

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AND  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Eighty-second Session  
April 25, 2023**

The joint meeting of the Subcommittees on Human Services of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, by Chair Rochelle T. Nguyen in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 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.

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Rochelle T. Nguyen, Chair  
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert  
Senator Robin L. Titus

**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Chair  
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman  
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II  
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui  
Assemblyman Howard Watts  
Assemblyman Steve Yeager

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cathy Crocket, Chief Principal Deputy Senate Fiscal Analyst  
Brody Leiser, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Chris English, Program Analyst

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Tiffany Greenameyer, Program Analyst  
Paul Breen, Committee Assistant  
Joko Cailles, Committee Secretary  
Michelle Friedlander, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lisa Sherych, Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Jo Malay, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services,  
Cody Phinney, Deputy Administrator, Behavioral and Clinical Services Branch, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Cindy Pitlock, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Melanie Young, Deputy Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
Amy Stephenson, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor  
Elyse Monroy-Marsala, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Nevada  
Wendy Garrison, Director, China Spring Youth Camp  
Mike Bellaty, Executive Director, Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
Amanda Lawson, Assistant Administrator, Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
Brady Flygare, Chief Operating Officer, Desert Healthcare Facilities, Inc.  
Jacob Atwood, Chair, Nevada Health Care Association; Administrator, Marquis Centennial Hills

**CHAIR NGUYEN:**

Today's budget closings are for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

**TIFFANY GREENAMEYER (Program Analyst):**

The Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Service budget account (B/A) 101-3162 begins on page 3 of the Human Services Joint Subcommittee Closing List No. 4 ([Exhibit C](#)). There are two Major Closing Issues in this budget.

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Major Closing Issue 1 is the elimination of positions due to outpatient caseload changes.

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### PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HHS-DPBH - No NV Adult Mental Health Svcs – Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-47  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3162

The Governor recommends the elimination of five vacant full-time psychiatric caseworker II positions and one vacant full-time psychiatric nurse II position due to a projected decrease in Outpatient Service Coordination, Mental Health Courts and Outpatient Assessment Services caseloads.

On March 24, 2023, the Agency provided an updated caseload projection. Decision unit M-202 on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#) was revised based on the updated caseload projections suggesting the elimination of only three psychiatric caseworker positions rather than the Governor's recommended five positions. The amended caseload and staffing changes indicate General Fund reductions of \$443,524 over the 2023-2025 biennium.

#### M-202 Demographics/Caseload Changes – Page DHHS-DPBH-49

According to the updated caseload data provided on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#), the Medication Clinic projects an increase in the average caseload versus the projections submitted in the Executive Budget. Fiscal staff recommends not approving M-203 and retaining the existing psychiatric nurse position.

#### M-203 Demographics/Caseload Changes – Page DHHS-DPBH-50

On the top of page 6 of [Exhibit C](#) is the decision for the Subcommittees. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the updated March 2023 caseload projections of \$443,524 in General Fund reductions over the 2023-2025 biennium including eliminating three vacant psychiatric caseworker positions in decision unit M-202? Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend

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not approving decision unit M-203, thereby retaining one existing psychiatric nurse position?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MARCH 2023 CASELOAD PROJECTIONS OF \$443,524 IN GENERAL FUND REDUCTIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM INCLUDING ELIMINATING THREE VACANT PSYCHIATRIC CASEWORKER POSITIONS IN B/A 101-3162 DECISION UNIT M-202 AND RECOMMEND NOT APPROVING DECISION UNIT M-203, THEREBY RETAINING ONE EXISTING PSYCHIATRIC NURSE POSITION AS SHOWN ON PAGES 3 THROUGH 5 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR CANNIZZARRO SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Major Closing Issue 2 in B/A 101-3162 begins on page 6 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends including new language in the Appropriations Act to allow the Agency to transfer General fund appropriations between the budgets that fund the three behavioral health 24/7 facilities.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation to include new language in the 2023 Appropriations Act allowing the Agency to transfer General Fund appropriations between B/A 101-3161, 101-3162 and 101-3645 that fund the three behavioral health 24/7 facilities, with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) upon recommendation of the Governor?

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HHS-DPBH-Lakes Crossing Center — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-195 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3645

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE NEW LANGUAGE IN THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ALLOWING THE AGENCY TO TRANSFER GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN B/A 101-3161, 101-3162 AND 101-3645 THAT FUND THE THREE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 24/7 FACILITIES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE IFC UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNOR AS SHOWN ON PAGE 6 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Other Closing Items 1 through 12 in B/A 101-3162 are described on pages 6 and 7 of [Exhibit C](#). Other Closing Items 1 and 2 in B/A 101-3162 are adjustments to transfers and include E-500 and E-502.

E-500 Adjustments To Transfers - E900 — Page DHHS-DPBH-52

E-502 Adjustments To Transfers - E902 — Page DHHS-DPBH-52

Other Closing Item 3 is an adjustment for medical inflation costs in decision unit M-101.

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DPBH-49

Other Closing Items 4, 5 and 6 are cost allocation charges in decision units E-803, M-802 and M-803 based on the Public and Behavioral Health Administration's cost allocation schedule.

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E-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-53  
M-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-51  
M-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-51

Other Closing Item 7 funds replacement computer hardware and associated software in decision unit E-711.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-52

Other Closing Item 8 transfers one Quality Assurance position from B/A 101-3168 to B/A 101-3162 in decision units E-900.

E-900 Transfers In - BA 3168 NNAMHS Personnel — Page DHHS-DPBH-53

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(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3168

E-900 Transfers Out - BA 3162 NNAMHS Personnel — Page DHHS-DPBH-66

Other Closing Item 9 transfers contracted expenditures from B/A 101-3168 to B/A 101-3162 in decision unit E-902.

E-902 Transfers In - BA 3168 NNAMHS Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-54  
E-902 Transfers Out - BA 3162 NNAMHS Contract Alloc — Page  
DHHS-DPBH-67

In Other Closing Item 10 of B/A 101-3162, the Governor recommends a transfer out of \$282,837 in General Fund appropriations in decision unit E-901 over the 2023-2025 biennium to support the transfer of the Galletti Way, Building 8 expenditures to the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), Sierra Regional Center B/A 101-3280.

E-901 Transfer of Building 8 To BA3280 — Page DHHS-DPBH-54

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HHS-ADSD - Sierra Regional Center — Budget Page DHHS-ADSD-126  
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E-901 Transfer Fr DPBH-NNAMH To Sierra Regional Center — Page  
DHHS-ADSD-133

According to the Agency, this transfer would promote transparency and efficiency, as the authority would align with the division occupying the building. This decision unit includes the transfer out of deferred maintenance authority that is recommended to be funded through a one-time General Fund appropriation and therefore does not otherwise exist in the budget, totaling \$248,655, which would result in negative authority for the Deferred Facilities Maintenance expenditure category in this budget if approved.

Fiscal staff recommends not approving decision unit E-901 due to a budgeting error and recommends a technical adjustment to remove base expenditures of \$34,182 over the 2023-2025 biennium in the utilities category associated with Building 8. To ensure consideration of funding of the expenditures, a separate decision point for a direct General Fund appropriation will be presented in the DHHS ADSD Sierra Regional Center B/A 101-3280 budget closing.

In Other Closing Item 11, decision unit E-903, the Governor recommends a transfer-out of \$115,397 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium, to support the transfer of the Galletti Way, Building 8A expenditures to the DCFS, Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, B/A 101-3281.

E-903 Transfer of Building 8A To BA3281 — Page DHHS-DPBH-55

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DHHS-DCFS-95 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3281

E-903 Transfer of Building 8A To BA3281 — Page DHHS-DCFS-104

Fiscal staff recommends not approving decision unit E-903 which includes expenditures of \$17,612 over the 2023-2025 biennium in the utilities category associated with Building 8A. This is due to the same budgeting error as noted in Other Closing Item 10. A separate General Fund appropriation will be presented during the DCFS Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (NNCAS) budget closing.

Other Closing Item 12 is a divisional cost allocation correction in decision unit E-802. As noted in the closing document for the Office of Health Administration budget closed by the Subcommittees on April 7, 2023, the DPBH discovered errors in the cost allocation calculation included in the Executive Budget. According to the Agency, although it requested a budget amendment in February 2023, the Office of the Governor, Office of Finance (GFO), did not submit one to correct the errors. Fiscal staff recommends technical adjustments to the base budget and decision unit E-802 requiring additional General Fund appropriations totaling \$625,159 over the 2023-2025 biennium as shown in the adjustments section at the bottom of page 8 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-53

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 9 in B/A 101-3162 be approved as recommended by the Governor; decision units E-901 and E-903 in Other Closing Items 10 and 11 not be approved; technical adjustments to the base budget in Other Closing Items 10 and 11 be approved; Other Closing Item 12 be closed with the noted technical adjustments; and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.



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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3162 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9 FOR DECISION UNITS E-500, E-502, M-101, E-803, M-802, M-803, E-711, E-900 AND E-902 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; NOT APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-901 AND E-903 IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 10 AND 11; APPROVE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BASE BUDGET IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 10 AND 11; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 12 FOR DECISION UNIT E-802 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS; AND PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGES 6 AND 7 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Budget account 101-3161, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, begins on page 11 of [Exhibit C](#).

There are four Major Closing Issues listed on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#). Major Closing Issue 1 in B/A 101-3161 are decision units E-380 and E-383 for Stein Forensic Facility position changes and new positions. The Governor recommends converting 12 intermittent temporary forensic specialist III positions to permanent, full-time State positions and contract costs for support of housing clients, funded with \$2.4 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium. The Governor also recommends \$922,548 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium for a licensed psychologist position and a contract forensic psychiatrist position.

E-380 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DHHS-DPBH-39

E-383 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DHHS-DPBH-41

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Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$3.3 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund the conversion of 12 intermittent positions to State full-time positions; 1 new state-licensed psychologist position; 1 new contract forensic psychiatrist position; and associated cost to support forensic bed capacity at the Stein Forensic Facility?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE \$3.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR B/A 101-3161 DECISION UNITS E-380 AND E-383 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND THE CONVERSION OF 12 INTERMITTENT POSITIONS TO STATE FULL-TIME POSITIONS; 1 NEW STATE-LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST POSITION; 1 NEW CONTRACT FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST POSITION; AND ASSOCIATED COSTS TO SUPPORT FORENSIC BED CAPACITY AT THE STEIN FORENSIC FACILITY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGES 12 AND 13 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Major Closing Issue 2 in B/A 101-3161 on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#) includes decision units E-381 and E-382 for the Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital forensic bed expansion. The Governor recommends adding 37 full-time positions and associated costs, including 21 forensic specialist positions, 16 psychiatric nurse positions and contract costs to support housing clients in the Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital. This is to be funded with \$7.6 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium.

E-381 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DHHS-DPBH-40

E-382 Safe and Livable Communities — Page DHHS-DPBH-40

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Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$7.6 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund 37 new positions in support of the 30 forensic bed D-Pod Unit at the Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$7.6 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR B/A 101-3161 DECISION UNITS E-381 AND E-382 TO FUND 37 NEW POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 30 FORENSIC BED D-POD UNIT AT THE RAWSON-NEAL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AS SHOWN ON PAGES 13 AND 14 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Page 15 shows Major Closing Issue 3 in B/A 101-3161, the Medication Clinic caseload-driven new position. In decision unit M-201, the Governor recommends \$598,208 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund one new contract psychiatrist position and associated costs for the Medication Clinic.

M-201 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DPBH-38

The decision for the Subcommittees is on page 16 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$598,208 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund one contract psychiatrist position for the Medication Clinic?

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT M-201 IN B/A 101-3161 FOR \$598,208 IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND ONE CONTRACT PSYCHIATRIST POSITION FOR THE MEDICATION CLINIC AS SHOWN ON PAGE 15 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Major Closing Issue 4 in B/A 101-3161, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) allocation for the City of Las Vegas Detention Center 45-bed expansion, begins on page 16 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends budgeting \$40.2 million in CSFRF over the 2023-2025 biennium to continue the renovation and staffing for an additional 45 beds to expand capacity at the Las Vegas Detention Center.

The Office of the Governor testified at the IFC meeting on October 20, 2022, that the detention center was anticipated to be partially renovated and ready for use by July 2023. The IFC approved the full-time position costs to begin in fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024. However, in the March 17, 2023, follow-up memo response to the March 9, 2023, budget hearing, the Agency indicated the earliest the City of Las Vegas Detention Center renovation would be complete is December 2024 if both the lease negotiations and the City's necessary renovations were completed in a timely manner before commencement of the Division's construction projects.

As explained by the Agency on page 18 of [Exhibit C](#), the renovation delay of December 2024 does not impact the staffing plan of 115 positions. It would only push back the hiring dates. The table at the top of page 19 of [Exhibit C](#)

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provides a breakdown of the updated projections based on the December opening date.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the revisions to the Executive Budget due to the delays in the renovation of the Las Vegas Detention Center, allocating \$9.4 million in CSFRF for FY 2023-2024 and \$10 million in FY 2024-2025, placing \$23.3 million in the ARPA-Forensic Las Vegas Jail Renovation Reserve Category to fund FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027 personnel and operating expenditures through December 31, 2026? This revision would result in saving \$11.7 million in CSFRF monies from the project, which could be reallocated by the Legislature for other allowable programs.

SENATOR TITUS:

How many potential patients/inmates are being housed out of state? What is the overall impact the delay will have on our population?

LISA SHERYCH (Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):

These individuals are in jail waiting for services from us.

SENATOR TITUS:

Are any of the people housed out of state?

Ms. SHERYCH:

No, not to my knowledge.

SENATOR TITUS:

Are they getting mental health services while waiting to be transferred to these forensic beds?

JO MALAY (Deputy Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):

Contracted medical services are available inside the detention centers. We regularly communicate with the psychiatrist and staff to address any questions they may have about these clients.

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ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

I remember discussing this issue and bringing it before the IFC. I supported it then. I thought the impetus was the fact we are not servicing folks in a timely manner, nor did we have the bed space. I understand the reality of the world we live in, but I am disappointed to hear there are delays. Can you speak to current wait times and if this delay will affect your efforts to avoid litigation because the State cannot provide the necessary services?

Ms. MALAY:

The length of stay varies, and they come in based on the court file date. That is how we determine who is next. We have several programs we are implementing. We have had some success with the court system and our programming as we try to divert more of these individuals before they enter the forensic pathway.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET DUE TO THE DELAYS IN THE RENOVATION OF THE LAS VEGAS DETENTION CENTER, ALLOCATING \$9.4 MILLION IN CSFRF FOR FY 2023-2024 AND \$10 MILLION IN FY 2024-2025, PLACING \$23.3 MILLION IN THE ARPA-FORENSIC LAS VEGAS JAIL RENOVATION RESERVE CATEGORY TO FUND FY 2025-2026 AND FY 2026-2027 PERSONNEL AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, RESULTING IN \$11.7 MILLION IN CSFRF SAVINGS FROM THE PROJECT, WHICH COULD BE REALLOCATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR OTHER ALLOWABLE PROGRAMS AS SHOWN ON PAGE 19 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Pages 20 and 21 of [Exhibit C](#) list additional CSFRF projects. The projects scheduled to continue into FY 2023-2024 are the renovation of the Stein Forensic Facility and the Recuperative Care Center.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$4.8 million in CSFRF for FY 2023-2024 for the renovation of the Stein Forensic Facility and \$10 million in CSFRF for FY 2023-2024 for the Recuperative Care Center?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN FY 2023-2024 \$4.8 MILLION OF CSFRF FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE STEIN FORENSIC FACILITY AND \$10 MILLION FOR THE RECUPERATIVE CARE CENTER AS SHOWN ON PAGES 20 AND 21 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Other Closing Items 1 through 11 in B/A 101-3161 are listed on pages 21 and 22 of [Exhibit C](#). Other Closing Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 pertain to cost allocation adjustments in decision units E-904, E-504, E-803, M-802 and M-803.

E-904 Transfers In - BA 3168 SNAMHS Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-44

E-504 Adjustments To Transfers - E904 — Page DHHS-DPBH-41

E-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-43

M-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-39

M-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-39

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Other Closing Item 2 decision unit M-101 concerns medical inflation cost of 3.7 percent in FY 2023-2024 and 3.6 percent in FY 2024-2025.

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DPBH-37

Other Closing Items 6 and 7 decision units E-711 and E-719 pertain to equipment replacement.

E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-42

E-719 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-42

Other Closing Item 8 decision unit E-673 funds a two-grade increase for correctional sergeant and forensic specialist positions.

E-673 Salary Adjustment One-Time For 2023-2025 Biennium — Page  
DHHS-DPBH-42

Other Closing Item 9 decision unit E-904 recommends the transfer of contracted expenditures from the Behavioral Health Administration B/A 101-3168 to the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services B/A 101-3161.

E-904 Transfers Out - BA 3161 SNAMHS Contract Alloc — Page  
DHHS-DPBH-67

Closing Item 10 is Budget Amendment No. A232433161 ([Exhibit D](#)) and will be considered as part of the Statewide discussion.

Other Closing Item 11 is a Division cost allocation correction. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to the base budget and decision unit E-802 requiring additional General Fund appropriations totaling \$2.1 million over the 2023-2025 biennium as shown in the adjustment section on page 23 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-43

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 7 and 9 be closed as recommended by the Governor; Other Closing Item 11 be closed with the noted



technical adjustment; Other Closing Items 8 and 10 be deferred for consideration by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means during the Statewide decisions closing; and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3161 DECISION UNITS E-904, E-504, E-803, M-802, M-803, M-101, E-711 AND E-719 IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 AND 9 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 11 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT; DEFER OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 8 AND 10, DECISION UNIT E-673 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A232433161, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEES DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISIONS CLOSING; AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGES 21 AND 22 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Beginning on page 25 is B/A 101-3645, Lakes Crossing Center. Although there are no Major Closing Issues, there is one CSFRF project not in the Executive Budget for a replacement security camera and door control system, and the Agency provided updated projections for this budget.

Fiscal staff recommends a revision to the Executive Budget based on the Agency's updated projections related to the CSFRF for the replacement security cameras and door access control system of \$783,475 in FY 2023-2024 and \$592,616 in FY 2024-2025, consistent with direction provided by the

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full Committees during the work session held on April 4, 2023, relating to the budgeting of these funds.

The decision for the Subcommittees is at the top of Page 26 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of CSFRF totaling \$783,475 in FY 2023-2024 and \$592,616 in FY 2024-2025 based on the updated projections from the Agency to fund the replacement security camera system and the door access control system project?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE CSFRF TOTALING \$783,475 IN FY 2023-2024 AND \$592,616 IN FY 2024-2025 BASED ON THE UPDATED PROJECTIONS FROM THE AGENCY TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM AND THE DOOR ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM PROJECT IN B/A 101-3645 AS SHOWN ON PAGES 25 AND 26 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. GREENAMEYER:

Other Closing Items 1 through 9 in B/A 101-3645 include decision units E-505, M-101, E-803, M-802, M-803, E-673, E-905, E-802 and Budget Amendment No. A232363645 ([Exhibit E](#)) and are on pages 26 and 27 of [Exhibit C](#).

Other Closing Item 8 is the Division cost allocation correction. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to the base budget and decision unit E-802 requiring additional General Fund appropriations totaling \$326,732 over the 2023-2025 biennium as shown in the adjustment section at the bottom of page 27 of [Exhibit C](#).

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M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DPBH-197  
E-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-199  
M-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-197  
M-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-198  
E-673 Salary Adjustment One-Time For 2023-2025 Biennium — Page  
DHHS-DPBH-198  
E-905 Transfers In - BA 3168 LCC Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-200  
E-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-199

Other Closing Item 9 is Budget Amendment No. A232363645 [Exhibit E](#). The Governor recommends \$11,392 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund a one-grade increase for the correctional lieutenant position. This budget amendment will be considered as part of the Statewide discussion.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 5 and 7 be approved as recommended by the Governor, and Other Closing Item 8 be approved with the noted technical adjustment, Other Closing Items 6 and 9 be deferred as they will be considered by the full Committees during the Statewide decisions closing, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 AND 7 IN B/A 101-3645 INCLUDING DECISION UNITS E-505, M-101, E-803, M-802, M-803, AND E-905 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 8 DECISION UNIT E-802 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT; REFER OTHER CLOSING ITEM 6 DECISION UNIT E-673 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 9 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A232363645 [EXHIBIT E](#) BE DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEES DURING THE STATEWIDE DECISIONS CLOSING; AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGES 26 AND 27 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. GREENAMEYER:

Budget account 101-3648, Rural Clinics begins on page 29 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no Major Closing Issues in this budget.

HHS-DPBH - Rural Clinics — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-202 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3648

The Governor is recommending CSFRF totaling \$343,429 over the 2023-2025 biennium to continue funding the Rural Mobile Crisis Response Teams for outpatient and community-based support services for youth.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of CSFRF totaling \$343,429 over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund the Rural Mobile Crisis Response Teams, as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE BUDGETING OF CSFRF IN B/A 101-3648 TOTALING \$343,429 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND THE RURAL MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AS SHOWN ON PAGE 29 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Other Closing Items 1 through 9 in B/A 101-3648 include decision units E-903, E-503, E-803, M-802, M-803, E-228, E-711, E-712 and E-350 as listed on page 30 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-903 Transfers In - BA 3168 RC Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-208  
E-503 Adjustments To Transfers - E903 — Page DHHS-DPBH-206  
E-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-207  
M-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-204  
M-803 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-205  
E-228 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DPBH-205  
E-711 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-206  
E-712 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-206  
E-350 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DPBH-205

Closing Item 10 decision unit E-802 is the Divisional cost allocation correction. Fiscal staff recommends technical adjustments to the base budget and decision unit E-802 requiring additional General Fund appropriations totaling \$584,212 over the 2023-2025 biennium as shown in the adjustment section on page 31 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-802 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-207

Other Closing Item 11 is a base budget technical adjustment. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to increase building office rent for buildings not under the Department of Administration's Buildings and Grounds Section by \$21,527 in FY 2023-2024 and \$30,458 in FY 2024-2025, funded with General Fund appropriations to support the rate increase for the Lovelock and Winnemucca building office rent leases which were approved by the Board of Examiners in FY 2022-2023.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 9 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Items 10 and 11 be closed with the noted technical adjustments, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3648 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9 FOR DECISION UNITS E-903, E-503, E-803, M-802, M-803, E-228, E-711, E-712 AND E-350 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 10 DECISION UNIT E-802 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 11 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 30 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. GREENAMEYER:

There are two Major Closing Issues in B/A 101-3165 beginning on page 33 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DPBH-Crisis Response — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-58 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3165

Major Closing Issue 1 in B/A 101-3165 is decision unit E-227, the new Telecom Fees position funding change and an expiring federal grant in decision unit E-490. The Governor recommends \$28.4 million in new Telecom Fees over the 2023-2025 biennium to continue the three-digit 988 Crisis Hotline Program and to support one existing full-time clinical program planner position and associated costs.

E-227 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DPBH-60

E-490 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DPBH-61

Regarding the expiring federal grant, the Executive Budget recommends eliminating the substance abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

988 Capacity Building federal grant that funded the initial implementation of the 988 hotline for a total reduction of \$221,551 over the 2023-2025 biennium. This federal grant is expected to expire on April 29, 2024.

There are two tables on page 35 of [Exhibit C](#) regarding 988 Telecom Fee revenue estimates. For the 2023-2025 biennium, the table at the top lists \$28.2 million and the table at the bottom page 35 of [Exhibit C](#) shows \$3 million. The Agency mentioned during its presentation on January 26, 2023, before the Legislative Commission's Budget Subcommittee a potential problem with collecting the full amount of the telecom fees included in the Executive Budget.

In a follow-up letter dated February 16, 2023, the Agency indicated the telecom companies provided feedback stating the definition in the law passed during the Eighty-first Legislative Session does not cover certain types of service lines. According to the Agency, if this language is not corrected through legislation, it will only be able to collect fees on landline devices but not on mobile communication devices. This would result in a projected revenue amount of \$1.5 million per year versus the projected \$15 million per year as recommended by the Governor.

Information about the March 9, 2023, hearing is on page 36 of [Exhibit C](#). The Agency testified the Crisis Response programs are currently funded with one-time or startup federal funds, and the Telecom Fees budget would be the only source of funds to continue the program. The Agency noted if the language to allow certain types of communication lines to be charged was not changed via legislation, the telecom companies could not collect a 35 cent surcharge on certain phone lines.

The Governor's office submitted a bill draft request to make the necessary statutory changes. Senate Bill (S.B.) 237, requested by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Judiciary would facilitate the necessary statutory changes to allow certain types of communication lines to be charged. It was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on April 17, 2023.

**SENATE BILL 237 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to crisis intervention. (BDR 39-312)

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As shown in the two tables on page 35 of [Exhibit C](#), if there were no change to the statute, the Agency would collect approximately \$3 million over the 2023-2025 biennium instead of \$30 million as recommended by the Governor. Fiscal staff notes, if this were approved and the S.B. 237 legislation is not approved, the Agency would have the ability to do a work program to align revenues and expenditures to the actions taken by legislation.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$28.4 million in new Telecom Fees over the 2023-2025 biennium and a change in the funding source of one existing position in B/A 101-3165 decision unit E-227 contingent upon passage and approval of S.B. 237 or other enabling legislation?

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend the unobligated new Telecom Fee revenues in B/A 101-3165 be placed in a reserve contingent upon passage and approval of S.B. 237 or other enabling legislation?

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval in B/A 101-3165 decision unit E-490 of the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the expiring federal Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMSA) 988 Capacity Building Grant totaling \$221,551 over the 2023-2025 biennium?

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

To clarify, without the legislation, we cannot collect the projected \$15 million in Telecom Fees each year of the biennium. We would only collect \$1.5 million. Is that correct?

MS. GREENAMEYER:

Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

The \$28.4 million built into the Executive Budget would help continue the 988 hotline program components and call center, including the Mobile Crisis Response Units. Crisis centers could use the 988 hotline as intended, instead of calling law enforcement for every mental health issue. This would allow crisis intervention as well as in-patient treatment and assessment services at crisis stabilization centers. This will help fund many of the 988 hotline services



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otherwise, unless S.B. 237 passes, we will only be able to keep the phone lines open. Is that correct?

Ms. GREENAMEYER:  
Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

The difference between \$15 million each year of the biennium and \$1.5 million is the difference between various essential services we have all recognized. Many of my colleagues here had discussions with former Senator Julia Ratti who worked on pieces of the 988 legislation. We have worked on mobile crisis support in various circumstances. This is a vital infrastructure we recognize we need, and the 988 hotline is designed to help us identify and address issues.

Without that funding, it is a significant difference in the services we can provide, and the funding is based on an approved bill that is in the process of being implemented. If not for some language issues, we would not be in this position. This budget is also built on the assumption we will have the appropriated \$28.4 million. I am comfortable approving this contingent upon the passage of that piece of legislation.

I would strongly encourage all of my colleagues to take a look at S.B. 237 when it comes before the full Committees because it is essential to funding very important services and will make a huge difference in how the Executive Budget is built with those funds for these pieces. If we make a different decision because we do not want to approve that particular funding, we will be left with just some phone lines that will hopefully somehow get people to the services they need.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

Without the passage of S.B. 237, would the 988 hotline essentially be phone lines minus the potential supplemental services within the community?

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CODY PHINNEY (Deputy Administrator, Behavioral and Clinical Services Branch, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):

Yes, that is correct. Without the legislation to correct problems with the language, the infrastructure we can build on and what services we can fund will be severely limited.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

If S.B. 237 were passed, would it provide funding for the crisis response programming to expand within the local communities?

Ms. PHINNEY:

Yes, there may be a continuing need. We are working with all the communities we can to make sure we meet their needs as we try to roll this out.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

This is important legislation for important programs we need to have. I am looking forward to the Senate Committee on Finance hearing to help get it moving.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3165 DECISION UNITS E-227 AND E-490 FOR THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$28.4 MILLION IN NEW TELECOM FEES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AND A CHANGE IN THE FUNDING SOURCE OF ONE EXISTING POSITION CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF S.B. 237 OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION; APPROVE THE UNOBLIGATED NEW TELECOM FEE REVENUES BE PLACED IN A RESERVE CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF S.B. 237 OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION; AND ELIMINATE THE EXPIRING FEDERAL SAMSA 988 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT, TOTALING \$221,551 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS SHOWN ON PAGES 33 THROUGH 36 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Major Closing Item 2 in B/A 101-3165 is on page 37 of [Exhibit C](#). In decision unit E-225, the Governor recommends \$1.5 million in Telecom Fees over the 2023-2025 biennium for ten new full-time positions and associated costs. These fees are in addition to the \$28.4 million in Telecom Fees recommended in Major Closing Issue 1. Funding sufficient to support decision unit E-225 would be contingent on the passage and approval of enabling legislation.

E-225 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DPBH-60

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$1.5 million in new Telecom Fees over the 2023-2025 biennium for the ten new positions contingent upon passage and approval of [S.B. 237](#) or other enabling legislation?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3165 DECISION UNIT E-225 THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$1.5 MILLION IN NEW TELECOM FEES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR TEN NEW POSITIONS CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF [S.B. 237](#) OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION AS SHOWN ON PAGE 38 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ANDERSON AND HAFEN WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

There are four CSFRF projects in B/A 101-3165. Fiscal staff recommends budget revisions to FY 2023-2024 for all items listed on pages 38 and 39 of [Exhibit C](#). On the bottom of page 39, there is a table for the four projects.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$2 million in ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the crisis counselors for the Nevada Resilience project; \$3.3 million in ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the 988 Crisis Call Center and Care Traffic Control Hub; \$19.8 million in ARPA CSFRF over the 2023-2025 biennium as recommended by the Governor to fund the Crisis Stabilization Centers; and \$3.9 million in ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the Crisis Triage, Residential Treatment and Inpatient Care Services?

SENATOR TITUS:

Will this provide funding for the 988 hotline regardless of the passage of [S.B. 237](#)?

Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Yes. These dollars are only for the implementation of these programs.

SENATOR TITUS:

Are these on a one-time basis to get things started? I am concerned [S.B. 237](#) funds will take a while to accumulate. In the meantime, we have this up and running with this funding.

Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Yes, this funds FY 2023-2024.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$2 MILLION IN ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE CRISIS COUNSELORS FOR THE NEVADA RESILIENCE PROJECT; \$3.3 MILLION

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IN ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE 988 CRISIS CALL CENTER AND CARE TRAFFIC CONTROL HUB; \$19.8 MILLION IN ARPA CSFRF OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO FUND THE CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTERS; AND APPROVE \$3.9 MILLION IN ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE CRISIS TRIAGE, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT AND INPATIENT CARE SERVICES AS SHOWN ON PAGE 38 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ANDERSON AND HAFEN WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

There are two Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3165 on page 40 of [Exhibit C](#). Other Closing Item 1 decision unit E-800 concerns changing cost allocation charges based on the Public and Behavioral Health Administration's cost allocation schedule.

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-61

Other Closing Item 2 is Budget Amendment No. A230673165 ([Exhibit F](#)) for the transfer of Telecom Fees to the DHHS Director Office, Data Analytics for one new biostatistician position. The funding in the amendment would require new Telecom Fees to fund this transfer, and sufficient additional fees would be contingent upon passage and approval of enabling legislation.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 be approved as recommended by the Governor for B/A 101-3165 decision unit E-800 and approve Other Closing Item 2, including approval of Budget Amendment No. A230673165 [Exhibit F](#), contingent upon passage and approval of [S.B. 237](#), or other enabling legislation, and requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3165 OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 DECISION UNIT E-800 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM, 2 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A230673165 [EXHIBIT F](#) AS SHOWN ON PAGE 40 OF [EXHIBIT C](#), CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF [S.B. 237](#) OR OTHER ENABLING LEGISLATION; AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MS. GREENAMEYER:

Budget account 101-3168, Behavioral Health Administration, begins on page 43 of [Exhibit C](#). There is one Major Closing Issue, decision unit E-226 for a new administrative services officer position.

E-226 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DPBH-65

The Governor recommends \$317,546 in Behavioral Health cost allocation reimbursement charges and \$516 in Medicaid Administration charges over the 2023-2025 biennium for the addition of one new full-time classified Administrative Services Officer (ASO) IV position and associated costs. This position is recommended to start in July 2023 and would be located in northern Nevada.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$317,546 in Behavioral Health cost allocation reimbursement charges and \$516 in Medicaid Administration charges to fund one new full-time ASO IV position and associated costs, as recommended by the Governor?

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$317,546 IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COST ALLOCATION REIMBURSEMENT CHARGES AND \$516 IN MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION CHARGES TO FUND ONE NEW FULL-TIME ASO IV POSITION AND ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR B/A 101-3168 DECISION UNIT E-226 AS SHOWN ON PAGE 43 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

There is one CSFRF project in B/A 101-3168 listed on page 44 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends budgeting \$156,000 ARPA CSFRF over the 2023-2025 biennium to continue the upgrade of the electronic health record system to the NX platform. Fiscal staff recommends revising the CSFRF to reflect \$628,494 in FY 2023-2024 for the project. The decision for the Subcommittees is at the bottom of the page.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of ARPA CSFRF totaling \$628,494 in FY 2023-2024 including the noted revisions based upon projections provided by the Agency to support the NX platform upgrade project?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF ARPA CSFRF IN B/A 101-3168 TOTALING \$628,494 IN FY 2023-2024 INCLUDING THE NOTED REVISIONS BASED UPON PROJECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY TO SUPPORT THE UPGRADE TO THE NX PLATFORM PROJECT AS SHOWN ON PAGE 44 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN AND YEAGER WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

There are seven Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3168 concerning computer equipment replacements and transfers of contracted software licensing costs and personnel to other DPBH budgets. This includes decision units E-710, E-900, E-904, E-902, E-901, E-905 and E-903 as listed on page 45 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-65

E-902 Transfers Out - BA 3162 NNAMHS Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-67

E-901 Transfers Out - BA 3170 BH Prev Personnel — Page DHHS-DPBH-66

E-905 Transfers Out - BA 3645 LCC Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-68

E-903 Transfers Out - BA 3648 RC Contract Alloc — Page DHHS-DPBH-67

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 7 be closed as recommended by the Governor, and requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3168 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7 INCLUDING DECISION UNITS E-710, E-900, E-904, E-902, E-901, E-905 AND E-903 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 45 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN AND YEAGER WERE EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)



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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment B/A 101-3170 begins on page 47 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no Major Closing Issues in this budget. Listed on page 48 are three ARPA CSFRF programs requiring continued funding.

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DHHS-DPBH-70 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3170

Do the Subcommittees recommend approval of \$74,972 in federal ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to continue grants to Moxy Up for staffing to assist middle and high school youth, including the noted revision based on Agency projections; \$1.8 million federal ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 for Assertive Community Treatment and Forensic Assertive Community Treatment programs, including the noted revision based on agency projections; and \$964,276 federal ARPA CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to expand the newborn screening panel to include an opioid exposure test, including the noted revision based on Agency projections?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3170 \$74,972 IN FEDERAL ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO CONTINUE GRANTS TO MOXY UP FOR STAFFING TO ASSIST MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, INCLUDING THE NOTED REVISION BASED ON AGENCY PROJECTIONS; APPROVE \$1.8 MILLION FEDERAL ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 FOR ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND FORENSIC ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE NOTED REVISION BASED ON AGENCY PROJECTIONS; AND APPROVE \$964,276 FEDERAL ARPA CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO EXPAND THE NEWBORN SCREENING PANEL TO INCLUDE AN OPIOID EXPOSURE TEST, INCLUDING THE NOTED REVISION BASED ON AGENCY PROJECTIONS AS SHOWN ON PAGES 47 AND 48 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

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SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

The six Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3170 pertain to decision units for equipment replacements, cost allocation, personnel transfers and expiring grant programs listed on page 49 of [Exhibit C](#). These include decision units E-501, E-800, M-800, E-710, E-491 and E-901.

E-501 Adjustments To Transfers — E901 — Page DHHS-DPBH-75  
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-76  
M-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-74  
E-710 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DPBH-75  
E-491 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DPBH-74  
E-901 Transfers In - BA 3168 Personnel — Page DHHS-DPBH-77

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 6 be approved as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6 IN B/A 101-3170 DECISION UNITS E-501, E-800, M-800, E-710, E-491 AND E-901 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 49 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. GREENAMEYER:

The last two budgets on pages 51 through 55 of [Exhibit C](#) are staff closings. Fiscal staff is responsible for developing recommendations to assist with closing DPBH Problem Gambling, B/A 101-3200, including decision units E-800, M-800 and E-226, and the DPBH Alcohol Tax Program, B/A 101-3255 decision unit M-800, as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

HHS-DPBH - Problem Gambling — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-95 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3200

E-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-97  
M-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-96  
E-226 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DPBH-97

HHS-DPBH - Alcohol Tax Program — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-193 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3255

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DPBH-194

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DPBH PROBLEM GAMBLING, B/A 101-3200 DECISION UNITS E-800, M-800 AND E-226, AND THE DPBH ALCOHOL TAX PROGRAM B/A 101-3255 DECISION UNIT M-800 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGES 51 THROUGH 55 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHRIS ENGLISH (Program Analyst):

There are 11 DHHS Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) budgets, 7 of which were presented during a March 21, 2023, hearing. The first budget, Victim Services, B/A 101-4894, has one Major Closing Issue on page 57 of [Exhibit C](#). The Governor recommends decision unit E-901 to transfer federal grant funds from B/A 101-3145 DCFS Administration totaling \$31.5 million over the 2023-2025 biennium to consolidate revenues and expenditures for victim support services in a new Victim Services B/A 101-4894.

HHS-DCFS - Victims Services — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-21 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-4894

E-901 Transfer From DCFS Admin To Victim Services — Page DHHS-DCFS-21

HHS-DCFS - Children Youth & Family Administration — Budget Page  
DHHS-DCFS-7 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3145

E-901 Transfer From DCFS Admin To Victim Services — Page DHHS-DCFS-14

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the transfer of \$31.5 million in federal Victims Of Crime and Family Violence Prevention Services funding from DCFS Administration B/A 101-3145 decision unit E-901 to B/A 101-4894 decision unit E-901 for the new Victim Services as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$31.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES FUNDING FROM DCFS ADMINISTRATION B/A 101-3145 DECISION UNIT E-901 TO THE NEW VICTIM SERVICES B/A 101-4894

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DECISION UNIT E-901 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGE 57 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

On page 61 of [Exhibit C](#) is B/A 101-3147, the Youth Alternative Placement budget. There is one Major Closing Issue, underbudgeting of General Fund appropriations.

HHS-DCFS - Youth Alternative Placement — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-71  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3147

The Governor recommends a total of \$8 million, \$2 million in General Fund monies and \$6 million in county participation funds, to support the China Spring, Aurora Pines and Spring Mountain Youth Camps. Budget Amendment No. A230573147 ([Exhibit G](#)) was transmitted by the GFO on March 3, 2023, to return General Fund appropriations and county participation funds to the FY 2021-2022 Legislatively approved amounts of \$8 million, with \$3.6 million from the General Fund and \$4.4 million from county participation funds.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendation of \$8 million over the 2023-2025 biennium to support the China Springs, Aurora Pines and Spring Mountain Youth Camps, including Budget Amendment No. A230573147 [Exhibit G](#), which would return funding to the FY 2021-2022 Legislatively approved amounts of \$3.6 million General Fund and \$4.4 million county participation funds over the 2023-2025 biennium?

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

It has come to our attention the Governor's recommended FY 2021-2022 levels are significantly lower than FY 2020-2021. Fiscal staff will review the details to locate the approximate \$400,000 per fiscal year in missing funds.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF \$8 MILLION FOR B/A 101-3147 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT THE CHINA SPRINGS, AURORA PINES AND SPRING MOUNTAIN YOUTH CAMPS, INCLUDING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A230573147 [EXHIBIT G](#), WHICH WOULD RETURN FUNDING TO THE FY 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED AMOUNTS OF \$3.6 MILLION GENERAL FUND AND \$4.4 MILLION COUNTY PARTICIPATION FUNDS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS SHOWN ON PAGES 61 THROUGH 63 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The Summit View Youth Center, B/A 101-3148 is on pages 65 through 67 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS - Summit View Youth Center — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-73  
(Volume II)

Budget Account 101-3148

There are no Major Closing Issues in this budget. Fiscal staff recommends one technical adjustment and two items related to compensation that will be decided at a later date by the Joint Full Committees.

There are seven Other Closing Items. Other Closing Items 1 through 4 decision units M-101, E-276, E-673 and E-908 pertain to agency-specific inflation costs,

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increases in educational contracts, salary increases for correctional officers and the transfer of the Director of Nursing position to another budget account.

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS-74

E-276 Elevating Education — Page DHHS-DCFS-76

E-673 Salary Adjustment One-Time For 2023-2025 Biennium — Page  
DHHS-DCFS-76

E-908 Transfers Between BA 3148 and BA 1383 — Page DHHS-DCFS-76

Other Closing Item 5 decision unit E-239 recommends a technical adjustment with Budget Amendment No. A231173148 ([Exhibit H](#)) to eliminate the recommended General Fund appropriation of \$190,136 in FY 2023-2024 and \$196,600 in FY 2024-2025.

E-239 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DCFS-75

Other Closing Item 6 is a one-grade salary increase to a correctional lieutenant position. Budget Amendment No. A232163148 ([Exhibit I](#)) was transmitted by the GFO to fund this increase. The decision to approve the budget amendment's one-grade increase will be made by the Joint Full Committee at a later date when statewide compensation recommendations are finalized.

In Other Closing Item 7, The Governor recommends continuing to allow General Funds appropriated to this budget to be available to be transferred between the Caliente Youth Center, and the Nevada Youth Training Center budgets over the 2023-25 biennium, with the approval of the Interim Finance Committee upon recommendation of the Governor, consistent with language in the 2021 Appropriations Act.

The decision for the Subcommittees is on page 66 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3148 decision units M-101, E-276 and E-908 in Other Closing Items 1, 2 and 4 be approved as recommended by the Governor, decision unit E-239 in Other Closing Item 5 be approved as adjusted by Budget Amendment No. A231173148 [Exhibit H](#), the language recommended by the Governor in Other Closing Item 7 be added to the Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium, and defer action taken on decision unit E-673 in Other Closing Item 3 and Other Closing Item 6, including Budget Amendment

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No. A232163148 [Exhibit I](#), as those will be considered by the Joint Full Committees when Statewide decision units, including compensation recommendations, will be considered.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3148 DECISION UNITS M-101, E-276 AND E-908 IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1, 2 AND 4 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-239 IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 AS ADJUSTED BY BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A231173148 [EXHIBIT H](#); ADD THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 7 TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM; AND DEFER TAKING ACTION ON DECISION UNIT E-673 IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 6, BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A232163148 [EXHIBIT I](#), AS THOSE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE JOINT FULL COMMITTEES WHEN STATEWIDE DECISION UNITS, INCLUDING COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS, WILL BE CONSIDERED AS SHOWN ON PAGES 65 AND 66 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Budget account 101-3179, the Caliente Youth Center, is on page 69 of [Exhibit C](#). The Major Closing Issue in decision unit E-600 is the reduction of capacity, elimination of positions and reclassification.

HHS-DCFS - Caliente Youth Center — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-79 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3179

E-600 Budget Reductions — Page DHHS-DCFS-81



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There are three recommended technical adjustments in this budget. The Governor recommends a reduction of \$3.2 million, of which \$3.1 million is General Fund appropriations, over the 2023-2025 biennium to reduce bed capacity at the Caliente Youth Center from 112 beds to 80 beds eliminating 19 group supervisor II positions and associated expenditures and a reclassification of 2 group supervisor IV positions to assistant head group supervisors.

In discussions with the Agency after the budget hearing, the reclassification of the two group supervisor IV positions was added in error. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove those reclassifications as noted on page 71 of [Exhibit C](#).

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of a reduction of \$3.2 million, of which \$3.1 million is General Fund appropriations, over the 2023-2025 biennium to reduce capacity at the Caliente Youth Center from 112 to 80 beds through the elimination of 19 group supervisor II positions and associated expenditures, and a technical adjustment to eliminate the reclassification of 2 group supervisor IV positions to assistant head group supervisor positions?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3179 DECISION UNIT E-600 FOR A REDUCTION OF \$3.2 MILLION, OF WHICH \$3.1 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO REDUCE CAPACITY AT THE CALIENTE YOUTH CENTER FROM 112 TO 80 BEDS THROUGH THE ELIMINATION OF 19 GROUP SUPERVISOR II POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES, AND APPROVE A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO ELIMINATE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF 2 GROUP SUPERVISOR IV POSITIONS TO ASSISTANT HEAD GROUP SUPERVISOR POSITIONS AS SHOWN ON PAGES 69 AND 70 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are three Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3179 on page 71 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 decision unit E-239 which separates youth-driven expenditures from traditional operating expenditures be approved as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 2 regarding agency-specific inflation, decision unit M-101, and Other Closing Item 3 to correct a budgeting error be closed with the noted technical adjustments, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

E-239 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DCFS-81  
M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS-80

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 DECISION UNIT E-239, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2, DECISION UNIT M-101 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS; AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 71 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Budget account 101-3281 for the NNCAS starts on page 75 of [Exhibit C](#). There are two Major Closing Issues in this budget, one recommended technical adjustment and one recommendation to change a decision unit to a direct appropriation.

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HHS-DCFS - Northern NV Child & Adolescent Services — Budget Page  
DHHS-DCFS-95 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3281

Major Closing Issue 1 is decision unit E-350, the addition of seven new permanent Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) positions. The Governor recommends \$1.3 million in General Fund appropriations and \$8,157 in federal Medicaid reimbursement funds over the 2023-2025 biennium to support seven new permanent positions and associated expenditures to support the NNCAS MCRT.

E-350 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-99

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$1.3 million in General Fund appropriations and \$8,157 in federal Medicaid reimbursement to fund the addition of seven permanent positions and associated expenditures for the MCRT program as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE \$1.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$8,157 IN FEDERAL MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT TO FUND THE ADDITION OF SEVEN PERMANENT POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE MCRT PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN B/A 101-3281 DECISION UNIT E-350 AS SHOWN ON PAGE 75 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2 in B/A 101-3281 on pages 76 through 79 [Exhibit C](#) is a change in funding source for existing positions and the addition of

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one new accounting assistant. In decision units E-366, E-367, E-370, E-496, E-497 and E-498, the Governor recommends a net funding reduction of \$13,863, resulting in a \$1.4 million General Fund increase, in FY 2024-2025 to change the funding source from CSFRF to \$1.4 million in General Fund appropriations and \$261,208 in Medicaid reimbursement funds to continue 22 positions added during the 2021-2023 biennium funded with CSFRF and to support 1 new accounting assistant III, and associated expenditures.

E-366 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-99  
E-367 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-100  
E-370 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-100  
E-496 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-101  
E-497 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-102  
E-498 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-102

Since the March 21, 2023, budget hearing, the Agency established two additional positions, bringing the total to ten positions. Included in the decision on page 79 of [Exhibit C](#) is a Fiscal staff technical adjustment recommendation to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$6,312 to remove two duplicated fleet service vehicles.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of a net funding reduction of \$20,175, resulting in a \$1.3 million General Fund increase, in FY 2024-2025, including a technical adjustment to remove 2 duplicated fleet services vehicles, to change the funding source from federal CSFRF to \$1.3 million in General Fund appropriations and \$261,208 in Medicaid reimbursement funds, to continue 22 State positions added during the 2021-2023 biennium, and to add 1 accounting assistant and associated expenditures, as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3281 DECISION UNITS E-366, E-367, E-370, E-496, E-497 AND E-498 FOR A NET FUNDING REDUCTION OF \$20,175, RESULTING IN A \$1.3 MILLION GENERAL FUND INCREASE IN FY 2024-2025, INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE 2 DUPLICATED FLEET SERVICES VEHICLES; TO CHANGE THE FUNDING SOURCE FROM

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FEDERAL CSFRF TO \$1.3 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$261,208 IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS; TO CONTINUE 22 STATE POSITIONS ADDED DURING THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM, AND TO ADD 1 ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN BEGINNING ON PAGE 76 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are 11 Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3281 described on pages 79 and 80 of [Exhibit C](#). Other Closing Items 1 through 9 include agency-specific inflation, separating youth-driven expenditures, transferring positions and expenditures costs from one agency to another, aligning revenue sources, equipment replacement and deferring project maintenance for security, and operation of DCFS facilities. The associated decision units are M-101, M-425, E-239, E-715, E-910, E-912, E-492, E-904, E-911, E-511, E-903 and E-503.

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS-97

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page DHHS-DCFS-98

E-239 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DCFS-98

E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DCFS-103

E-910 Transfer From NNCAS To SNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-105

E-912 Transfer From NNCAS To SNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-106

E-492 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-101

E-904 Transfer From NNCAS To WASHOE County Child Welfare — Page  
DHHS-DCFS-104

E-911 Transfer From SNCAS To NNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-105

E-511 Adjustments To Align Revenue Sources E911 — Page DHHS-DCFS-103

E-903 Transfer of Building 8A To BA3281 — Page DHHS-DCFS-104

E-503 Adjustments To Align Revenue Sources E903 — Page DHHS-DCFS-103

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Decision unit E-903 in Other Closing Item 10 is on the top of page 80 of [Exhibit C](#). It is the decision unit referenced earlier in the DPBH budgets. Fiscal staff recommends a direct appropriation to fund Building 8A expenditures as opposed to the General Fund transfer originally listed in the Executive Budget.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 9 in B/A 101-3281, including decision units M-101, M-425, E-239, E-715, E-910, E-912, E-492, E-904, E-911, E-511, E-903 and E-503 be approved as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 10 be approved as being funded by a direct appropriation to this budget instead of as a transfer, and the language recommended by the Governor in Other Closing Item 11 be added to the Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 Biennium, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9 of B/A 101-3281 DECISION UNITS M-101, M-425, E-239, E-715, E-910, E-912, E-492, E-904, E-911, E-511, E-903 AND E-503 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND APPROVE OTHER CLOSING ITEM 10 AS FUNDED BY A DIRECT APPROPRIATION TO B/A 101-3281 INSTEAD OF AS A TRANSFER IN DECISION UNIT E-903, AND ADD THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 11 TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AND SHOWN ON PAGES 79 AND 80 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The CSFRF projects for B/A 101-3281 are listed on page 80 of [Exhibit C](#). Three require a decision for FY 2023-2024 funding. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of base budget \$446,313 in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the 4 MCRT positions and associated expenditures for Washoe County School District; base budget \$241,020 in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the 6 part-time public service interns and associated expenditures to support behavioral health workforce development; and \$923,073 in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the early childhood day treatment program for children with severe emotional disturbance, including the 12 new positions and associated expenditures, as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3281 \$446,313 IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE 4 MCRT POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES FOR WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND APPROVE \$241,020 IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND 6 PART-TIME PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND \$923,073 IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE, INCLUDING THE 12 NEW POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGE 80 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (SNCAS) budget, B/A 101-3646, starts on page 83 of [Exhibit C](#). There are four Major Closing Issues.

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DHHS-DCFS-108 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3646

Major Closing Issue 1 is decision unit E-350, the addition of eight new MCRT positions and one new accounting assistant. The Governor recommends \$1.8 million, of which \$1.7 million is in General Fund appropriations, to support nine new positions and associated expenditures, including eight positions to support the SNCAS MCRT Program, and one new accounting assistant.

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Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$1.8 million, including \$1.7 million in General Fund appropriations, to fund nine permanent positions and associated expenditures, including eight positions for the SNCAS MCRT Program, and one new accounting assistant as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3646 DECISION UNIT E-350 \$1.8 MILLION, INCLUDING \$1.7 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, TO FUND NINE PERMANENT POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES, INCLUDING EIGHT POSITIONS FOR THE SNCAS MCRT PROGRAM, AND ONE NEW ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGES 83 THROUGH 85 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)



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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2 in B/A 101-3646, on pages 85 through 87 of [Exhibit C](#), changes the funding source for existing positions and adds five new accounting assistants in decision units E-366, E-367, E-370, E-496, E-497 and E-498. Since the budget hearing on March 21, 2023, the Agency has established an additional 10 positions, bringing the total established to 17 positions.

E-366 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-112  
E-367 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-113  
E-370 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-114  
E-496 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-116  
E-497 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-116  
E-498 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-117

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of a net funding increase of \$332,900, including \$2.4 million in General Fund appropriations, in FY 2024-2025 to change the funding from CSFRF to \$2.4 million General Fund appropriations and \$184,486 in Medicaid reimbursement funds to continue 25 State positions added in the 2021-2023 biennium, and to add 5 new accounting assistants and associated expenditures as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3646 DECISION UNITS E-366, E-367, E-370, E-496, E-497 AND E-498 FOR A NET FUNDING INCREASE OF \$332,900, INCLUDING \$2.4 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, IN FY 2024-2025 TO CHANGE THE FUNDING FROM CSFRF TO \$2.4 MILLION GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND \$184,486 IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE 25 STATE POSITIONS ADDED IN THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM, AND ADD 5 NEW ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGES 85 THROUGH 87 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

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SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 3 on page 88 of [Exhibit C](#). In B/A 101-3646, decision units E-490 and E-491 eliminate 14 grant-funded positions. The Governor recommends reductions totaling \$2.5 million in federal funds over the 2023-2025 biennium to eliminate 14 positions and associated expenditures due to the expiration of the federal System Of Care grant and the federal Pediatric Mental Health Care Access grant on September 29, 2023.

E-490 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-115

E-491 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-115

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of decision units E-490 and E-491 for reductions totaling \$2.5 million in federal funds over the 2023-2025 biennium to eliminate 14 positions and associated expenditures due to the expiration of the federal System Of Care grant and the federal Pediatric Mental Health Care Access grant on September 29, 2023, as recommended by the Governor?

CHAIR NGUYEN:

Did the Agency apply for a one-time or one-year extension for additional funds?

MR. ENGLISH:

Yes. The Agency indicated during the hearing on March 21, 2023, it intended to apply for the no-cost, one-year extension. If approved, the ten positions associated with that grant would be funded until September 2024.

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CINDY PITLOCK (Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services,  
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):

Yes, we will apply for the one-year grant extension in July 2023. We will find out if we are awarded the funds around the end of August 2023.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-490 AND E-491 IN B/A 101-3646 FOR REDUCTIONS TOTALING \$2.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO ELIMINATE 14 POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES DUE TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL SYSTEM OF CARE GRANT AND THE FEDERAL PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS GRANT ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2023, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGE 88 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 4 in B/A 101-3646 is on pages 89 through 94 of [Exhibit C](#). Decision units E-375, E-511 and E-912 will transfer in 22 positions and add 56 new positions to the Desert Willow Treatment Center staff. The Governor recommends transferring \$3.6 million, including \$1.5 million in General Fund appropriations, net of funding source changes in decision unit E-511 to transfer in 22 vacant positions and associated expenditures from the NNCAS budget, B/A 101-3281, decision units E-511 and E-912.

E-375 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-114  
E-511 Adjustments To Transfers — Page DHHS-DCFS-118  
E-912 Transfer From NNCAS To SNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-120

The Governor also recommends \$9.3 million, including \$4.4 million in General Fund monies, to support 56 new positions and associated expenditures to fully staff the Desert Willow Treatment Center for 58 beds under decision unit E-375 in B/A 101-3646. In a written response following the hearing, the Agency clarified full capacity of Desert Willow Treatment Center is 54 beds, not 58 beds as indicated in the Executive Budget.

During the hearing, the construction project was discussed. The Agency confirmed the facility project is scheduled to begin on February 26, 2024. The projected completion date is March 19, 2025. It is estimated all 54 beds will be available for the Agency on April 1, 2025. According to the Agency, when the project begins, one unit of ten beds would be kept vacant and the youth rotated between units when other units are under construction to avoid displacement and disruption of care at the Desert Willow Treatment Center.

Despite the construction project spanning from February 2024 to March 2025, the Agency wants to fund all positions before it starts, then hold 23 positions vacant from February 2024 through February 2025. The Agency noted 23 positions can remain vacant and have all but 1 unit fully staffed. The Agency said the combined census at Desert Willow and Oasis is 25 youth. The DCFS believes it can reach a census of 54 before the construction project begins. Fiscal staff outlined 3 options for the Governor's recommendation of 56 new positions, which are summarized in the table on page 93 of [Exhibit C](#).

Option A is the Governor's recommended option. This would staff 56 positions and 54 beds through the 2023-2025 biennium. Option B is the Agency's preferred option, staffing 54 beds and the new positions before the start of the construction project, holding 23 positions vacant through the duration of the project, then restaffing those positions and beds from March 2025 through the end of the 2023-2025 biennium. Option C holds 23 positions vacant until February 2025, close to the completion date. In March 2025, all 56 positions would be funded, and 54 beds staffed.

If the Subcommittees wish to recommend Options B or C, the Subcommittees could consider recommending placing the General Fund savings in the IFC Contingency Account as a restricted allocation available to the Agency in the event it demonstrates a need. The Subcommittees may also wish to

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recommend issuing a letter of intent to have the Agency report its progress on filling positions on a semi-annual basis, the average bed census and progress on completing the construction project.

For decision units E-511 and E-912 in B/A 101-3646, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of transferred funding of \$3.6 million, including \$1.5 million in General Fund appropriations, to transfer in 22 positions and associated expenditures from the NNCAS B/A 101-3281 to the SNCAS B/A 101-3646 as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-511 AND E-912 IN B/A 101-3646 AND B/A 101-3281 FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDING OF \$3.6 MILLION, INCLUDING \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TO TRANSFER IN 22 POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES FROM THE NNCAS B/A 101-3281 TO THE SNCAS B/A 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGES 89 AND 90 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

Can you clarify if Option B in the chart on page 93 of [Exhibit C](#) includes hiring the necessary positions, then vacating them for six months?

MR. ENGLISH:

Yes. According to the Agency, it was indicated the intent is not to hire positions and then eliminate them, but rather to consider those positions vacant and held for a set period of time, which would save money. The intent was not to hire and then eliminate positions.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

Would they be held until the construction project was complete?

MR. ENGLISH:

Yes.

BRODY LEISER (Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst):

Although the intent would not be to eliminate the incumbents from those positions, Option B would eliminate the funding for those positions. If all 56 positions were filled under Option B, come February 2024, there would be no funding in the budget for 23 of those positions, requiring the Agency to find vacant positions for the incumbents. It is my understanding the funding for Option B would not be for all 56 positions over the entire 2023-2025 biennium. Option B would eliminate funding for 23 of the 56 positions from February 2024 to February 2025.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

Does that mean Option C would not fund those positions until they could start once the construction project was complete?

MR. ENGLISH:

Yes.

MR. LEISER:

There will also be a discussion on an option to set funds aside in the IFC Contingency Account. Under Option C, funding would be provided for 33 positions from October 2023 through February 2025. There will be an option for the Subcommittees' consideration to place General Fund monies in the IFC Contingency Account as restricted funds. Should the Agency demonstrate a need to bring on more positions, it would have an opportunity to go through the process to request an allocation from the Contingency Account.

MR. ENGLISH:

Decision unit E-375 in B/A 101-3646 includes three options described on page 94 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend Option A for the approval of \$9.3 million, including \$4.4 million General Fund appropriations, to support 56 new positions and associated expenditures to staff the

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Desert Willow Treatment Center for a full capacity of 54 beds as recommended by the Governor; Option B, for the approval of \$7.3 million, including \$3.6 million from the General Fund, to support 56 new positions and associated expenditures to staff Desert Willow Treatment Center for a full capacity of 54 beds until February 2024, at which point 23 positions would not be funded from February 2024 through February 2025, and 44 beds would be available, and to fund the additional 23 positions for a full capacity of 54 beds again in March 2025; or Option C for the approval of \$6.8 million, including \$3.2 million from the General Fund, to support 33 new positions and associated expenditures to staff the Desert Willow Treatment Center for a capacity of 44 beds until March 2025 which would hold 23 positions vacant from October 2023 through February 2025, funding all 56 positions for a full capacity of 54 beds starting in March 2025?

If the Subcommittees wish to recommend Options B or C, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend placing the identified General Fund savings in the IFC Contingency Account as a restricted allocation available to the Agency in the event it can demonstrate need? Do the Subcommittees want to recommend the issuance of a letter of intent to have the Agency report its progress on filling positions, the average bed census, the construction project progress and any information it would require releasing funds from the IFC Contingency Account should the Subcommittees recommend placing all or some of the identified General Fund savings in the IFC Contingency Account?

SENATOR TITUS:

I do support option C but would like to know if funds were deposited into the IFC Contingency Account, can we allocate them sooner than 2025 if the Agency can demonstrate the need?

MR. ENGLISH:

Yes.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-375 IN B/A 101-3646 FOR \$6.8 MILLION, INCLUDING \$3.2 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT 33 NEW POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES TO STAFF THE DESERT WILLOW TREATMENT CENTER

FOR A CAPACITY OF 44 BEDS UNTIL MARCH 2025, HOLDING 23 POSITIONS VACANT FROM OCTOBER 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025; FUNDING ALL 56 POSITIONS FOR A FULL CAPACITY OF 54 BEDS STARTING IN MARCH 2025; PLACING THE IDENTIFIED GENERAL FUND SAVINGS IN THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AS A RESTRICTED ALLOCATION AVAILABLE TO THE AGENCY IN THE EVENT IT CAN DEMONSTRATE NEED; AND ISSUING A LETTER OF INTENT TO HAVE THE AGENCY REPORT ITS PROGRESS ON FILLING POSITIONS, THE AVERAGE BED CENSUS, THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROGRESS AND ANY INFORMATION IT WOULD REQUIRE TO RELEASE FUNDS FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AS SHOWN ON PAGES 91 THROUGH 93 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are eight Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3646 listed on page 95 of [Exhibit C](#) concerning adjusting costs for agency-specific inflation, separating youth-driven expenditures, equipment replacement for an agency-owned maintenance van with a fleet services vehicle, transferring positions and expenditure costs from one agency to another and funding a security guard position for the Desert Willow Treatment Center and a patrol security guard position for the West Charleston campus. The associated decision units are M-101, E-239, E-715, E-303, E-907, E-910, E-510 and E-911.

Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1 through 8 be closed as recommended by the Governor, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.



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E-303 Safety, Security and Justice — Page DHHS-DCFS-111  
E-510 Adjustments To Transfers — Page DHHS-DCFS-117  
E-715 Equipment Replacement — Page DHHS-DCFS-118  
E-907 Transfer From SNCAS To Community JJ — Page DHHS-DCFS-118  
E-910 Transfer From NNCAS To SNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-119  
E-911 Transfer From SNCAS To NNCAS — Page DHHS-DCFS-119

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3646 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 DECISION UNITS M-101, E-239, E-715, E-303, E-907, E-910, E-510 and E-911 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 95 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The CSFRF projects for B/A 101-3646 are listed on page 96 of [Exhibit C](#). In the base budget, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$1.5 million in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the 13 MCRT positions and associated expenditures for Clark County School District; \$160,680 in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the 4 part-time public service interns and associated expenditures to support behavioral health workforce development and \$771,899 in CSFRF in FY 2023-2024 to fund the Early Childhood Day Treatment Program for children with severe emotional disturbance including the 8 new positions and associated expenditures as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3646 \$1.5 MILLION IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE 13 MCRT POSITIONS AND

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ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES FOR CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT; \$160,680 IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE 4 PART-TIME PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND \$771,899 IN CSFRF IN FY 2023-2024 TO FUND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE INCLUDING THE 8 NEW POSITIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGE 96 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The next budget is Victims of Crime, B/A 287-4895, on page 99 of [Exhibit C](#). There are two Major Closing Issues and one recommended technical adjustment.

HHS-DCFS - Victims of Crime — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-123 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 287-4895

Major Closing Issue 1 includes decision units E-300 and E-500 to change the funding source from Court Administrative Assessments to General Fund appropriations and adds General Fund monies to support B/A 287-4895, Victims of Crime. The Governor recommends \$6.5 million in General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium to replace court assessment fees and to provide additional General Fund monies to support this budget. Correspondingly, a \$2.1 million reduction in court administrative assessment fee revenue over the 2023-2025 biennium is recommended.

M-300 Fringe Benefits Rate Adjustment — Page DHHS-DCFS-124  
E-500 Adjustments To Transfers — Page DHHS-DCFS-126

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During the budget hearing, the Subcommittees asked the Agency if the General Fund appropriations were approved, would the \$4.4 million in General Fund appropriations be sufficient to meet payment obligations over the 2023-2025 biennium. The Agency indicated this funding would be sufficient.

After the March 24, 2023, Subcommittees hearing, the Agency received its federal Victims Compensation Formula Grant Allocation for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022-2023. The allocation was \$1 million, which was \$1.3 million less than FFY 2021-2022, and significantly less than the \$2.3 million budgeted in FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. The Agency noted this would create a shortfall of \$2.3 million over the 2023-2025 biennium and, if this shortfall is not addressed, the Agency would be unable to fund all victims' compensation claims.

The Agency indicated being able to fund victims' compensation claims is critical as eligibility for Victims Of Crime Assistance Fund dollars, which total \$25.2 million over the 2023-2025 biennium, and were discussed in the Victim Services B/A 101-4894, is contingent on the Agency's ability to pay victims' compensation claims. Because this issue was recently brought to the staff's attention, the GFO and Agency have yet to determine the most appropriate path forward. With regard to the reduced federal grant funding, Fiscal staff recommends the Subcommittees defer this issue to the Joint Full Committees budget closings scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Do the Subcommittees wish to defer making a recommendation on the Governor's recommendation for \$6.5 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to replace court assessment fees of \$2.1 million and to provide \$4.4 million of additional General Fund monies to support the Victims of Crime B/A 287-4895, with the corresponding \$2.1 million reduction in court administrative assessment revenue, including a technical adjustment to remove remaining court administrative assessment revenue?

CHAIR NGUYEN:

It appears the Governor's recommendation has created a shortfall of \$2.3 million. Is it true we receive 75 percent back from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for every dollar spent on victims' services?

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MELANIE YOUNG (Deputy Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services,  
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):

The VOCA Grant does not reimburse 100 percent or 75 percent for every dollar because there are unallowable costs that do not meet the qualifications for reimbursement.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

Are there certain discretionary rewards available for victims under the State plan including sexual assault kits, forensic medical examinations, relocation assistance for domestic violence victims, paying for crime scene cleanup for victims of crime, paying for transportation to medical appointments, and paying for childcare due to a disability to participate as a victim?

I am incredibly concerned about deferring this item when we have the opportunity to fix this right now, knowing what the costs are for victims of crime. Nevada is one of the worst states, with three staff members for every 4,634 victims. I know we have backlogs, but why are we not cleaning this up now when we have the opportunity to, even if it is at 60 percent or 75 percent of the costs? It seems like we are giving away free money. How would the reduction inhibit our ability to provide victims with this type of compensation?

Ms. YOUNG:

The only available option to address the shortfall would be to amend the State plan eliminating victims' payments. That will take approximately 9 to 12 months because it would have to be presented to IFC for approval.

AMY STEPHENSON (Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor):

This account is funded with court assessment fees. We have a budget bill draft request (BDR) and a policy bill that has not been heard yet. We do not want to replace court assessment fees with General Fund monies. There is no amendment because we are waiting for the legislation.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

Will the bill address both the change in funding source and the shortfall to make sure we are not cutting victims of crime benefits?

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MS. STEPHENSON:

We are trying to figure out the legislation. Once we do, we can address the shortfall.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

We are in the process of building the budget. We want to make sure we have one that ensures this is not a problem and does not end up with greater issues related to the plans and things we submit to the Federal government that could potentially impact what is available to victims. I know there were ARPA funds transferred to this program in FY 2021-2022 to allow the Agency to pay Victims of Crime claims. Did we know the funds available to the Agency were insufficient? Has that been impacted by the federal funds received? How does that fit into the position we find ourselves in now?

MS. YOUNG:

In FY 2021-2022, the \$1.4 million in funds received were all expended. We balanced forward about \$1 million in reserves into FY 2022-2023, whereas at the close of FY 2016-2017, the Program had about \$12 million in reserves. We have been expending those funds down to where we find ourselves insolvent in the second year of the 2023-2025 biennium. Now, we have learned federal funds for this Program will be further reduced.

This is where we are. We are spending, and have spent the dollars received. With what is being added, and the revision Ms. Stephenson mentioned that removes court assessment fees and adds General Fund monies into this budget, we will find ourselves insolvent in FY 2024-2025.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

That is disconcerting. Do you have any insight about which way the activity may go at the federal level related to these funds and how the State contribution may affect that?

MS. YOUNG:

Federal funding is still uncertain at this time. Most of the federal monies are funded by federal court assessment fees. That would help the fund and ultimately come into Nevada. As for the State funds, when we expend those dollars, we can tap into the additional federal dollars for this program.

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ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

It made sense to spend them down to a certain point, but spending them down further would be fiscally irresponsible and potentially leave us insolvent. It sounds like the only way to cut costs is to reduce payments to victims of crime and that is unacceptable to me.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

We have had many conversations about things funded with administrative assessments. If S.B. 448 passes, it simply allows for administrative assessments to go into the General Fund.

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

We see other budget divisions, the Judicial branch, for example, largely funded by administrative assessments. We have allocated General Fund monies and made those decisions because of the recommendations included in the Executive Budget and part of what we are considering in these Committees.

It is a little concerning to hear when we are faced with a shortfall for victims of crime, we are either not going to address it, or we will figure it out sometime in the Interim. I am a little uneasy with the fact that we are not getting an amendment when we have made similar decisions and can make those decisions contingent upon the passage and approval of S.B. 448, which would change funding from administrative assessments to General Fund monies without needing to address something in the Interim or without needing to wait and see what happens in a bill. When it comes to victims of crime, we are making a completely different decision and we are not going to see a budget amendment. The alternative is we would have to amend the State Plan to stop compensation to victims of crime. I have significant concerns about that.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

Legislators are only here for 120 days. As my colleagues said, we made decisions on other budget units that were paid with court assessment fees and were changed to General Fund appropriation because we know that is the direction this Legislative Body, and the Nation, are going.

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We know there is a shortfall; it is documented. It is disingenuous on our part, and a slap in the face to the victims of crime, to say the only way to take care of this problem is during the Interim even though we are aware of it now. Why are we depending on a bill that may or may not live when we have an opportunity to fix this now and do right by victims of crime in the State?

We need to act now. We only have a few more days left in this Session. If we could get that amendment to take care of this now, that is what we should do, especially for victims of crime. They deserve the respect of this Legislative Body and the Nevada State government; we need to make sure we are taking care of them and the option of cutting benefits to them is not an option.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Cutting compensation to victims of crime is unacceptable. We have already talked about the amendment, but I was talking to Fiscal staff about some other alternatives. We have done this before. Page 19 of [Exhibit C](#) shows we have the funds from the City of Las Vegas Detention Center. We have some flexibility in these dollars.

I do not know if it has to come through an amendment or not, but it is unacceptable to reduce compensation to the victims of crime. We also understand the court assessments have been down because of COVID-19. That may rebound. We are expecting a loss of federal dollars, but we can solve this and make sure this budget is not short. We have the resources because of some of the savings.

I agree with my colleagues; this is unacceptable. I would have preferred an amendment and some problem-solving before we got here. We know we have some buckets of funds to help us manage this and make this account whole.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

I think it is clear it is unacceptable to cut the State Plan and the funding to victims of crime. Some of our most vulnerable people, women, children, and other people who have been battered, want to have some semblance of normalcy, especially when we have the opportunity to do that.

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I support redirecting Fiscal staff to bring a recommendation when the Subcommittees' report is presented to the Full Committees to address this \$2.3 million shortfall anticipated over the 2023-2025 biennium with a reduced federal Victims Compensation Formula Grant, including looking at potential funds to make up the shortfall.

MR. ENGLISH:

Do the Subcommittees wish to defer making a recommendation on the Governor's recommendation for \$6.5 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to replace court assessment fees of \$2.1 million and to provide \$4.4 million of additional General Fund monies to support the Victims of Crime B/A 287-4895 with a corresponding \$2.1 million reduction in court administrative assessment revenue, including a technical adjustment to remove remaining court administrative assessment revenue?

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

This motion is using General Fund monies. We should be looking at the ARPA Fund.

MR. ENGLISH:

The General Fund appropriations in the decision unit were prior to this funding shortfall. Replacing court administrative assessments fees with General Fund monies was a separate part.

MR. LEISER:

Two issues are being discussed for consideration. The first is the recommendation in the Executive Budget to replace the court assessment fee revenues with General Fund appropriations. Following the budget hearing, the Agency learned of the \$2.3 million shortfall in the federal grant over the 2023-2025 biennium. The second piece for consideration is to fill the \$2.3 million hole with CSFRF.

The motion would defer action on both of those items. It would defer action on the replacement of the court assessment fees with General Fund appropriations, and direct Fiscal staff to bring an option to the Full Committees when the Subcommittees report is presented to fill the \$2.3 million hole as a result of the



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loss of the victims' compensation formula grant funds and replace those with CSFRF.

CHAIR NGUYEN:

There are multiple issues, and Fiscal staff has provided the necessary clarification. It sounds like we do not want to defer this to the Interim. We want to address this issue today. We do not want to cut those things, but since an amendment is not forthcoming, and we do not want to deal with it during the Interim, we are looking to see if we can use those unused dollars mentioned before. If not, we would fund this with General Fund monies but defer this to allow staff to see what other solutions we can come up with.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO DEFER MAKING A RECOMMENDATION IN B/A 287-4895 DECISION UNITS M-300 AND E-500 ON THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR \$6.5 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO REPLACE COURT ASSESSMENT FEES OF \$2.1 MILLION AND TO PROVIDE \$4.4 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND MONIES TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET WITH THE CORRESPONDING \$2.1 MILLION REDUCTION IN COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT REVENUE, INCLUDING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO REMOVE REMAINING COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT REVENUE AS SHOWN ON PAGES 99 THROUGH 101 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2 in B/A 287-4895 on pages 101 and 102 of [Exhibit C](#) includes decision units E-304 and E-306 to add two positions. The Governor recommends \$242,407, including \$212,363 from the General Fund, to add

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one new crime victim compensation specialist and one new administrative assistant IV to address the workload in the Victims of Crime Program.

E-304 Safety, Security and Justice — Page DHHS-DCFS-125  
E-306 Safety, Security and Justice — Page DHHS-DCFS-126

Do Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$242,407, including \$212,363 from the General Fund, to support one crime victim compensation specialist and one administrative assistant IV for the Victims of Crime Program as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNITS E-304 AND E-306 IN B/A 287-4895 FOR \$242,407, INCLUDING \$212,363 IN GENERAL FUND MONIES TO SUPPORT ONE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION SPECIALIST AND ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SHOWN ON PAGES 101 AND 102 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. ENGLISH:

The final four budgets beginning on page 105 of [Exhibit C](#) are closed by Fiscal staff and have not been previously heard by the Subcommittees. The Chair may wish to ask for a single motion for closing consideration on all of the budgets for which Fiscal staff is responsible for developing recommendations. There are no Major Closing Issues in the first budget, Victims Of Domestic Violence, B/A 101-3181. There is one Other Closing Item in decision

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unit E-305 concerning transferring funds from B/A 101-3181 to the DCFS Administrative budget.

HHS-DCFS - Victims of Domestic Violence — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-23  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3181

E-305 Safety, Security and Justice — Page DHHS-DCFS-24

Juvenile Justice Services, B/A 101-1383, is on pages 107 and 108 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no Major Closing Issues. There are three Other Closing Items concerning transfers of positions and a one-grade increase for a criminal investigator position in decision units E-907 and E-908, and Budget Amendment No. A232291383 ([Exhibit J](#)). The increased compensation item will be deferred to the Statewide compensation closing.

HHS-DCFS - Juvenile Justice Services — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-60  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-1383

E-907 Transfer Between BA 1383 and BA 3646 — Page DHHS-DCFS-62  
E-908 Transfers — Page DHHS-DCFS-63

Next, is the Nevada Youth Training Center, B/A 101-3259, on pages 109 and 110 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no Major Closing Items. Three Other Closing Items and two technical adjustments are recommended in decision units M-101, E-239 and E-354 for increased contractual obligations for psychiatric services and prescription expenses, increased Agency-specific inflation costs and an adjustment for separating youth-driven expenditures.

HHS-DCFS - Nevada Youth Training Center — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-84  
(Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3259

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS-85  
E-239 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DCFS-86  
E-354 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-87

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Youth Parole Services, B/A 101-3263, is on pages 111 and 112 of [Exhibit C](#). There are five other closing items, including decision units M-101, M-800, E-800 and E-234 concerning agency-specific inflation, Nevada Department of Public Safety cost allocations and training. One of these is compensation related and will be decided at a later date.

HHS-DCFS - Youth Parole Services — Budget Page DHHS-DCFS-89 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3263

M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS-91  
M-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DCFS-91  
E-234 Efficiency & Innovation — Page DHHS-DCFS-92  
E-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DCFS-92

Fiscal staff recommends the following budgets be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary: Victims of Domestic Violence, B/A 101-3181; Juvenile Justice Services, B/A 101-1383 with Budget Amendment No. A232291383 [Exhibit J](#) to support a one-grade increase for the criminal investigator position to be considered by the Committees at a later date; Nevada Youth Training Center, B/A 101-3259, with 1 technical adjustment, including a reduction of \$34,012 in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to correct the Agency-specific inflation entries in decision unit M-101; and approval of Budget Amendment No. A231183259 ([Exhibit K](#)) to reduce General Fund appropriations by \$97,372 over the 2023-2025 biennium to correct a budgeting error in decision unit E-239; Youth Parole Services, B/A 101-3263, with Amendment No. A232173263 ([Exhibit L](#)) to support a one-grade increase for 28 positions, including 17 youth parole counselor II positions, 6 youth parole counselor III positions, and 5 unit managers to be considered by the Subcommittees at a later date.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE B/A 101-3181 INCLUDING DECISION UNIT E-305; APPROVE JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES B/A 101-1383 INCLUDING DECISION UNITS E-907 AND E-908 WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT

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NO. A232291383 [EXHIBIT J](#) TO SUPPORT A ONE-GRADE INCREASE FOR THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR POSITION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FULL COMMITTEES AT A LATER DATE; APPROVE NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER B/A 101-3259 WITH ONE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, INCLUDING DECISION UNIT E-354 AND A REDUCTION OF \$34,012 IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO CORRECT THE AGENCY-SPECIFIC INFLATION ENTRIES IN DECISION UNIT M-101; APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. A231183259 [EXHIBIT K](#) TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$97,372 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO CORRECT A BUDGETING ERROR IN DECISION UNIT E-239; APPROVE YOUTH PAROLE SERVICES B/A 101-3263 INCLUDING DECISION UNITS M-101, M-800, E-800 AND E-234 WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. A232173263 [EXHIBIT L](#) TO SUPPORT A ONE-GRADE INCREASE FOR 28 POSITIONS, INCLUDING 17 YOUTH PAROLE COUNSELOR II POSITIONS, 6 YOUTH PAROLE COUNSELOR III POSITIONS, AND 5 UNIT MANAGERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE FULL COMMITTEES AT A LATER DATE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 113 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:  
We now move on to public comment.

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ELYSE MONROY-MARSALA (National Alliance on Mental Illness, Nevada):

Thank you for the 988 system and crisis services recommended investments. Nevada is in dire need of behavioral health infrastructure to support connecting anyone in need to high-quality service in a timely manner. Ensuring people in crisis can connect to services is the utmost priority because they are dying, waiting for the help they need. The situation is dire. It is clear based on today's conversations that funding these services is a priority.

WENDY GARRISON (Director, China Spring Youth Camp):

China Spring serves 16 of Nevada's 17 counties. We serve both male and female youth, ages 12 to 18, many of whom are getting to experience stability for the first time in their lives. We offer 24/7 residential care, education, drug and alcohol counseling, mental health services, case management, cognitive behavioral therapy and much more. We do this as inexpensively as possible for both the State and the counties we serve. China Spring, unlike other facilities, does not have these resources available in our local community. We must provide them in-house, and that is expensive.

According to the Correctional Placement Checklist, a Nevada Legislatively accepted assessment, China Spring is a very high adherence facility. We are the only facility in the State with this rating. Compared to 660 national programs in 2022, China Spring is among the highest. The national average was 49, which is low adherence. Our camp scored 74.68. I have submitted a chart reflecting our dedication to adhering to evidence-based practices shown to reduce recidivism.

From 2018 to 2022, China Spring improved by 28.14 standardized points. This improvement would not be possible without the dedicated staff who show up every day and are committed to helping Nevada's youth from the counties we serve. This is despite flat budgets and a devastating budget cut of approximately \$1.2 million last Session. Everyone is struggling, and the camp is no exception. Salaries and prices are rising around the Country, and the camp is stalled. We are stalled with the budget we are asked to make do with. Your comments today show my staff and me, we have your support and are being heard.

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My request varies from the amounts discussed. The camp is \$646,645 short for each year of the 2023-2025 biennium. We balance the budget by holding nine positions vacant, yet we still cannot reach a zero-balanced budget. We must balance that against the opening fund balance.

I have two scenarios for your consideration. The first is to return to FY 2020-2021 funding levels of approximately \$696,849 at the State level. This would go a long way to assist the camp in being whole. The second, to make up the \$249,000 difference after years of zero budget increases as well as the devastating cuts in the Eighty-first Session would help us restore positions held vacant for the last six years.

MIKE BELLATY (Executive Director, Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center):

I am here to request an increase in Medicaid reimbursements for skilled nursing facilities. Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Reno employs about 400 people and has over 500 beds, the most in northern Nevada. Like many other nursing homes in Nevada, Alpine is facing a severe financial crisis. Medicaid reimbursement rates continue to fall short of our total cost of care. This is causing us to operate at a loss each month.

Despite our operational costs going up, we have only received 2 rate increases in the last 20 years. Given the rising costs and low reimbursement, we have entertained the idea of converting one to two of our facilities to Medicare-only to stay solvent. This will result in a significant loss of Medicaid beds in northern Nevada. Fewer patients mean the need for fewer staff. This will result in the loss of jobs for local Nevadans.

With the loss of skilled nursing Medicaid beds, the number of patients who will have to stay in the hospital will rise dramatically. This will reduce the number of hospital beds available, and subsequently result in a greater cost to the State due to patients staying longer in the hierarchy facilities.

AMANDA LAWSON (Assistant Administrator, Alpine Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center):

We are experiencing a significant caregiver shortage within our healthcare community. We have job openings for nearly every frontline position within our

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facility and are struggling to fill them. Our staffing shortage affects access to care for those who need it most. Our company has started to limit admissions because we do not have enough caregivers to safely care for more residents. Limiting the number of admissions because we cannot afford to admit any more Medicaid residents impacts the local hospitals that need to discharge patients to us for patient recovery. We have no choice but to say no.

Increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rate will give us the resources we need to hire more staff and ensure we can continue providing high-quality care that so many Nevada seniors depend on. We appreciate being included in the Executive Budget, but the proposed increases are simply not enough. These are our most vulnerable citizens, and they need your help. I respectfully ask you to prioritize our seniors and approve the Medicaid rate increase for Nevada's nursing homes.

BRADY FLYGARE (Chief Operating Officer, Desert Healthcare Facilities, Inc.):  
We provide care for 262 residents and employ 343 Nevadans. I am here to request you approve a significant nursing facility Medicaid rate increase so we can continue to provide quality care.

Rural nursing homes have been especially impacted by staffing shortages and Nevada's chronically low Medicaid reimbursement rates. Nursing homes have experienced an acute workforce crisis. Licensed caregivers are in even shorter supply for rural facilities. In addition to relying on expensive traveling nurses to provide adequate care, rural communities must compete with urban area wages to keep licensed staff local. Without an adequate reimbursement rate, these higher wages and traveling nurse fees have substantially added to our costs. Other expenses such as food, pharmacy, therapy, medical supplies, activity supplies, equipment, insurance, utilities and transportation have experienced unprecedented inflation.

There is no easy way to put it. My not-for-profit company is spending a significant amount of money each month to provide care in rural areas. The gap between what it costs to provide care and the amount we are reimbursed continues to grow. On several occasions this past year, all three of our locations had to limit the number of residents because we did not have enough staff to safely provide care. I am constantly assessing if it makes sense to continue paying to keep our doors open in rural Nevada. Two rate increases in 20 years



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are not enough. Chronic Medicaid underfunding for long-term care facilities cannot continue.

Nevada seniors and caregivers need your support. I respectfully ask you to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for our nursing homes.

JACOB ATWOOD (Chair, Nevada Health Care Association; Administrator, Marquis Centennial Hills):

My facility has 120 beds, 100 residents and 150 caregivers. I am asking you to support our seniors and approve an additional Medicaid rate increase for our nursing homes above what is in the Executive Budget. The cost of care continues to rise, and our facilities are facing a difficult financial situation. Operational costs have increased because of the pandemic and record high inflation. Everything from gloves to caregiver wages has gone up. Current Medicaid reimbursement rates do not fully cover these costs, and we have only received 2 rate increases in the previous 20 years.

As a provider, one of my biggest concerns is staffing shortages. We are struggling to hire staff, and with low Medicaid reimbursement rates, we do not have the resources to recruit new workers. We have 19 open positions. We are unable to find qualified caregivers and rely heavily on an expensive staffing agency to cover these vacancies. In the last year, we have used more than 22,500 hours of Agency staff, overinflating our costs. This is unsustainable. Financial and workforce challenges could lead Nevada nursing homes to further limit admissions or close their doors for good.

Higher Medicaid reimbursement rates would enable us to invest in our staff and continue to provide high-quality care. We are grateful that Governor Lombardo included us in his budget, but I hope that you will approve an additional increase, so we continue to provide the care that many seniors need.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

We will close public comment and today's budget hearings. This meeting is adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Michelle Friedlander,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Rochelle T. Nguyen, Chair

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

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Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Chair

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

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