can support this.

MR. THORLEY:

In closing the budget for the Office of the State Treasurer, the Committee chose to fund a new deputy of financial literacy and security position in the Treasurer's Office with money from the endowment account rather than a General Fund appropriation. However, it was determined that in doing so, a statutory change to increase the 3 percent cap to a 10 percent cap would be needed on the endowment account for providing programs for financial education.

The Money Committees asked Fiscal staff to work with the Treasurer's Office to determine what the minimum cap increase would be to fund this new position. We found it was around 8 percent. However, it did not consider the current employee costs or any cost of living adjustments (COLAs) that may be approved. Along with the Treasurer's Office, we determined 10 percent would be sufficient to fund this position. The 10 percent did not put the Office so close to the cap that they might not be able to provide the COLA for this position.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 499.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 499 and move to S.B. 460.

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**SENATE BILL 460**: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Controller for a debt collection information technology system. (BDR S-1125)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 460 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. It was presented by James Smack, Chief Deputy Controller for Nevada.

The bill makes a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$1,980,000 for a debt-collection information technology system. This is a one-shot appropriation request included in the Executive Budget.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a new debt collection system.  
Controller's Office-Controller (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 460.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 460 and move to S.B. 461.

**SENATE BILL 461**: Makes appropriations to the Office of the State Controller for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software and certain equipment. (BDR S-1126)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 461 was heard in this Committee on May 16, 2023. It was presented by James Smack, Chief Deputy Controller for Nevada.

Section 1 of this bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$134,760 for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software for the Controller's office.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Controller's Office-Controller (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 2 makes an appropriation of \$294,866 for the replacement of computer server equipment in the Controller's Office.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement server equipment.  
Controller's Office-Controller (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 3 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$5,501 for the replacement of video conferencing equipment in the Controller's Office.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds TEAMS video conferencing equipment.  
Controller's Office-Controller (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

Section 4 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$6,000 for the replacement of an air conditioning unit in the Controller's Office.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of an air conditioning unit in the Capitol Building basement for the print room.  
Controller's Office-Controller (BUDGET OVERVIEW-23)

The total cost of this bill in General Fund appropriations is \$441,127.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There were no proposed amendments to the bill.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Why would the \$6,000 air conditioning unit not be done through Maintenance?

ANDY MATTHEWS (Nevada State Controller):

I am not entirely sure. This was a proposal for a one-shot appropriation. We need to replace the air conditioning unit in the check printing room, in the basement of the Capitol.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 461.

SENATOR NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 461 and move to S.B. 58.

**SENATE BILL 58**: Revises provisions related to the Judicial Department of the State Government. (BDR 1-436)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 58 was heard in this Committee on May 20, 2023. It revises provisions related to the Judicial Department of the State government. It was presented by John McCormick, Assistant Court Administrator at the Nevada Supreme Court.

As originally introduced, this bill was a budget implementation bill for the Judicial Branch related to their budget submittal to this Legislature. However, based on the actions of the Money Committees while closing the budget for the Judicial Branch, Proposed Amendment 3690 to S.B. 58 ([Exhibit D](#)) was submitted and discussed at the hearing to gut and replace the bill with the language necessary to carry out the actions of the Money Committees. Proposed Amendment 3690 has changed slightly from when it was presented at the hearing. The various provisions of the proposed amendment follow.

Section 1 of the amendment adds new language to allow the Supreme Court, within the limits of money available, to employ such persons as the Court deems necessary to provide appropriate staff for the Judicial Branch. This is similar to the language currently in statute for the Governor's Office. This language is necessary to carry out the budget decision made by the Money Committees.

Several sections are repealed.

Sections 7 through 12 are conforming language making it clear the Legislature is appropriating a set amount of money for the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch will then determine the salaries and the number of people to employ within that available funding.

Section 13 is new. It was not discussed at the bill hearing. This section is transitory language and would not go into NRS. It would require the Supreme Court to report quarterly to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) regarding any changes made to the salaries of approved positions and report any new positions that were created during that calendar quarter and the appropriate salary.

The Money Committees, in closing the Judicial Branch budgets, requested these reports be made. However, we missed including the language in the Appropriations Act, so it is being included here.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There is one amendment, Proposed Amendment 3690, to [S.B. 58 Exhibit D](#). If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Will any remaining funds at the end of the biennium revert to the State? I appreciate the reporting on staff salaries, but we should get a report on any reserves they may have because they now have two accounts.

MR. THORLEY:

In closing the budgets, we added language in the Appropriations Act allowing the Judicial Branch some budget flexibility. It was not for their staff salaries account or the elected judicial official salary account, but for their operating budgets—to transfer money. For example, General Fund appropriations transfers between budgets and between fiscal years provide some flexibility to fund their budget.

The reversion language is in the Appropriations Act. The language requires appropriations for salaries to be reverted at the end of each fiscal year. There are additional reporting requirements included in the Appropriations Act so the Legislature, through the IFC, can receive reports on salaries and transfers between budget accounts as well as transfers between fiscal years that the Judicial Branch undertakes.

When I previously spoke about the amendment, I did not mean those middle sections would be repealed but rather are no longer being amended. Therefore, the language would remain in statute as is.



SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

When you talked about the reversions, you talked about that related to salaries. But what about the operating budget? Or is that all still in one bucket?

MR. THORLEY:

The Judicial Branch would have to revert money from their operating budgets at the end of each fiscal year unless they transfer between fiscal years. They still have the general requirement in the Appropriations Act to revert funding at the end of each biennium.

In the original budget submittal, a request was originally proposed in S.B. 58 to create a Judicial Fund that would not revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year biennium. However, that language has been excluded from the amendment. The Judicial Branch would be required to revert all funding they receive at some point.

SENATOR TITUS:

You mentioned where it is struck out, but that language actually stays. Sections 5 and 6 say those particular chapters are deleted by the amendment. That existing language has been deleted, but the rest is not. It is confusing.

MR. THORLEY:

The language in purple double strike-through is proposed for deletion in the amendment. It is not proposed to repeal those sections of statute. Those sections of law are no longer proposed to be amended.

Section 5, as introduced, would have made changes to NRS 353.359. That change is no longer being proposed. The existing language and that statute would stay as is. If the amendment is approved, there would be no changes, but that section would not be repealed. It would remain status quo.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 58 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3690.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

As originally proposed, I was not going to support this bill, but I will support it with the amendment.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 58 and move to S.B. 448.

**SENATE BILL 448**: Revises provisions governing the distribution of the proceeds of certain administrative assessments. (BDR 14-1092)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 448 was heard in this Committee on May 16, 2023. It is a budget implementation bill submitted by the Office of the Governor, Office of Finance (GFO) to carry out a decision of the Money Committees in closing the budgets that previously received funding from court administrative assessment revenue. It was presented by Robin Hager, Deputy Director, GFO.

During the closing of all budgets that previously received court administrative assessment revenue, the Money Committees decided to replace that funding with General Fund appropriations. This bill would require that the State's portion of court administrative assessments, rather than being distributed among various budget accounts as required under current law, to instead be deposited in the State General Fund. It would become an unrestricted General Fund revenue source.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments on the bill.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I agree with the need to move this bill, but how much will it impact the General Fund? I know it is hard to determine because court assessments are up and down and declining. Do you have an estimate of what the impact would be?

MR. THORLEY:

Moving all the State's portion of court administrative assessments to the General Fund would increase General Fund collections by approximately \$4 million in each fiscal year.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

We are going to have a \$4 million increase in revenues, but how much is it going to cost us? If it is \$10 million in General Fund, then clearly there is a shortfall.

MR. THORLEY:

It would actually provide General Fund revenue of \$31.1 million over the biennium as a result of the provisions in this bill. It is revenue neutral rather than funding the agencies in the various Executive Branch and Judicial Branch budgets with court administrative assessments. That assessment revenue will go to the General Fund and in its place would come General Fund appropriation. It is a revenue swap that essentially would be revenue neutral.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 448.

SENATOR TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 448 and move to S.B. 453.

**SENATE BILL 453**: Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Emergency Account and the Contingency Account. (BDR S-1098)

MS. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 453 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. It makes appropriations to restore some fund balances. It was presented by Robin Hager, Deputy Director, GFO.

Section 1 appropriates \$145,237 to restore the balance in the emergency account. That would bring the balance to \$500,000.

Section 2 appropriates \$22 million to restore the balance in the contingency account. That would bring the balance to approximately \$25 million for the upcoming Interim.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments discussed on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 453.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 453 and move to S.B. 456.

**SENATE BILL 456**: Makes appropriations to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the costs of leases and furniture for State offices and training for State employees. (BDR S-1113)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 456 was heard in Committee on May 17, 2023. It makes appropriations to the GFO for the cost of leases and furniture for State offices and training for State employees. The bill was presented by the director of the Department of Administration and the administrator of the Division of Human Resources Management.

Section 1 appropriates \$50 million for the cost of leases and furniture for offices.

Section 2 appropriates \$5 million for employee training.

The total cost of this bill is \$55 million.

There were no comments in support, opposition or neutral on the bill. There were no amendments presented on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 456.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 456 and move to S.B. 9.

**SENATE BILL 9**: Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-282)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 9 was heard in this Committee on May 16, 2023. The bill eliminates end-of-course finals and extends the deadline by which the school district or a public school is required to create and post certain reports relating to educational expenditures, personnel employed, and services provided. It was presented by Craig Statucki, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Nevada Department of Education (NDE). The effective date of the bill is upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations performing preparatory administrative tasks and July 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

The bill increases the limitation from 7.5 percent to 20 percent on the use of money for career and technical education (CTE) programs and expands the activities for which that money may be used.

Fiscal staff notes this Committee had an extensive discussion on that section of the law when the K-12 education funding bill was discussed. The appropriation in the K-12 funding bill for CTE has a notwithstanding clause that makes that particular appropriation not subject to the distribution percentages in that portion of statute. However, other appropriations that may be made to CTE by this Legislature would.

Existing law requires NDE to prescribe a form for educational involvement accords that complies with the policies of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 and the policies of this State to involve parents and families in the education of the pupil. Section 4 of this bill removes the requirement for the Department to prescribe such a form and, instead, requires the Department to

ensure that public schools use educational involvement accords that comply with certain federal and State policies. It also eliminates the use of certain forms prescribed by the Department.

Regarding the fiscal impact and the reason this bill is in the Senate Committee on Finance is the portion of the bill related to the elimination of the statutory requirements for end-of-course exams. The Money Committees, in closing the budgets for NDE, did not approve any funding for end-of-course exams. Therefore, this bill makes the corresponding statutory changes that would no longer require those exams to be administered.

There was no testimony provided in support. There was testimony provided in opposition from Nevada Families for Freedom, the Independent American Party and the State Republican Party. There was no testimony provided in neutral. There were no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 9.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

I cannot support this bill based on the policy.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA, SEEVERS GANSERT AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 9 and move to S.B. 500.

**SENATE BILL 500**: Makes appropriations to the Department of Education for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
(BDR S-1156)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 500 was heard in this Committee on May 22, 2023. The bill makes various General Fund appropriations for the replacement of computer hardware

and associated software funded out of various budgets within the NDE. It was presented by Superintendent of Public Instruction Jhone Ebert.

Sections 1 through 11 all make a General Fund appropriation and list the budgets that would be receiving the appropriation. The appropriations are all for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

The total cost of this bill is a General Fund appropriation of \$69,925 in FY 2022-2023. There is no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments to this bill.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 500.

SENATOR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 500 and move to S.B. 457.

**SENATE BILL 457**: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for certain costs related to the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and costs for interdisciplinary opportunities for health students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-1119)

MS. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 457 makes an appropriation to the GFO for certain costs related to the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). It was presented by representatives of UNLV and the Dean of the UNLV School of Medicine.

The bill contains a \$9.2 million appropriation that would support the growth of the medical school from 60 seats per class to 90 seats per class. It was mentioned to receive accreditation to increase the class size, the accrediting body looks at the level of faculty and the availability of ongoing funding.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds operational costs of the Kirk Kerkorian Medical Education Building and expands the number of students in each class.  
Governor's Finance Office-Special Appropriation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-21)

There was discussion on why the funding was submitted by the GFO as a one-shot appropriation since it appears to be related to an ongoing cost. The reason given was that the accrediting body looks for ongoing support. It was noted the Agencies should submit requests for additional funding on an ongoing basis through an enhancement decision unit in the 2025-2027 biennium.

The Nevada System of Higher Education, the Vegas Chamber, UNR, the City of Las Vegas, Nevada Faculty Alliance and Dignity Health provided comments in support of the measure. There were no comments in opposition or neutral. There were no amendments presented on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 457.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR TITUS:

Early on in the funding of the UNLV Medical School, we received accreditation before the Rosemont Medical School, even though they started the process long before we did.

As a public body for the accreditation process, they saw the State's commitment when we initiated funding. We need to continue that accreditation; showing strong commitment from this Body to keep the medical school going to help serve some of the drastic needs in our healthcare system.

I would be supportive of providing General Funds in the future.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I agree. I hope we have ongoing funding, but we cannot commit to future legislators or legislatures. I hope in the future they see the need for this as well.



THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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We will close S.B. 457 and move to S.B. 465.

**SENATE BILL 465**: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the costs of a feasibility study and request for proposals for a real-time sales tax point-of-sale system. (BDR S-1152)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 465 was heard in Committee on May 15, 2023. The bill was presented by a deputy director from the Department of Taxation.

The bill makes a \$605,600 General Fund appropriation for a feasibility study and request for proposals for a real-time sales tax point-of-sale system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a feasibility study and request for proposal of Sales Tax Accelerated Real Time System.  
Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

There was no testimony in support or opposition. There was a comment from Nevada Bankers Association in neutral. There were no amendments discussed at the hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 465.

SENATOR NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 465 and move to S.B. 466.

**SENATE BILL 466**: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the costs of a contract with an information technology consultant to perform the backlog of updates to the Unified Tax System. (BDR S-1153)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 466 was heard in Committee on May 15, 2023. The bill was presented by a deputy director from the Department of Taxation and the administrative services officer.

This bill makes a \$378,560 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the cost of a contract with an IT consultant to perform updates to the unified tax system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds an Information Technology contract with a consultant to address the Unified Tax System operations backlog.  
Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were discussed on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 466.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 466 and move to S.B. 467.

**SENATE BILL 467**: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Taxation for the relocation of its Carson City office. (BDR S-1154)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 467 was heard in Committee on May 15, 2023. The bill was presented by a deputy director of the Department of Taxation and the administrative services officer.

The bill makes a \$1,454,948 General Fund appropriation to the Department of Taxation to relocate its Carson City office.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the relocation of the Carson City office to a new location.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

There was a discussion between Fiscal staff and the Department following the hearing regarding the acquisition of a new State-owned building in Carson City. It was determined the Bill amount could be reduced to \$1,415,085 based on updated information related to the Department's relocation to the newly acquired State building.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 467 WITH THE REDUCED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT OF \$1,415,085 TO RELOCATE THE DEPARTMENT TO THE NEWLY ACQUIRED STATE BUILDING.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 467 and move to S.B. 489.

**SENATE BILL 489**: Makes appropriations to the Department of Taxation for information technology projects and equipment, employee training and a money counter machine. (BDR S-1151)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 489 was heard in Committee on May 15, 2023. A deputy director of the Department of Taxation and the organizational change manager presented the bill.

Section 1 appropriates \$64,500 for website modernization.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the modernization of the agency website platform.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 2 appropriates \$10,861 for training and conferences.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds attendance to a technology conference for the Information Technology Security Officer.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds Change Management Certification Program training.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 3 appropriates \$33,329 for a money-counting machine.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a new cash count machine.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 4 appropriates \$562,600 for replacement computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 5 appropriates \$12,128 for uninterruptible power supplies.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of uninterruptible power supply equipment.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 6 appropriates \$586,066 for an IT backup system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of the current Integrated Data Protection Appliance backup solution.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 7 appropriates \$110,109 for computer software updates.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Department of Taxation-Taxation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

The total cost of this bill is \$1,379,593.

There were no comments in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were discussed at the bill hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 489.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 489 and move to S.B. 468.

**SENATE BILL 468**: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Agriculture for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software and deferred maintenance projects. (BDR S-1159)

Ms. CROCKETT:

Senate Bill 468 was heard in Committee on May 15, 2023. It makes appropriations to the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Testimony was provided by the Department.

Section 1 of the bill appropriates \$12,260 for computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Agriculture-Veterinary Medical Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-35)

Section 2 appropriates \$192,478 for deferred maintenance.

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FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Agriculture-Administrative Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-35)

The total cost of this bill is \$204,738.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral on the bill. No amendments were discussed at the hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 468.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 468 and move to S.B. 491.

**SENATE BILL 491**: Revises provisions related to the Department of Business and Industry concerning information technology. (BDR S-1167)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 491 was heard in this Committee on May 15, 2023. It was presented by Perry Faigin, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Business and Industry (B&I).

Section 1 of the bill extends the deadline by which the Division of Real Estate has to expend a \$693,670 General Fund appropriation it received from the Eighty-first Legislature to update its licensing system. As originally appropriated, the deadline to expend the money is at the end of the current fiscal year. Section 1 extends the deadline by two years and allows the Division to continue to expend funds from that appropriation for two more years. It does not add any additional funding. It just extends the deadline.

Section 2 of the bill makes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,804 for replacement computer hardware and associated software in the Office of Business Finance and Planning.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Business and Industry-Office of Business and Planning  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

Section 3 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$292,175 in the B&I administration budget for the replacement of computer hardware, associated software, videoconferencing equipment, the purchase of recording software, backup data storage equipment and licenses for online training.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Business and Industry-Administration (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of video conferencing equipment.  
Department of Business and Industry-Administration (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds recording software for conference rooms, offline backup data storage equipment, and online training software licenses.  
Department of Business and Industry-Administration (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

Section 4 makes an appropriation of \$75,986 to the Division of Real Estate for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Business and Industry-Real Estate Administration (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

Section 5 makes an appropriation from the State Highway Fund to the Nevada Transportation Authority in the amount of \$35,135 for the replacement of computer hardware and software.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Business and Industry-Nevada Transportation Authority  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

Section 6 makes a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$144,853 to the Office of the Labor Commissioner for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software, equipment for servers and the purchase of license applications by professional employer organizations.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Business and Industry-Labor Commissioner (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement network switches and tape drives for replacement server equipment.  
Department of Business and Industry-Labor Commissioner (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds cloud-based software-as-a-service solution for the online submission, processing, and management of professional employer organization license applications.  
Department of Business and Industry-Labor Commissioner (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

The total cost of this bill in General Fund appropriations is \$515,818 and State Highway Fund appropriations of \$35,135. All appropriations in the bill are one-shot requests that were included in the Executive Budget. There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 491.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 491 and move to S.B. 462.

**SENATE BILL 462**: Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Indian Commission for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1131)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 462 makes an appropriation of \$5,457 to the Nevada Indian Commission for replacement computers and software. The bill was presented by the director of the Nevada Indian Commission.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Tourism-Indian Commission (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

There were no comments in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were discussed. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 462.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 462 and move to S.B. 463.

**SENATE BILL 463**: Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Arts Council within the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1133)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 463 was heard in Committee on May 16, 2023. The bill was presented by the director of the Nevada Arts Council. It makes a General Fund

appropriation of \$26,170 to the Nevada Arts Council within the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (DTCA).

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Tourism-Nevada Arts Council (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

There was no testimony in support, neutral or opposition. There were no amendments discussed on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 463.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 463 and move to S.B. 477.

**SENATE BILL 477**: Makes various changes relating to the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. (BDR 18-1066)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 477 is a budget implementation bill. The bill was heard in Committee on May 17, 2023. It makes various changes relating to the DTCA. The bill was presented by the Department's chief deputy of administration.

The bill would authorize the appointment of a new unclassified deputy director position. It would eliminate three nonvoting ex officio members from the otherwise 11-member Commission on Tourism. It makes various changes to the Department's *Nevada Magazine* publication and how the *Nevada Magazine* budget is funded.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral on the bill. No amendments were discussed on the bill during the hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 477.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I am going to reserve my right because I am not sure why we are removing the ex officio members.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

What is the actual cost of this? What is the effect on the Executive Budget?

MR. THORLEY:

This bill was submitted by the GFO to carry out a recommendation in the Governor's budget to move the *Nevada Magazine*. It is currently an Enterprise Fund. This means it is supposed to be self-supporting and pay for expenditures from the revenue it generates. But that has not been happening for years, and they have been receiving room tax revenue transfers for a while. The *Nevada Magazine* would still exist under the Division of Tourism, but it would no longer be its own Enterprise Fund.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

What would that cost?

MR. THORLEY:

There was no dollar impact associated with that change. The magazine would still receive advertising and forms of revenue. Instead of revenue going into the Enterprise Fund, it would go to the Division of Tourism to fund operations.

The Division of Tourism receives room tax revenue to fund operations of its budget. It would continue to fund a portion of the operations of *Nevada Magazine*.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Are we considering it a wash even though the money is going to come from a different place?

MR. THORLEY:

That is correct.

BRENDA SCOLARI (Director, Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs):  
Over the years, the Chairs who are the ex officio members of the Tourism Commission have expressed concern over their nonvoting status. They are well represented on their individual boards and commissions in the Department. The leadership meets regularly to discuss any issues and challenges. Removing the ex officio members was done to balance the representation in the Department.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Thank you for the response. I am still going to reserve my right.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR NEAL WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 477 and move to S.B. 498.

**SENATE BILL 498**: Makes appropriations to the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs for the replacement and purchase of computer hardware, software and related services, office furniture, equipment and vehicles and for deferred maintenance projects. (BDR S-1132)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 498 was presented by Myron Friedman to the Committee on May 17, 2023. It makes an appropriation to the DTCA Division of Museums and History. Of the 17 sections in the bill, 4 have recommended changes.

Section 1 appropriates \$5,040 for computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Tourism-Museums & History (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 2 appropriates \$6,164 for computer subscriptions.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds Adobe Cloud services.  
Tourism-Museums & History (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 3 appropriates \$9,825 for computers at the Lost City Museum.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Tourism-Lost City Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 4 appropriates \$19,400 for deferred maintenance at the Lost City Museum.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds maintenance projects at the Lost City Museum to include storage and workshop building repairs, signage replacement, ramada lath replacement, and carport weatherproofing.  
Tourism-Lost City Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 5 appropriates funding for Lost City Museum vehicle replacements. Based on updated cost information from the Division, the amount would change to \$57,485 from \$27,418. This is an increase of \$30,067.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replacement of one agency-owned vehicle.  
Tourism-Lost City Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 6 appropriates \$7,158 for computers for the Nevada Historical Society.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Tourism-Nevada Historical Society (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 7 appropriates \$5,074 for furniture for the Nevada Historical Society.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of office furniture.  
Tourism-Nevada Historical Society (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 8 appropriates \$54,190 for deferred maintenance at the Nevada Historical Society.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Tourism-Nevada Historical Society (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 9 appropriates \$11,139 for computers at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Carson City (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 10 appropriates \$5,250 for a surge protection system for the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a building surge protection system.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Carson City (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 11 appropriates \$68,000 for an online plant database at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds temporary contract staff to update Natural History plant collection data to be accessible for computer searches.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Carson City (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 12 appropriates \$6,354 for computers at Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 13 is a change from \$39,270 to \$57,485 for replacement vehicles at the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replacement of one agency-owned vehicle.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 14 appropriates \$68,825 for deferred maintenance at the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Tourism-Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas (BUDGET OVERVIEW-25)

Section 15 appropriates \$24,651 for museum computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware  
and associated software.  
Tourism-NV State Railroad Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

Section 16 is a change from \$156,072 to \$285,743 for replacement vehicles.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of three vehicles.  
Tourism-NV State Railroad Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

Section 17 is a change from \$342,373 to \$594,999. This is an update on the  
amount mentioned at the bill hearing.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the repair and maintenance projects  
which includes repairing walkway, flooring, and radiant heaters; upgrade  
the lighting and alarm system; retrograde the sprinklers; install insulation,  
fencing, seismic gas shut-off valve; design security system; and replace  
doors and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.  
Tourism-NV State Railroad Museums (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

Based on discussions between Fiscal staff and the Division, the total cost of  
this bill is \$1,286,782. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the  
appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS  
AMENDED S.B. 498 INCLUDING A \$30,067 INCREASE FOR LOST CITY  
MUSEUM VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS; A \$18,215 INCREASE FOR  
REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AT THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM IN  
LAS VEGAS; A \$129,671 INCREASE TO REPLACE THREE VEHICLES AT  
THE NV STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS; AND A \$252,626 INCREASE  
FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDES  
REPAIRING A WALKWAY, FLOORING, AND RADIANT HEATERS;  
UPGRADE THE LIGHTING AND ALARM SYSTEM; RETROGRADE THE  
SPRINKLERS; INSTALL INSULATION, FENCING, SEISMIC GAS SHUT-OFF  
VALVE; DESIGN SECURITY SYSTEM; AND REPLACE DOORS AND

HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE  
NV STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT WAS EXCUSED  
FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 498 and move to S.B. 493.

**SENATE BILL 493**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement or purchase of computer hardware and associated software, data lines and software licenses. (BDR S-1181)

MS. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 493 makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill was presented by the Director's Office at DHHS.

Section 1 appropriates \$8,613 for Patient Protection Commission computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DO - Patient Protection Commission (BUDGET OVERVIEW-29)

Section 2 appropriates \$45,220 for DHHS administration computers from the General Fund and \$626 from other sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DO - Patient Protection Commission (BUDGET OVERVIEW-29)



Section 3 appropriates \$3,779 for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities computers from the General Fund and \$11,337 from other sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DO – Developmental Disabilities (BUDGET OVERVIEW-29)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DO – Developmental Disabilities (BUDGET OVERVIEW-29)

Section 4 appropriates \$22,119 for data analytics computers from the General Fund and \$21,764 from other sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DO – Data Analytics (BUDGET OVERVIEW-29)

Section 5 appropriates \$4,444 for data analytics data lines.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds additional data lines and software licenses.

Health and Human Services-DO – Data Analytics (BUDGET OVERVIEW-30)

The total cost of this bill is \$117,902.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were discussed on the bill. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 493.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (SENATOR TITUS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE).

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:  
We will close S.B. 493 and move to S.B. 494.

**SENATE BILL 494**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement or purchase of computer hardware and software, a certain database and a centralized credentialing process. (BDR S-1183)

Ms. CROCKETT:  
Senate Bill 494 makes appropriations and authorizes funding for the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) for various purposes. The bill was presented by the DHCFP Administrator.

Section 1 appropriates \$368,174 for computers and authorizes the expenditure of \$368,172 for the same purpose.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Health and Human Services-Health Care Financing & Policy Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-30)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Health and Human Services-Health Care Financing & Policy Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-30)

Section 2 appropriates \$43,185 for an information system update and authorizes expenditures of \$388,670 for the same purpose.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the Development of a new Surveillance Utilization Review database.  
Health and Human Services-Health Care Financing & Policy Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-30)

Section 3 appropriates \$160,000 for the credentialing system and authorizes expenditure of \$1,440,000 for the same purpose.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a centralized credentialing and re-credentialing process.

Health and Human Services-Health Care Financing & Policy Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-30)

The total cost of this bill is \$2,768,201.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments presented at the bill hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 494.

SENATOR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR CANNIZZARO WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 494 and move to S.B. 495.

**SENATE BILL 495**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software, equipment and vehicles and for deferred maintenance projects. (BDR S-1186)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 495 makes appropriations and authorizes funding for DHHS' DCFS. The bill was presented by the deputy administrator of the DCFS.

There are a couple of revisions to the amounts in this bill.

Section 1 appropriates \$686,846 for the Information Services budget and computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Health and Human Services-DCFS – Information Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 2 appropriates \$179,070 for Information Services replacement servers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of the computer server.

Health and Human Services-DCFS – Information Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 3 appropriates \$343,646 for Summit View Youth Center deferred maintenance.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the deferred maintenance projects.

Health and Human Services-DCFS – Summit View Youth Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 4 appropriates \$55,030 for the replacement of commercial cleaning and kitchen equipment at the Summit View Youth Center.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of two water extractors, one carpet cleaner and one double oven.

Health and Human Services-DCFS – Summit View Youth Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 5 appropriates \$143,948 for Caliente Youth Center security equipment.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces existing equipment essential for the security and operation of the Caliente Youth Center.

Health and Human Services-DCFS – Caliente Youth Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 6 has been revised to \$96,988 based on updated costs from the Agency.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of two existing passenger vans.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Caliente Youth Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 7 changes to \$61,203 for deferred maintenance at the Caliente Youth Center.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Caliente Youth Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 8 appropriates \$363,767 for Nevada Youth Training Center for deferred maintenance projects.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Nevada Youth Training Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 9 appropriates \$190,692 for Nevada Youth Training Center for replacement vehicles.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds four new vans.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Nevada Youth Training Center (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 10 appropriates \$90,894 from the General Fund for radios for Youth Parole Services and authorizes \$90,893 from other sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds new P25 radios.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Youth Parole Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

Section 11 appropriates \$467,040 for Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services deferred maintenance projects.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Health and Human Services-DCFS – Southern NV Child & Adolescent Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-32)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 495 INCLUDING THE ADJUSTED AMOUNTS TO REPLACE TWO EXISTING PASSENGER VANS FOR THE CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER.

SENATOR NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 495 and move to S.B. 497.

**SENATE BILL 497**: Revises provisions relating to certain arbitrations concerning the cost of medically necessary emergency services. (BDR 40-1214)

MS. CROCKETT:

Senate Bill 497, presented by the Consumer Health Advocate, revises provisions relating to certain arbitrations regarding the cost of medically necessary emergency services. The bill is effective upon passage and approval.

This is a budget implementation bill that was requested in closing the DHHS, Aging and Disability Services Division, Office of Consumer Health Assistance Budget.

Existing law prescribes the procedure for determining the amount a third-party insurer must pay for medically necessary emergency services rendered by an out-of-network provider to a person covered by a third party. Under existing law, if the third-party and out-of-network provider fail to agree on the payment amount, the parties are required to arbitrate the dispute. Existing law requires the losing party to pay the costs of the arbitrator.

Senate Bill 497 amends NRS 439B.754 to authorize a State agency whose employee serves as an arbitrator of a dispute between a third party and an

out-of-network party to retain the money paid for the cost of the arbitrator instead of the money being credited to the State General Fund. Section 2 of the bill provides that the change applies to any money collected by a State agency on or after July 1, 2022.

There is no increase in funding collected by the State. This bill would change where the money is deposited. Current law requires the arbitration fees to be deposited into the General Fund and this bill would allow the arbitration fees to be retained within the Office of Consumer Health Assistance budget.

The approved budget contains arbitration for the revenues of approximately \$182,000 per year.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral on the bill. There were no amendments discussed at the bill hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 497.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close on S.B. 497 and move to S.B. 475.

**SENATE BILL 475**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1175)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 475 was presented to the Committee by the chief financial officer and a deputy director from the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) on May 15, 2023. It makes appropriations and authorizes funding for DETR. There are changes recommended to this bill.

Section 1 appropriates \$8,840 for computer replacements for the Employment Security Division.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Employment, Training and Rehabilitation-Commission on Postsecondary Education (BUDGET OVERVIEW-42)

In section 2, total funding of \$317,495 is authorized for replacement computers. Based on updated information from the Agency, there is a request to change the amount to \$93,453, with \$19,907 from the General Fund and \$73,546 from other sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Employment, Training and Rehabilitation-Vocation Rehabilitation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-42)

Section 3 appropriates \$2,117 from the General Fund for the Nevada P20 Workforce Reporting replacement computers and associated software.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Employment, Training and Rehabilitation-Nevada P20 Workforce Reporting (BUDGET OVERVIEW-42)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 475 INCLUDING THE ADJUSTMENT OF \$317,495 TO \$93,453 FOR VOCATION REHABILITATION REPLACEMENT OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:  
We will close S.B. 475 and move to S.B. 470.

**SENATE BILL 470**: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for deferred maintenance projects.  
(BDR S-1170)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 470 was presented to Committee by the director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on May 15, 2023.

Section 1 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$10.4 million for deferred maintenance projects at the Division of State Parks.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 2 makes a General Fund appropriation of \$1.2 million for deferred maintenance projects at the Division of Forestry.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

Section 3 makes a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$1 million for deferred maintenance projects at the Division of Forestry Conservation Camps.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds deferred maintenance projects.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry – Conservation Camps (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

General Fund appropriations total \$12.6 million for deferred maintenance projects within the three DCNR budgets.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There were no amendments. All these appropriations were included in the Executive Budget as one-shot appropriations.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 470.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 470 and move to S.B. 471.

**SENATE BILL 471**: Makes an appropriation to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a visitor center at the Valley of Fire State Park. (BDR S-1171)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 471 was presented to Committee on May 15, 2023, by James Settelmeyer, Director, DCNR. It makes a General Fund appropriation of \$14 million to the Division of State Parks for a Valley of Fire State Park visitor center. This is part of a larger project that is estimated to cost \$29 million.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a new visitor center at the Valley of Fire State Park.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

The remaining amount would be funded with \$8 million conservation bond proceeds through the Capital Improvement Program bill and a private donation of \$7 million.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 471.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 471 and move to S.B. 472.

**SENATE BILL 472**: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for projects at the South Fork Dam. (BDR S-1172)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 472 was presented to Committee on May 15, 2023, by James Settlemeyer, Director, DCNR. It makes a \$635,000 General Fund appropriation for projects at the South Fork Dam. According to testimony, the hearing was to address critical deferred maintenance projects and repairs at the South Fork Dam. This was included in the Executive Budget as a one-shot appropriation.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds projects at the South Fork Dam.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Water Resources  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 472.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 472 and move to S.B. 473.

**SENATE BILL 473**: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a study of extreme rainfall events. (BDR S-1173)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 473 was presented to Committee on May 15, 2023, by James Settelmeyer, Director, DCNR, and Adam Sullivan, Administrator, Division of Water Resources.

The bill recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$650,000 in FY 2022-2023 for a study of extreme rainfall events, including without limitation, a study of the annual exceedance probability.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a study of extreme rainfall events including an Exceedance Precipitation study.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Water Resources  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

According to testimony, this money would fund contractual services to update the Statewide study of extreme rainfall events used by the Division of Water Resources to safely design dams and other critical infrastructure against flood incidents.

There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There were no proposed amendments.

SENATOR TITUS:

During the hearing, I expressed concern that a majority of this data already existed and there was no assurance we were going to use State resources, especially the Desert Research Institute. I will not support this bill.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I will reserve my right. I want to know more about it.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

It is hard to predict the weather. I am going to reserve my right to vote. It is hard to spend \$650,000 saying when we are going to have a cloudburst.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 473.

SENATOR NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 473 and move to S.B. 474.

**SENATE BILL 474**: Makes an appropriation to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program Account. (BDR S-1174)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 474 was presented to Committee on May 15, 2023, by James Settelmeyer, Director, DCNR. This bill proposes a General Fund appropriation of \$250,000 in FY 2022-2023 to fund the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program Account.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request increases funding for the Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Division of Outdoor Recreation (BUDGET OVERVIEW-40)

Testimony in support was provided by the Nevada Disability Peer Action Coalition and Battle Born Progress. There was no testimony provided in opposition or neutral. There were no amendments.

Assembly Bill (A.B.) 128 is currently in the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (AWM). The hearing on May 16, 2023, proposed a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 for each year of the upcoming biennium for the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program Account. It is similar to this bill, just a different amount.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 128**: Makes an appropriation to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program Account for the costs of the program. (BDR S-778)

SENATOR HARRIS:

If we pass this bill, and A.B. 128 makes it out of AWM, we would be looking at \$750,000 in appropriations, or do we hope to only pass one of these bills?

MR. THORLEY:

The bill before this Committee, S.B. 474, is recommended by the GFO. The \$250,000 appropriation was included in the Executive Budget. The Assembly bill is a member bill and is \$500,000 each year. If both bills are approved, the total over the biennium would be \$1.25 million for this program. The \$250,000 is a one-time expenditure in FY 2022-2023 then balance forward into FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. The total is \$1.25 million with the two bills.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 474.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 474 and move to S.B. 480.

**SENATE BILL 480**: Revises provisions relating to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR S-1105)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 480 was presented to Committee on May 17, 2023, by James Settlemeyer, Director, DCNR.

During the hearing, it was indicated the requested supplemental appropriation amount for the Division of Forestry had been reduced to \$10.9 million from what is stated in the original bill.

FY 2023 Supplemental Appropriation: This request funds an unanticipated shortfall in fire bills and other fire related expenses.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-45)

Subsequently, the Fiscal Analysis Division received information from the Division of Forestry indicating the projected need for the supplemental appropriation in section 1 is now \$14,967,394 based on projected outstanding bills. A copy of Proposed Amendment 3709 ([Exhibit E](#)) to S.B. 480 reflecting the new dollar amount has been provided to Committee members.

Following the meeting, the Chair requested an amendment included in section 2 of the mockup. This would require the Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the billing practices of the Division of Forestry, with respect to the Forest Fire Suppression Budget Account, and accounts receivable and payable in that budget over the upcoming biennium. Their findings would be reported to the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission no later than January 31, 2025.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to amend and do pass.

SENATOR TITUS:

I want to express my appreciation for this amendment. I have shared my concerns about the billing practices of the Department and of the Division of Forestry, and would really like to see an audit of how this process is done. I heartily support the bill, especially with the amendment.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 480 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3709.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 480 and move to S.B. 492.

**SENATE BILL 492**: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement or purchase of certain information technology, vehicles and equipment. (BDR S-1169)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 492 was presented to Committee on May 15, 2023, by James Settlemeyer, Director, DCNR.

In several sections of the bill, the dollar amounts are proposed to be amended based on updated quotes received and shared by the Department with, and further analysis performed by, Fiscal staff.

Section 1 recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$296,261 for the DCNR Administration budget for the replacement of computer hardware and software and other IT parts. There are no recommended changes to section 1.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-37)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Administration  
(BUDGET OVERVIEW-37)

Section 2 recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$11,378 for the Conservation Districts Program budget for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. There are no recommended changes to section 2.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Conservation Districts Program (BUDGET OVERVIEW-37)

Section 3 contains a recommended change to the appropriation. It is now \$3,821,597, a \$127,883 increase over the amount in the bill as introduced.



This is related to updated cost estimates for the loader snowblower vehicle included in this request.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces 40 vehicles.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-37)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces seven boats.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-37)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces two water trucks.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request boom lift, backhoe and tractor.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces one front end loader/snow blower and a snow blower attachment.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of two utility vehicles.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 4 recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$72,498 for replacement handheld and vehicle radios.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces handheld and vehicle radios.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of handheld and vehicle radios.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 5 recommends an appropriation of \$50,838 to purchase a woodchipper.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds one new woodchipper.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 6 recommends an appropriation of \$181,906 for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software for the Division of State Parks.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 7 recommends an appropriation of \$307,980 for replacement equipment at the Division of State Parks.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds equipment to accomplish a variety of operational duties within State Parks.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-State Parks (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 8 recommends an appropriation of \$78,506 for the replacement of vehicles at the Division of Water Resources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request replaces one vehicle.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Water Resources (BUDGET OVERVIEW-38)

Section 9 recommends an appropriation of \$296,499 for replacement computer hardware and associated software at the Division of Water Resources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Water Resources (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

Section 10 contains a change to the original bill. The new amount for a replacement helicopter is \$5,295,000 based on an updated quote including an additional \$295,000.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of one military surplus UH-1H helicopter.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

The change to section 11 recommends \$1,555,542 for replacement vehicles. This amount is based on updated information the FAD received from the Department.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of four vehicles  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of two Type 3 fire engines.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

Section 12 recommends an appropriation of \$419,773 for replacement computer hardware and associated software within the Division of Forestry.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

There is a change to section 13. The new amount is \$1,527,446 for the Forestry Conservation Camps budget for the replacement of command trucks. That change is based on further conversations between the Department and Fiscal.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of 17 command trucks.  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry – Conservation Camps (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

There is a change to section 14. The new amount is \$1,133,370 for the Forestry Conservation Camps to replace trailers for transporting portable toilets and tools. It is based on updated estimates and discussions between DCNR and Fiscal.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of 49 portable toilet/tool trailers.

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources-Forestry – Conservation Camps (BUDGET OVERVIEW-39)

There are no changes to sections 15, 16 and 17.

Section 18 is general reversion language.

The total cost of this bill is \$15,049,069.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

My understanding is many State agencies are going back to fleet vehicles rather than out-and-out purchases. This is significant for the purchases of replacement vehicles. Is it cheaper to go through the Fleet Services Division?

JAMES SETTELMAYER (Director, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources):

The Department operates its vehicles as a fleet. When one division within DCNR does not have a vehicle available, it will reach out to another division. We tend to have vehicles available. Going to a complete fleet within the State presents an issue of trying to get a vehicle to go to a particular location before the Division of Water Resources can go out.

All the vehicles in this request are near 150,000 miles. That is the State concept of when vehicles hit a certain timeframe or mileage in which they have to be replaced.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I thought the fleet assigns a vehicle. Is that not the case?

MR. SETTELMAYER:

I am not familiar with the process.

MR. THORLEY:

State agencies can lease vehicles from Fleet Services Division for their needs. Many agencies find that is more cost effective than maintaining their own fleet of vehicles. In the case of DCNR, many of their vehicles are specialized and may not be carried by Fleet Services Division.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I think there might be some savings there if it is something for the Division of State Parks, but your command vehicles for the Division of Forestry probably are adapted to the point they would not be available as part of the fleet.

SENATOR NEAL:

When we heard this, I thought the only thing we were approving was a helicopter. Based on today's discussion, I think it is too expensive.

MR. THORLEY:

All the General Fund appropriations in S.B. 492 represent one-shot appropriation requests that were included in the Executive Budget. Since the Governor is required to identify funding sources for all spending requests, the Legislature funding for all these requests has already been identified. If this bill is approved, the Legislature would not have to identify a different funding source or cut something else to fund these.

The Legislature also has the option to not approve this bill or request an amendment to remove certain sections. If that occurs, additional money would be available for use by the Legislature for other purposes.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I was looking to reduce the costs to the extent we can. On the other hand, we are at the end of May. We are rapidly approaching a window where some of this equipment is going to be necessary for the Division of Forestry I do not want to rock the boat. I was trying to get a little cheaper.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We can roll this bill to another day to get more clarification on the questions. We are going to have several more work sessions this week.

SENATOR NEAL:

Does Senator Goicoechea have ideas on how to reduce the costs?

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I thought there may be an opportunity for some of these replacement vehicles to go through the Fleet Services Division. It is sticker shock when you have a bill for a \$5 million helicopter and \$4 million worth of equipment. I understand the needs because we have been deferring them. I was hoping we could shave off a little bit. The fact is, this is the season we will use them.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

I understand when somebody says \$15 million it is a lot. I am going to roll S.B. 492 to another day. Perhaps the Director can find savings someplace to make it more palatable. If not, we will have that discussion another day.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will roll S.B. 492 to a later date and move to S.B. 488.

**SENATE BILL 488**: Makes appropriations to the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission for the replacement of certain systems, furniture, vehicles and computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1142)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 488, presented by the administrator of the Department of Administration, Administrative Services Division, makes appropriations to the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

Section 1 appropriates \$2,079 for a recording system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a portable recording system.

Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission-Peace Officer Standards & Training (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 2 appropriates \$120,500 for an access control system.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a replacement access control system.

Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission-Peace Officer Standards & Training (BUDGET OVERVIEW-27)

Section 3 appropriates \$55,782 for furniture.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds a replacement of office furniture.  
Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission-Peace Officer Standards  
& Training (BUDGET OVERVIEW-28)

Section 4 appropriates \$19,250 for the replacement of vehicles.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of two vehicles.  
Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission-Peace Officer Standards  
& Training (BUDGET OVERVIEW-28)

Section 5 appropriates \$6,486 for computers.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware  
and associated software.  
Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission-Peace Officer Standards  
& Training (BUDGET OVERVIEW-28)

The total cost is \$204,097.

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were  
discussed at the hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the  
appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 488.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 488 and move to S.B. 476.

**SENATE BILL 476**: Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of  
money by the Office of the Military for facilities maintenance projects and  
the replacement or purchase of certain equipment and computer hardware  
and associated software. (BDR S-1187)

Ms. CROCKET:

Senate Bill 476 was presented by the Office of the Military administrative services officer and the chief financial officer of the Division of Emergency Management on May 15, 2023. It makes appropriations and authorizes funding for the Office of the Military.

Section 1 appropriates \$1,018,487 from the General Fund for facility maintenance and \$2,164,630 from other funding sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds facilities maintenance projects for Nevada National Guard facilities throughout the state.

Office of the Military-Department of the Military (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)

Section 2 appropriates \$203,798 from the General Fund for replacement equipment and \$212,064 from other funding sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds replacement equipment for facilities' maintenance.

Office of the Military-Department of the Military (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds new equipment for facilities' maintenance.

Office of the Military-Department of the Military (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)

Section 3 appropriates funding of \$22,151 for video conferencing equipment.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds Microsoft TEAMS compatible videoconferencing equipment for Statewide communications for all facilities throughout the State.

Office of the Military-Department of the Military (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)

Section 4 appropriates \$24,496 from the General Fund for replacement computers and expenditures of \$112,276 from other funding sources.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Office of the Military-Division of Emergency Management (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)



FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Office of the Military- Division of Emergency Management (BUDGET OVERVIEW-33)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. No amendments were discussed at the hearing. If the Committee wishes to move this bill, the appropriate action is to do pass.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 476.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 476 and move to S.B. 464.

**SENATE BILL 464**: Makes an appropriation to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Office of State Public Defender within the Department of Indigent Defense Services for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1135)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 464 was presented to the Committee on May 17, 2023, by Marcy Ryba, Executive Director of the Department of Indigent Defense Services.

Section 1 makes a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$1,184 for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software at the Office of the State Public Defender. Section 1 also authorizes expenditures of amounts not appropriated from the State General Fund or State Highway Fund in the amount of \$3,553 for computer hardware and associated software.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.  
Public Defender-Public Defender (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

The total overall cost of this bill, between the appropriation and the authorization, is \$4,737. There was no testimony provided in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 464.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 464 and move to S.B. 479.

**SENATE BILL 479**: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services for an unanticipated shortfall to fund costs in excess of the maximum contribution amounts of counties for the provision of indigent defense services. (BDR S-1102)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 479 was presented to the Committee on May 17, 2023, by Marcy Ryba, Executive Director of the Department of Indigent Defense Services.

This is a supplemental appropriation bill in the amount of \$2,569,906 for the Department of Indigent Defense Services for an unanticipated shortfall to cover the costs of counties in excess of the maximum contribution amounts for the provision of indigent defense services.

FY 2023 Supplemental Appropriation: This request funds reimbursements to counties in excess of their maximum contributions not provided for by A.B. 494, Section 80.

Indigent Defense Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-45)

Testimony in support was provided by the Nevada Association of Counties. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral. There are no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 479.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 479 and move to S.B. 487.

**SENATE BILL 487**: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software. (BDR S-1134)

MR. THORLEY:

Senate Bill 487 was presented to the Committee on May 17, 2023, by Marcy Ryba, Executive Director of the Department of Indigent Defense Services. This bill recommends a General Fund appropriation of \$11,053 for the replacement of computer hardware and software for the Department.

FY 2023 One-Shot: This request funds the replacement of computer hardware and associated software.

Indigent Defense Services-Indigent Defense Services (BUDGET OVERVIEW-26)

There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral. There are no amendments.

SENATOR NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 487.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close S.B. 487 and open the hearing on S.B. 221.

[SENATE BILL 221](#): Revises provisions relating to Medicaid. (BDR S-951)

SENATOR FABIAN DOÑATE (Senatorial District No. 10):

Cure 4 The Kids Foundation is a delivery provider in southern Nevada that delivers care to children who have rare diseases and cancer. The Foundation has been successful at building a multidisciplinary childhood cancer and rare disease center in southern Nevada but struggles with Medicaid billing because the Foundation's patient population has significantly grown over the last few years. The current reimbursement rate associated with the provider type is less than the cost of providing the service.

[Senate Bill 221](#) creates a new provider type in the *Medicaid Services Manual* for clinics that provide services primarily to children with cancer and other diseases. The fiscal note attached to this bill is the associated cost to create the new provider type.

SENATOR HARRIS:

What is the fiscal note on this?

SENATOR DOÑATE:

The fiscal note from the DHHS is \$811,999 for FY 2023-2024 and \$2,349,000 for FY 2024-2025.

MR. THORLEY:

The fiscal note quoted by Senator Doñate is the total amount for the biennium. Some of it would be federal matching funds related to medical services. The General Fund appropriation is \$294,240 in FY 2023-2024 and approximately \$890,000 in FY 2024-2025 for a total of under \$1.2 million plus \$64,960 for system update costs.

SENATOR TITUS:

Throughout this Session, we have heard about access to care. This is something I feel we need to support so that our families do not have to leave the State for care, and those providing the care can get reimbursed. I heartily support this bill.

CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

We will close the hearing on [S.B. 221](#) and move to public comment.

TONJA BROWN (Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent):

We emailed a copy of a conceptual amendment to A.B. 452 ([Exhibit F](#)). I want to provide a brief history so you will accept and pass the amendment when it comes before you.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 452 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to offenders.  
(BDR 16-315)

In 2007, the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) switched to a new computer system. When this happened, it caused a glitch resulting in false felony charges being placed in the offender's file. This glitch had been hidden by the NDOC from 2007 to 2012. The August 2011 sworn deposition of former assistant director Don Helling revealed the false felony charges contained within the offender's information tracking system. The sample I provided showing the computer glitch is my brother's information summary.

In 2012, meetings regarding this problem were held within NDOC. They established only those who had a life sentence were affected by the computer glitch. That is approximately 1,300 offenders. Some had murder, sexual assault and battery with the intent to commit burglary on their notice which they had never committed. Others had additional felony charges added to their notice. The notice files were false and caused by the 2007 computer glitch which still exists today. The Department acknowledged it had no way of fixing the problem.

These false charges are submitted to the Parole Board and the Pardons Board. They impact getting any relief from these Boards. Offenders have had to file suit. On May 2, 2023, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an order regarding the offenders' 2013 to 2016 hearings that excluded our conceptual amendment.

Unless our amendment is implemented and placed in A.B. 452, there is no remedy. People will continue to be affected by this computer glitch if an ombudsman does not have the authority to go in and look. That is going to cost the taxpayers money. Anytime parole or pardon is denied, it costs the taxpayers money because we continue to pay for incarceration.

This is an ongoing issue and NDOC has no way of fixing it. Please support our conceptual amendment to A.B. 452.

ANNMARIE GRANT (Advocate for the Inmates and the Innocent):

I would like to follow up on the conceptual amendment to [A.B. 452](#). There was a case in May 2023 referencing this computer glitch and how it affects the incarcerated.

Under section 2.5 of our amendment, we have added language that states if an ombudsman has reason to believe a violation of a State or federal law or constitutional provision has occurred or is occurring, the ombudsman shall notify the NDOC director. The director must notify the State Board of Parole Commissioners, the State Board of Pardons Commissioners and the offender.

Why do these agencies need to be notified? Because there is no remedy in the current Bill even if the NDOC director receives a written notification about State and federal violations. Without mandating laws instructing the director to notify the State Board of Parole Commissioners, the State Board of Pardons Commissioners could make the determination on false felony charges and the offender may be denied parole. Under subsection 5, we have added "except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the ombudsman shall review grievances entered into notice."

We have added under subsection 1 "compare the disciplinary action contained within the notice offender information summary to any litigation that may have resulted from such disciplinary action in which the offender had successfully won against and see in the courts. The ombudsman must notify the director, and the director must remove the disciplinary action before it is submitted to the State Board of Parole Commissioners, the State Board of Pardons Commissioners and notify the offender of such removal."

Why should the offender be notified? Because the 2007 computer glitch has caused false felony charges to appear in the offender notice file. If it is caught in time by NDOC staff, they will remove it. However, the false felony charges can reappear before it is submitted to the Parole Board, and the offenders should be informed of these false charges. Under subsection 6, we have deleted some of the language from the amendment "The ombudsman shall not review, investigate or attempt to resolve any grievance related to judgment of conviction."

Please pass [A.B. 452](#) with our conceptual amendment [Exhibit F](#).

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CHAIR DONDERO LOOP:

Hearing no further public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Helen Wood,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair

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

<b>EXHIBIT SUMMARY</b>				
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A.B. 452	F	76	Tonja Brown, Advocates for the Inmates and the Innocent	Conceptual Amendment