

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
SUBCOMMITTEES ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Eighty-Second Session
April 14, 2023**

The joint meeting of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance Subcommittees on General Government was called to order by Chair Sarah Peters at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [[Exhibit A](#)], the Attendance Roster [[Exhibit B](#)], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023.

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair
Assemblyman Cameron (C.H.) Miller, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Shea Backus
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama
Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dina Neal, Chair
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Dallas Harris

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Assembly Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst
Carmen M. Neveau, Committee Secretary
Janet Osalvo, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christina Barr, Executive Director, Nevada Humanities

Chair Peters:

[Roll was taken, and Subcommittee rules and protocol were discussed.] Today we will be looking at several Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs budget closings.

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

I will be presenting closing documents for 14 budgets in the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, 7 of which have been heard by the Subcommittees. The first budget closing will be the Tourism Development Fund, 225-1522.

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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND (225-1522)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-14**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Tourism Development Fund budget, 225-1522 [page 3, [Exhibit C](#)], was heard by the Subcommittees on March 2, 2023, and houses the Division of Tourism. The Major Closing Issue is a reorganization to separate the Department's administrative functions from its programmatic functions. The reorganization includes:

- Establishing a new Administration budget.
- Transferring ten positions and all room tax revenues that partially fund the Department to the new budget.
- Adding one new Deputy Director position to oversee the Division of Tourism.
- Eliminating two vacant administrative assistant positions.

- Transferring the Nevada Magazine budget to the Tourism Development Fund budget, which is discussed in the Nevada Magazine closing document that I will cover after this budget.

Regarding the reorganization as it applies to this budget, there are four decision units. I will start with decision unit enhancement (E) 240 and E-902 [page 4]. Decision unit E-902 transfers all projected room tax revenues—approximately \$55.7 million—ten full-time positions, and the authority to transfer room tax revenues to internal Department agencies, and a few external agencies, to the new Administration budget. According to the Department, the ten positions recommended for transfer already provide departmentwide support, and this transfer would allow them to have clear job duties that are separate from the Division of Tourism. The Director of the Department is one of the ten positions recommended to be transferred. Since the creation of the Department in 2011, the Director has also served as the head of the Division of Tourism. As such, this position has not been able to dedicate sufficient time to provide oversight of the Department's various agencies. This was reiterated by the Department during the March 2, 2023, hearing.

Under decision unit E-240 [page 5], the new Administration budget would return room tax revenues of \$22.8 million over the 2023-2025 biennium to the Tourism Development Fund budget to continue funding the operations. As previously indicated, the intent of decision unit E-902 is to move all room tax revenue transfer authority to the new Administration budget. Fiscal Analysis Division staff noted that \$291,000 in each year of the biennium in transfer authority to the Nevada Magazine Budget was excluded from decision unit E-902, requiring two technical adjustments to remedy the situation and balance the budget.

Therefore, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to include the transfer of \$291,000 to the new Administration budget in decision unit E-902. This will require a corresponding increase in reserves and a reduction in room tax revenues transferred from the new Administration budget to this budget in decision unit E-240 by \$291,000, with a corresponding decrease in reserves in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium.

Additionally, as previously indicated, decision unit E-902 transfers ten positions to the new Administration budget, including a management analyst position. The agency and the Governor's Office of Finance notified Fiscal staff that they wish to keep the management analyst position in the Tourism Development Fund budget, and instead transfer a development specialist position. Subsequently, a budget amendment was received.

However, instead of removing a management analyst position, the budget amendment removed a public information officer position. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to budget amendment A233111522 to remove one management analyst position otherwise included in the transfer of ten positions instead of the public information officer position, which would decrease room tax revenue transfers by \$3,716 over the 2023-2025 biennium, in addition to the decrease of \$15,155 noted in the budget amendment.

I apologize, there is a typo [page 6] which references a program officer position that should say public information officer position.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendations to:

- A) transfer \$55.7 million in room tax revenues and ten full-time positions in decision unit E-902 from the Tourism Development Fund budget to a new Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget and approve budget amendment A233111522 with the noted technical adjustments to include the transfer of an unclassified development specialist and remove the transfer of a management analyst position; and
- B) transfer room tax revenues of \$22.8 million over the 2023-2025 biennium in decision unit E-240 from the new Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget to the Tourism Development Fund budget to continue the mission of the Division of Tourism, with the noted technical adjustments?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendations as stated by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO: A) TRANSFER \$55.7 MILLION IN ROOM TAX REVENUES AND 10 FULL-TIME POSITIONS IN DECISION UNIT E-902 FROM THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET TO A NEW TOURISM CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET AND APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT A233111522 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCLUDE THE TRANSFER OF AN UNCLASSIFIED DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST AND REMOVE THE TRANSFER OF A MANAGEMENT ANALYST POSITION; AND B) TRANSFER ROOM TAX REVENUES OF \$22.8 MILLION OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM IN DECISION UNIT E-240 FROM THE NEW TOURISM CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET TO THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET TO CONTINUE THE MISSION OF THE DIVISION OF TOURISM, WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will now move to the next decision units under Tourism Development Fund budget.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

Since the Director of the Department is one of the ten recommended positions to be transferred to the new budget, in decision unit E-226 the Governor recommends reserve reductions of \$257,692 over the 2023-2025 biennium to add one new unclassified Deputy Director position to oversee the Division of Tourism. In an effort to offset the cost of the new Deputy Director position, decision unit E-231 eliminates two vacant administrative assistant positions, increasing reserves by \$219,916 over the 2023-2025 biennium. These positions have been vacant for almost three years, and their duties have been absorbed by existing staff. The agency indicated during the budget hearing that it has been able to handle that increased workload.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendations to add one new unclassified Deputy Director position to oversee the Division of Tourism, reducing reserves by \$257,692 over the 2023-2025 biennium as recommended in decision unit E-226, and eliminate two vacant administrative assistant positions as recommended in decision unit E-231 to offset a portion of the cost of the new Deputy Director recommended in decision unit E-226, increasing reserves by \$219,916 over the 2023-2025 biennium?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to recommend approval of the Governor's recommendations as stated by staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADD ONE NEW UNCLASSIFIED DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION TO OVERSEE THE DIVISION OF TOURISM, REDUCING RESERVES BY \$257,692 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS RECOMMENDED IN DECISION UNIT E-226, AND ELIMINATE TWO VACANT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS AS RECOMMENDED IN DECISION UNIT E-231 TO OFFSET A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR RECOMMENDED IN DECISION UNIT E-226, INCREASING RESERVES BY \$219,916 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will move on to the Other Closing Items under the Tourism Development Fund budget.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

There are 14 Other Closing Items [page 8] that deal with room tax transfers to fund decision units in other agencies and are contingent on approval in those other accounts. However, in Other Closing Item 13, Fiscal staff noted that a reduction in room tax revenues transferred to the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy budget account (BA) 2601 is needed based on a companion decision unit in that budget that inadvertently included website maintenance expenditures that were not needed. This would be contingent on the Subcommittee's decision in that budget account. If approved in BA 2601, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to eliminate room tax revenues associated with the portion of decision unit E-236 that deals with website maintenance expenditures of \$2,976 in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium. Fiscal staff further recommends a technical adjustment to increase room tax revenue transfers to the new Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget by \$2,976 in decision unit E-902, with a corresponding decrease in reserves in each year.

In Other Closing Item 14, Fiscal staff received updated room tax revenue projections that are higher than what is currently in the Governor's recommended budget. Fiscal staff recommends technical adjustments to increase the projected room tax revenues in the Governor's recommended base budget by \$3.6 million in fiscal year (FY) 2024 and \$4.1 million in FY 2025, with a corresponding increase in reserves to align revenues with updated projections. Because of the Department's reorganization, Fiscal staff further recommends a technical adjustment to increase the room tax revenues in decision unit E-902 by \$3.6 million in FY 2024 and \$4.1 million in FY 2025, with a corresponding increase to reserves.

Fiscal staff recommends that Other Closing Items 1 through 12 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Items 13 and 14 be closed with the noted technical adjustments, and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I would accept a motion to recommend closing Other Closing Items with technical adjustments as stated by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 13 AND 14 BE CLOSED WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to the next budget closing that we will hear today, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs' Nevada Magazine budget, 530-1530.

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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - NEVADA MAGAZINE (530-1530)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-36

Yuri Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Nevada Magazine [page 11, [Exhibit C](#)]. As part of the Governor's recommended Department reorganization, the Nevada Magazine budget would be eliminated and its eight positions, revenues, and expenditure authority would be transferred to the Tourism Development Fund budget. Pursuant to statute, the Nevada Magazine budget is an enterprise fund, so it must be self-supporting. However, it has required room tax revenue transfers to fund operations because of a continued decline in publication-related revenues since the 2017-2019 biennium [page 12]. During the current interim, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs consolidated the Nevada Magazine and Travel Nevada Visitors Guide publications into a new hybrid publication. It is anticipated the new publication would reach a wider audience and be more appealing to advertisers. However, that advertising revenue has not materialized, and the Department continues to need room tax revenue transfers in the 2023-2025 biennium.

During the budget hearing, the Department indicated that it attempted to increase revenues through digital advertising, and it provided freelance design and publishing services to its tourism partners. This focus on increasing revenues, however, detracted from the magazine's mission of educating the public. If approved, the eight positions would continue producing the new hybrid publication and assist the Division of Tourism's marketing team by generating content for [travelnevada.com](#). During the hearing, the Department testified that the centralization of creative staff from both the Nevada Magazine and the Division of Tourism would allow for content created for the Nevada Magazine publication to be used in the Division of Tourism's other content channels, including [travelnevada.com](#) and social media platforms. Additionally, this will eliminate duplicated efforts. In the past, staff from both offices would attend the same community events and cover those events.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend transferring revenue and expenditure authority of \$2.5 million over the 2023-2025 biennium, including eight positions, from the Nevada Magazine budget to the Tourism Development Fund budget, thereby eliminating the Nevada Magazine budget as recommended by the Governor, contingent upon passage and approval of enabling legislation to effectuate the recommendation?

Chair Peters:

This budget has been a concern for a few sessions. The magazine is an asset to Nevada, and I think this is a good alternative to what we have seen. The magazine will remain as a tool to continue to showcase the great things happening in Nevada. This will also remove the magazine staff's burden of trying to make money to keep the magazine profitable. The magazine is an asset to Nevada. Are there any questions from Subcommittee members?

Assemblyman Miller:

I would like to add, for the record, that I hope we are active in pursuing participation for those promoting their businesses in the magazine since there will no longer be a requirement to earn money seeking ads. I would like to see a strategy that ensures business advertising is pursued by magazine staff. When there is no longer a need to push for advertising, then the effort goes away. I would like to ensure we continue the practice of seeking businesses to be advertisers or highlighted in the magazine without the requirement to pursue the income.

Chair Peters:

Are there any other questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to recommend transferring revenue and expenditure authority of \$2.5 million over the 2023-2025 biennium, including eight positions, from the Nevada Magazine budget to the Tourism Development Fund budget, thereby eliminating the Nevada Magazine budget, as recommended by the Governor, contingent upon passage and approval of enabling legislation to effectuate the recommendation.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND TRANSFERRING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY OF \$2.5 MILLION OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, INCLUDING EIGHT POSITIONS, FROM THE NEVADA MAGAZINE BUDGET TO THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE NEVADA MAGAZINE BUDGET, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF ENABLING LEGISLATION TO EFFECTUATE THE RECOMMENDATION.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Senator Goicoechea:

I think this might enable staff to attend functions in rural areas which will help to sell the magazine, whether it be in Jarbidge or in Midas, or in areas the magazine typically cannot get to visit. I also think having the magazine under the Division of Tourism will be a benefit because the magazine helps sell tourism as well.

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Chair Peters:

Are there any other questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We have a motion and a second. I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to the Other Closing Item.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

For the one Other Closing Item [page 14], Fiscal staff recommends the Other Closing Item be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions on the Other Closing Item? [There were none.] I would accept a motion.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE OTHER CLOSING ITEM BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will move to the Destination Development budget closing, 225-1523.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT (225-1523)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-41**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Tourism Development Grant Program [page 15, [Exhibit C](#)], which the Governor recommends renaming to the Destination Development budget. This budget was heard on March 2, 2023, and the Major Closing Issue is an increase in funding for the Destination Development Grant program of \$950,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2025. The Interim Finance Committee at its February 2022 meeting, approved \$13.6 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, and these were not state fiscal recovery funds. From the Tourism Development Fund budget, \$2 million was used to start the new Destination

Development Grant program. This program provides consultation to rural communities to create plans to develop their tourism economies and then distributes funds for infrastructure projects and advertising expenditures. During the March 2, 2023, budget hearing, the agency indicated that it anticipates distributing all \$2 million of the initial funding to six awardees by the end of calendar year 2023. There were ten applicants that were not given awards and the agency indicated they plan to work with those ten so they are eligible for future grant application cycles if this recommendation is approved.

The Governor recommends funding this program starting in FY 2025 in the Destination Development budget with room tax revenues to allow for transparent administration reimbursements of these awards. The Destination Development budget currently includes the Tourism Development Grant program and the Governor's recommended base budget includes \$50,000 in each year. The Tourism Development Grant program would be rebranded under the Destination Development Grant program, and in total, the funding would be \$1 million in FY 2025.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend room tax revenue transfers of \$950,000 in FY 2025 to support the Destination Development Grant program as recommended by the Governor, and give Fiscal staff the authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I would accept a motion.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND ROOM TAX REVENUE TRANSFERS OF \$950,000 IN FY 2025 TO SUPPORT THE DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move to the next budget closing, the Indian Commission budget, 101-2600.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - INDIAN COMMISSION (101-2600)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-27**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Indian Commission budget was heard on March 2, 2023, and there is one Major Closing Issue which is the budgeting of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds [page 19, [Exhibit C](#)]. At the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting held in October 2022, \$20 million in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds were approved to fund a new grant program that would provide funding to tribes for areas of highest needs, including infrastructure.

At the time, funds were placed in reserves because the agency did not have a plan to administer the program. The Governor's recommended budget includes the full \$20 million in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium, which essentially doubles the amount of funding available. During the budget hearing, the agency testified that it had underestimated the difficulty in developing a plan to administer the program because of the diversity of the 28 tribal nations in Nevada, the agency's lack of authority over tribes, and restrictions around distributing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. The agency did not have a finalized plan at the time of that hearing. After the budget hearing, the agency met with the Governor's Office of Finance and decided to use two contract positions to help administer the program, but a contract has not been finalized yet. The agency started to notify tribes of eligibility requirements to receive and expend Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, and planned to use a standard 20-page application provided by the Governor's Finance Office for larger requests from tribes, and developed a 3-page application for tribes to use for smaller requests.

The agency is currently accepting applications, and there is no formal deadline for tribes to submit applications based on the capacity differences for tribes submitting applications. As previously indicated, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds are doubled in the budget and placed in reserves. To grant the agency authority to expend funds in fiscal year (FY) 2024, Fiscal staff put together two potential options for the Subcommittees' consideration.

- Option A: The Subcommittees may wish to recommend authorizing \$20 million in a special use expenditure category in FY 2024 and eliminating \$20 million in duplicated funding in FY 2025 [page 20]. It is unclear if all \$20 million would be expended in FY 2024. This option would not require the agency to request that funds be moved from reserves to an expenditure category through a work program revision submitted to IFC.

- **Option B:** The Subcommittees may wish to recommend approval to include \$20 million in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds and placing the authority in a dedicated reserve category in FY 2024, eliminate the duplicated \$20 million in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund revenue and expenditure authority in FY 2025, and instruct the agency to submit a work program revision in FY 2024 for consideration by the Governor's Finance Office and the IFC to transfer funds from reserves to a special use expenditure category once an expenditure plan to provide grants to tribes has been determined.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve Option A or Option B?

Chair Peters:

I appreciate both recommendations, but I think there is an alternative that I would like to propose. My intent is to ensure this program gets started as fast as possible so we can expend these dollars but also to acknowledge that the Indian Commission needs funds to get started. It is my understanding that there are alternate pathways to grants—there is a small grant program path and a larger grant program path. I would accept a motion to authorize an initial \$5 million in funding in the special use category in FY 2024 to be used for small requests from tribes, leaving the remaining \$15 million in a designated reserve in FY 2024 which would require the agency to submit a work program to the IFC for consideration upon demonstration of a detailed program plan during the interim to transfer funds from reserve to a special use expenditure category to be made available for grants to be awarded to tribes.

I would also like to add additional authority for the \$263,332 contract staff request for FY 2024 to the initial \$5 million.

Senator Neal:

This would fund two years for contract staff to get up and running, and it would not come from the \$20 million. I do not want to reduce the \$20 million for the programs. It would be \$524,424 for contract staff over the 2023-2025 biennium.

Chair Peters:

That is the motion I would like to entertain. I believe I have a motion. I would like Fiscal staff to summarize that motion for the record.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

There will be two motions. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval to include \$5 million in a special use grants expenditure category and Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in FY 2024 to provide authority to begin awarding grants to tribes, leaving the remaining authority of \$15 million in a dedicated reserve category in FY 2024, and eliminate the duplicated \$20 million in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund revenue and expenditure authority in FY 2025? Do the Subcommittees wish to also recommend approval of an additional \$263,332 of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in FY 2024 to allow

for hiring contract staff, and an additional \$261,092 of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in FY 2025 for the second year of contract staff expenditures, and recommend issuing a letter of intent directing the agency to provide the IFC with quarterly reports during the 2023-2025 interim detailing the agency's progress in administering the Grants to Tribes program and distributing \$20 million in federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to tribes?

Chair Peters:

Thank you. I would entertain a motion as stated by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO INCLUDE \$5 MILLION IN A SPECIAL USE GRANTS EXPENDITURE CATEGORY AND CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS IN FY 2024 TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO BEGIN AWARDING GRANTS TO TRIBES, LEAVING THE REMAINING AUTHORITY OF \$15 MILLION IN A DEDICATED RESERVE CATEGORY IN FY 2024, AND ELIMINATE THE DUPLICATED \$20 MILLION IN CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY IN FY 2025. ALSO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$263,332 OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS IN FY 2024 TO ALLOW FOR HIRING CONTRACT STAFF, AND AN ADDITIONAL \$261,092 OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS IN FY 2025 FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF CONTRACT STAFF EXPENDITURES, AND RECOMMEND ISSUING A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE AGENCY TO PROVIDE THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH QUARTERLY REPORTS DURING THE 2023-2025 INTERIM DETAILING THE AGENCY'S PROGRESS IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANTS TO TRIBES PROGRAM AND DISTRIBUTING \$20 MILLION IN FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO TRIBES.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions about the motion?

Senator Neal:

For the record, I want to ensure that the Governor's Office of Finance is not going to hold the \$5 million or the additional contract money. We are doing this so the Indian Commission can start planning their dollars and getting money out. We do not want any more reimbursement conversations around the \$5 million that they are getting out.

Senator Goicoechea:

I think that this is the right way to do this, and the cleanest way. This commits the money so funding should not be a problem. I believe there will be an issue to ensure we have all this money appropriated and spent down the road.

Chair Peters:

Is there any other discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to Other Closing Items for this budget closing.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

There are three Other Closing Items for the Indian Commission budget [page 21, [Exhibit C](#)]. For Other Closing Item 2, it is noted that a clinical program planner position was approved during the 2021-2023 biennium, funded with transfers from the Fund for Resilient Nevada budget within the Department of Health and Human Services. This position is to continue being funded with those transfers during the 2023-2025 biennium and was recently recommended for approval by the Human Services Subcommittees in the Fund for Resilient Nevada budget. Therefore, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to add a companion decision unit in this budget to reflect revenue transfers from the Fund for Resilient Nevada budget totaling \$221,528 over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund the clinical program planner position, contingent upon approval of the Governor's recommendation in the Fund for Resilient Nevada budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were no questions.]

Yuriy Ikovlev:

Additionally, Other Closing Item 3 includes a budget amendment that increases in-state and out-of-state travel expenditures by \$16,302 in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium to allow board members to hold four in person board meetings at tribal nation locations. The IFC approved a similar request during the April 2023 IFC meeting.

Fiscal staff recommends that Other Closing Item 1 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 2 be closed with the noted technical adjustment and contingent upon approval of the companion decision unit in the Fund for Resilient Nevada budget, and Other Closing Item 3 for additional travel be closed as recommended in budget amendment A231492600 be approved with requested authority for Fiscal staff to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Chair Peters:

I will accept a motion for Other Closing Items as recommended by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 BE CLOSED WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT AND CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE COMPANION DECISION UNIT IN THE FUND FOR RESILIENT NEVADA BUDGET, AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT A231492600, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Peters:

Before we move on from this budget. I want to talk about our Subcommittees' intent to recommend a budget modification to the Joint Full Committees. There has been an ongoing conversation about the Indian Commission becoming its own standalone agency in some capacity, especially with its growth and after becoming a granting entity. The Indian Commission as a standalone entity makes sense. I have never agreed that the Commission belonged under the Division of Tourism; I believe the Commission has more potential as a standalone agency.

I would like to direct Fiscal staff to work with the Indian Commission and the Governor's Office of Finance to provide information for consideration by the Joint Full Committees when the Subcommittee's closing report is presented. Since our intent is to make the Nevada Indian Commission a standalone agency, that information would include identification of statutory changes that would be required to establish the Nevada Indian Commission as a standalone agency, identification of position salary levels commensurate with the Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission, and consideration of whether both the Nevada Indian Commission and the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy budget should be part of this standalone agency.

Additional information should also include timeline considerations to ensure the Nevada Indian Commission has the necessary administrative resources and sufficient time to plan for organizational impacts to operate as a standalone agency, identification of any additional costs that would result from that proposal, and the number of additional positions and position types that may be needed to support the Nevada Indian Commission as a standalone agency compared to similar sized agencies.

As this is not a decision; we do not need to have a motion, but for the record, this is a request for Fiscal staff to include this proposal in final closing reports to the Joint Full Committees.

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We can move on to the next budget closing, Stewart Indian School Living Legacy, 101-2601.

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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - STEWART INDIAN SCHOOL LIVING LEGACY (101-2601)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-31

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Stewart Indian School Living Legacy budget includes the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum [page 23, [Exhibit C](#)]. This budget was heard on March 2, 2023, and the Governor recommends State General Fund appropriations totaling \$76,743 and room tax revenue transfers totaling \$125,213 over the 2023-2025 biennium for one new curator 2 position and the reclassification of an existing curator 2 position to a curator 3 for the Museum. The new curator position would develop, manage, and administer educational programs for the Museum including tours, presentations, workshops, performances, and classes.

A similar recommendation for a new curator position was made during the 2019 Legislative session but was not approved, and the agency was encouraged to build a volunteer base. While the agency does have a volunteer base, those volunteers do not have the specialized knowledge needed to develop and manage educational programs. If not approved, the agency indicates it would not be able to develop an education program for the Museum. During the budget hearing, the agency testified that the new curator position would allow the Museum to extend its operating hours. The museum is currently open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The new position would allow the Museum to open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The agency further testified that the new position would allow the agency to accommodate larger groups of students and structure tours relevant to students' education. Additionally, the Governor recommends the reclassification of an existing curator 2 position to a curator 3 since the incumbent currently performs duties reflected in class specifications for a curator 3.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend State General Fund appropriations of \$70,743 and room tax revenue transfers of \$115,422 over the 2023-2025 biennium for one new curator 2 position and State General Fund appropriations of \$6,000 and room tax revenue transfers of \$9,791 over the 2023-2025 biennium to reclassify one existing curator 2 position to a curator 3 position as recommended by the Governor?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will entertain a motion to accept the recommendation as stated by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$70,743 AND ROOM TAX REVENUE TRANSFERS OF \$115,422 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR ONE NEW CURATOR 2 POSITION AND STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$6,000 AND ROOM TAX REVENUE TRANSFERS OF \$9,791 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO RECLASSIFY ONE EXISTING CURATOR 2 POSITION TO A CURATOR 3 POSITION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to Other Closing Items.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

There are three Other Closing Items for the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy budget closing [page 25]. Other Closing Item 3 includes State General Fund appropriations and room tax revenue transfers to fund website maintenance and subscription expenditures. Fiscal staff was notified that website maintenance expenditures were inadvertently included; therefore, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to remove website maintenance expenditures, decreasing State General Fund appropriations by \$1,824 and room tax revenues by \$2,976 in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium. Fiscal staff recommends that Other Closing Items 1 and 2 be closed as recommended by the Governor, Other Closing Item 3 be closed with the noted technical adjustments, and requests authority to make other technical adjustments, as necessary.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to recommend Other Closing Items be closed as recommended by Fiscal staff.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2 BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 BE CLOSED WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

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ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to the next budget closing, the Nevada Historical Society.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - NV HISTORICAL SOCIETY (101-2870)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-57**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Nevada Historical Society [page 27, [Exhibit C](#)]. The Subcommittees heard this budget on March 2, 2023. The Major Closing Issue is a new facility supervisor position funded with \$53,836 of State General Fund appropriations and \$65,798 of room tax revenues over the 2023-2025 biennium. This position will be responsible for planning, scheduling, and supervising buildings and grounds maintenance. The existing staff perform buildings and grounds maintenance, but they do not have the skills, knowledge, or time to maintain the agency's main building and six offsite storage facilities resulting in a backlog of routine maintenance needs. If approved, the agency anticipates the new position would eliminate the backlog within 6 to 12 months of the position being filled.

During the hearing, the agency indicated its oldest project is in a Capital Improvement Program request to fix the stucco and roof of its main building located at the University of Nevada, Reno. They also indicated they would need additional resources to maintain its facilities in the future but would bring those requests forward when they are ready.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend State General Fund appropriations of \$53,836 and room tax revenues of \$65,798 over the 2023-2025 biennium for one new facility supervisor position for the Nevada Historical Society, as recommended by the Governor?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$53,836 AND ROOM TAX REVENUES OF \$65,798 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM FOR ONE NEW FACILITY SUPERVISOR POSITION FOR THE NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to Other Closing Items for the Nevada Historical Society budget closing.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

There is one Other Closing Item [page 28] for this budget closing. Fiscal staff recommends that the Other Closing Item be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make technical adjustments, as necessary.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions on this Other Closing Item? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to close the Other Closing Item, as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE OTHER
CLOSING ITEM BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We can move on to the next budget closing, the Nevada State Railroad Museums.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST-NV STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS (101-4216)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-68**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Nevada State Railroad Museums is the final budget heard by the Subcommittees on March 2, 2023. Through decision unit enhancement (E) 227 [page 31, [Exhibit C](#)], the Governor recommends State General Fund appropriations of \$289,050 over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund facilities maintenance associated with the rail bike tour business and balance forward unspent appropriations to the 2025-2027 biennium. This will create a State General Fund reserve. Since it is uncommon to have State General Fund appropriations in reserve, on March 7, 2023, a budget amendment was submitted to eliminate decision

unit E-227 based on a determination between the agency and the Governor's Office of Finance. Instead, a one-time State General Fund appropriation was recommended, which would result in State General Fund savings of \$289,050.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of budget amendment A231474216, which eliminates decision unit E-227, resulting in State General Fund savings of \$289,050 over the 2023-2025 biennium?

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT A231474216, WHICH ELIMINATES DECISION UNIT E-227, RESULTING IN STATE GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$289,050 OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will move on to staff closings for several budgets.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

I will now begin presenting budgets that the Subcommittees have not previously reviewed for the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, and for which Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations. I will pause following my presentation of each budget to allow for questions. When I have presented the last budget in this group, and questions have been addressed, the Chair may wish to have a single motion for closing consideration [page 51].

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION (225-1520)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-11**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The first budget is the new Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget [page 35, [Exhibit C](#)], previously approved to be established through Subcommittee actions during the closing of the Tourism Development Fund budget and the Nevada Magazine budget. This

will ensure consistency with Subcommittee closing actions from earlier today for those two budgets. Fiscal Analysis Division staff recommends approval of decision unit enhancement (E) 240 and E-902 in this budget including technical adjustments.

Other Closing Item 1 has a technical adjustment [page 36] which would align decision unit E-240 and E-902 with their companion decision units in the Tourism Development Fund budget. Therefore, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to increase expenditure authority transferred in decision unit E-902 by \$291,000 in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium with a corresponding decrease in reserves, and to reduce room tax revenue transfers to the Tourism Development Fund budget by an equivalent amount in decision unit E-240 with a corresponding increase in reserves in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium.

With the noted technical adjustment above, the new Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget would have expenditure authority totaling \$1.7 million over the 2023-2025 biennium to transfer room tax revenues to the Nevada Magazine budget, which the Subcommittees recommended for elimination. Therefore, through Other Closing Item 2, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment by establishing decision unit E-502 to eliminate the expenditure authority of \$1.7 million over the 2023-2025 biennium with a corresponding increase in reserves.

Other Closing Item 3 deals with a companion budget amendment that was submitted for this budget to transfer a development specialist position instead of a management analyst position from the Tourism Development Fund budget. This budget amendment also incorrectly included a public information officer instead of the management analyst position. Therefore, Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to budget amendment A233121520 to remove one management analyst position otherwise included in the transfer of ten positions instead of the program officer position, which would decrease reserves by \$3,716 over the 2023-2025 biennium. Fiscal staff further recommends a technical adjustment to decrease room tax revenue transfers by \$18,871 over the 2023-2025 biennium in decision unit E-240 with a corresponding increase in reserves.

Other Closing Item 4 aligns room tax revenues needed in the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy budget with adjustments made in the Tourism Development Fund budget. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to decrease room tax revenue transfers by \$2,976 from the Tourism Development Fund budget in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium with a corresponding increase in reserves.

Lastly, Other Closing Item 5 would align updated room tax revenue projections with the adjustments made in the Tourism Development Fund budget. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to increase room tax revenues transferred from the Tourism Development Fund budget by \$3.6 million in FY 2024 and \$4.1 million in FY 2025, with corresponding increases in reserves in decision unit E-902.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We can move to the next budget, the Lost City Museum, 101-1350.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - LOST CITY MUSEUM (101-1350)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-53**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Lost City Museum [page 39, [Exhibit C](#)], which includes collections and exhibits of Native American and Moapa Valley history and provides activities like archaeological digs, pottery workshops, and educational programs. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We will move on to the next budget closing, Nevada Humanities.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - NEVADA HUMANITIES (101-2894)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-43**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Nevada Humanities budget [page 41, [Exhibit C](#)]. Nevada Humanities is a nonprofit organization that works with local communities to develop and fund humanities activities and educational programs. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

It has come to my attention that the Nevada Humanities budget has stayed static or decreased over the last 16 years. I would like to recommend that we increase this budget by \$75,000 for each year of the 2023-2025 biennium, for a total of \$200,000 in each year. The return on investment from this budget is great, and the need is great. Community interest in resources from this entity is fantastic, and I would like to see them continue to grow. Are there any questions from Subcommittee members?

Senator Goicoechea:

For the \$75,000 in each year, would there be an opportunity to use American Rescue Plan Act funding or Coronavirus funding, instead of State General Funds? We have these federal funds that we need to commit over the next two years.

Chair Peters:

That is a good question, and my only concern with that is that I would not want this to be removed from the base budget in following sessions because it was not State General Funds. I do think that this is something we can discuss with Fiscal staff.

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst:

Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery funds can be used for a variety of purposes. One of those purposes is for the provision of government services to the extent of lost revenue. I do not think this would qualify under that provision. We would have to see if an allocation to the Nevada Humanities organization would qualify under any other permissible uses of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery funds. I do not have an answer on that today, but it is something we could research and answer when this budget is closed under the Joint Full Committees.

Assemblywoman Kasama:

Can someone provide an overview of how the \$125,000 has been spent in the past? We want to add money to that budget, but I do not have a clear picture of how the monies have been spent in the past.

Chair Peters:

I believe we have Christina Barr from the Nevada Humanities who can answer that question.

Christina Barr, Executive Director, Nevada Humanities:

I know you may not be familiar with our organization, but we are a 52-year-old organization. Nevada Humanities has served as Nevada's 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and operates under a congressional mandate to provide humanities-based educational and cultural services to all Nevadans as Nevada's State Humanities Council. When our nation's arts and humanities councils were created by congressional mandate, all of the states' arts councils were designated as state agencies. Hence, our sister organization, the Nevada Arts Council, is Nevada's state agency affiliate of the National Endowment for the Arts. All of the states' humanities councils were designated as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Thus, we are operated as an independent 501(c)(3). I like to point that out because we are not floating out there as a nonprofit embedded in the Division of Tourism. We are aligned with the purpose of an agency.

Despite this operational difference, it is intended by Congress that both agencies operate with the support of the state and Nevada has supported Nevada Humanities in a variety of ways since its founding in 1971. Our line-item legislative allocation was created in 2005 after years of one-shot funding and is currently facilitated within the Division of Tourism.

How have we spent our funding in the past? In a variety of ways; that funding helps to support our southern Nevada office in Las Vegas, it helps to support grant making that we do to nonprofit organizations for cultural and educational programming. We provide

educational and cultural enhancements as well, and these partnerships are critical. That funding is combined with federal funds that are granted through the National Endowment for the Humanities. That funding leverages local dollars to help support communities and provides nonprofit organizations with funding that helps create critical and important programs in museums, cultural organizations of all types, and historical societies. Rural, urban, north, and south, we are everywhere. More than 1.5 million audience members in Nevada engaged in 6,609 Nevada Humanities produced and supported online and in person programs in fiscal year 2022. That gives you a sense of where that funding is going. We are scrappy, and we do a lot with very little money. We appreciate the opportunity to help bring our budgets in line with where they should be in a growing state and with the growing needs of our constituents.

Chair Peters:

Are there any other questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We will move to the budget closing for the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, CC (101-2940)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-61**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Nevada State Museum in Carson City serves as the official repository for much of Nevada's collections [page 43, [Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We will move to the budget closing for Museums and History.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HISTORY (101-2941)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-49**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The Museums and History administration budget provides oversight to various state museums and the Nevada Historical Society [page 45, [Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We will move to the budget closing for the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - MUSEUMS & HIST - NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, LV (101-2943)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-65**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The next budget closing is the Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas [page 47, [Exhibit C](#)]. This museum serves the public by collecting, preserving, and interpreting artifacts, specimens, and historical documents representing southern Nevada. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] We will move to the budget closing for the Nevada Arts Council.

**COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOURISM - NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL (101-2979)
BUDGET PAGE TOURISM-76**

Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst:

The last budget for closing is the Nevada Arts Council, which works with schools, arts institutions, artists, municipalities, and tribal organizations to support cultural activities such as festivals, artwork projects, and art exhibits, and also provides grants to artists, cultural organizations, and schools [page 49, [Exhibit C](#)]. There are no Major Closing Issues or Other Closing Items for this budget.

Chair Peters:

Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] Fiscal staff will now provide a summary and Fiscal staff recommendations.

Yuriy Ikovlev:

As noted, Fiscal Analysis Division staff is responsible for developing recommendations for the noted budgets. To assist with closings, Fiscal staff has identified the budgets they recommend be closed as recommended by the Governor, along with identified technical adjustments.

Fiscal staff recommends that the following budgets be closed as recommended by the Governor and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary:

- Budget account 1350, Museums and History-Lost City Museum.
- Budget account 2940, Museums and History-Nevada State Museum, Carson City.

- Budget account 2941, Museums and History.
- Budget account 2943, Museums and History-Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas.
- Budget account 2979, Nevada Arts Council.

Fiscal staff recommends the Tourism Cultural Affairs Administration budget—budget account 1520—be closed consistent with the Subcommittees' recommendation in the Tourism Development Fund budget, including technical adjustments noted in Other Closing Items 1 through 5, inclusive of budget amendment A233121520 as adjusted in Other Closing Item 3.

Chair Peters:

In addition to the Fiscal staff recommendation, I would like to add \$75,000 in each year of the 2023-2025 biennium to the closing of the Nevada Humanities budget, 101-2894. Are there any questions from Subcommittee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion for the recommended closing by Fiscal staff with the addition of \$75,000 per year for the Nevada Humanities budget.

SENATOR NEAL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY:

- BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA) 1350, MUSEUMS AND HISTORY—LOST CITY MUSEUM.
- BA 2940, MUSEUMS AND HISTORY-NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, CARSON CITY.
- BA 2941, MUSEUMS AND HISTORY.
- BA 2943, MUSEUMS AND HISTORY-NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, LAS VEGAS.
- BA 2979, NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION, BA 2894, NEVADA HUMANITIES, BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADDITION OF \$75,000 IN STATE GENERAL FUNDS IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. FURTHER, BA 1520, CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION, BE CLOSED CONSISTENT WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION IN THE TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET, INCLUDING TECHNICAL
ADJUSTMENTS NOTED IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5,
INCLUSIVE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT A233121520 AS ADJUSTED IN
OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Senator Goicoechea:

I will support that motion. It is needed, and I think it is a good program.

Chair Peters:

Is there any other discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Our last agenda item today is public comment. I will open the meeting for public comment.
[There was no public comment.] This meeting is adjourned [at 9:19 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carmen M. Neveau
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair

DATE: _____

Senator Dina Neal, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is a closing document titled "General Government Joint Subcommittee Closing List #3," dated April 14, 2023, compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, and presented by Yuriy Ikovlev, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division.