

**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 14, 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 by Chair Rochelle T. Nguyen at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**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 Monroe-Moreno  
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 Fiscal Analyst  
Karen Hoppe, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Chris English, Program Analyst

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Paul Breen, Committee Assistant  
Michelle Friedlander, Committee Secretary  
Dee Chekowitz-Dykes, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Zachary Gray, Chief Executive Officer and Owner, Revive Health

CHAIR NGUYEN:

We have ten budgets for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

CHRIS ENGLISH (Program Analyst):

The DCFS Administration budget account (B/A) 101-3145 begins on page 3 of the April 14, 2023, Closing List #3 ([Exhibit C](#)).

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

This budget has one Major Closing Issue in decision unit E-372 concerning a new family services specialist position and three recommended technical adjustments.

E-372 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-13

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$131,837, of which \$79,282 is General Fund monies, to fund one new family services specialist, grade 31, step 1, and associated expenditures to support the Title IV-E of the Social Security Act Eligibility Unit as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3145, DECISION UNIT E-372

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FOR \$131,837, OF WHICH \$79,282, IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, AS SHOWN ON PAGE 3 OF [EXHIBIT C](#) FOR ONE NEW FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST, GRADE 31, STEP 1, AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT THE TITLE IV-E OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT ELIGIBILITY UNIT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are nine Other Closing Items, decision units M-800, E-491, E-305, E-905, E-906 and E-901 described on pages 5 through 8 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Items 1-6 be closed as recommended by the Governor, and Other Closing Items 7 decision unit E-905, 8, and 9 be closed with the noted technical adjustments shown on page 6 of [Exhibit C](#), and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

M-800 Cost Allocation — Page DHHS-DCFS — 12

E-491 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS — 14

E-305 Safety, Security and Justice — Page DHHS-DCFS — 13

E-905 Transfer from DCFS Admin to Family Support Program — Page DHHS-DCFS — 15

E-906 Transfer from DCFS Admin to Family Support Program — Page DHHS-DCFS — 16

E-901 Transfer from DCFS Admin to Victim Services — Page DHHS-DCFS — 14

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3145 OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1-6 DECISION UNITS M-800, E-491, E-305, E-905, E-906 and E-901 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND APPROVE OTHER

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CLOSING ITEMS 7 DECISION UNIT E-905, 8, AND 9 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS BEGINNING ON PAGE 5 OF [EXHIBIT C](#) WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS, AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

The Washoe County Child Welfare B/A 101-3141 begins on page 9 of [Exhibit C](#). There are five Major Closing Issues and three recommended technical adjustments. The first Major Closing Issue is the adoption subsidy caseload increases, decision units M-200 and M-201. The Agency submitted updated caseload figures and Fiscal staff has incorporated those updates into this Major Closing Issue.

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Budget Account 101-3141

M-200 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-30

M-201 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-31

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the updated March 2023 adoption subsidy caseload reductions of \$178,766, of which \$75,778 is a General Fund appropriations reduction, over the 2023-2025 biennium, as shown on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#)?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3141, DECISION UNITS M-200 AND M-201, THE UPDATED MARCH 2023 ADOPTION

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SUBSIDY CASELOAD REDUCTIONS OF \$178,766, OF WHICH \$75,778 IS A GENERAL FUND REDUCTION, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, AS SHOWN ON PAGE 10 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2 is the foster care rate increases. The Governor recommends in B/A 101-3141, decision unit E-250, \$3.2 million, of which \$2.2 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to provide a supplement to the Washoe County Child Welfare Block Grant to fund increases to foster care rates as shown on pages 10 through 12 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-250 Infrastructure, Energy & Environment — Page DHHS-DCFS-31

Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment shown on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#), which slightly changed the totals in this decision unit. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$3.2 million of which \$2.2 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to support Statewide foster care rate increases for Family Foster Care, Advanced and Specialized Foster Care, Kinship Guardianship, and Court Jurisdiction programs as recommended by the Governor with noted technical adjustments shown on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#)?

SENATOR TITUS:

This is under the Washoe County Child Welfare Block Grants, but the motion question is a Statewide increase. Is this for all foster kids in Statewide care, not just Washoe County?

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MR. ENGLISH:

Yes. This decision unit was common to all three child welfare agencies to establish a new Statewide foster care rate.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE IN B/A 101-3141, DECISION UNIT E-250, \$3.2 MILLION, OF WHICH \$2.2 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES FOR FAMILY FOSTER CARE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP, AND COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS SHOWN ON PAGE 12 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 3 beginning on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#) is the Child Welfare Block Grant Respite Funding in B/A 101-3141 decision unit E-370. General Fund appropriations of \$84,280 in each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 biennium are recommended by the Governor to restore respite funding in the Washoe County Child Welfare B/A 101-3141 to FY 2022-2023 legislatively-approved levels.

E-370 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-32

The decision for the Subcommittees can be found on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$84,280 in General Fund appropriations each year of the 2023-2025 biennium to restore respite to the FY 2022-2023 legislatively-approved levels as recommended by the Governor?

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3141 DECISION UNIT E-370 APPROVAL OF \$84,280 IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS EACH YEAR OF THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO RESTORE RESPITE TO THE FY 2022-2023 LEGISLATIVELY-APPROVED LEVELS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS SHOWN IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 3 ON PAGE 12 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 4 beginning on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#) is State support for extended foster care subsidies. The Governor recommends \$1.3 million, of which \$555,297 is General Fund monies, to extend foster care subsidies for youth who remain in State custody from ages 18 to 21 and to apply the recommended foster care rate increases to this new population, as a supplement to the Child Welfare Block Grant.

There are two decision units in Major Closing Issue 4. The Governor recommends in decision unit E-372 the supplement to extend the foster care subsidies to ages 18 to 21. Decision unit E-373 would apply the foster care rate increases from Major Closing Issue 2 to this new population.

E-372 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-32

E-373 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-33

The decision for the Subcommittees can be found on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). Decision unit E-373 is contingent on approval of decision unit E-372. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of decision unit E-372 for

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\$1.1 million, of which \$458,156 is General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium, to support extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs, as recommended by the Governor, including the noted technical adjustment?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNIT E-372 IN B/A 101-3141 FOR \$1.1 MILLION, OF WHICH \$458,156 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, TO SUPPORT EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUBSIDIES FOR YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21 WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT, AS SHOWN ON PAGE 13 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

If the foster care rate increases shown in Major Closing Issue 2 are recommended for approval, and support for extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs in decision unit E-372 is recommended for approval, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$23,587 in decision unit E-373, of which \$15,443 is General Fund monies, to apply the same foster care rate increases included in Major Closing Issue 2 to the youth population ages 18 to 21, who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs?



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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3141, DECISION UNIT E-373, APPROVAL OF \$23,587, OF WHICH \$15,443 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, TO APPLY THE SAME FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES INCLUDED IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 2 TO YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21 WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS AS SHOWN ON PAGE 15 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Budget Account 101-3141, decision unit E-378, Major Closing Issue 5 begins on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). This is about the reduction of the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate. The FMAP rate is scheduled to decrease in the 2023-2025 biennium which results in a decrease in federal Title IV-E funding to support programs in this budget. Additional General Fund monies are necessary to support the adoption subsidy categorical grant.

E-378 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-33

The Agency and the Office of the Governor, Office of Finance (GFO) indicate the calculation for decision unit E-378 is incorrect due to an apparent budgeting error within the base budget. A budget amendment was not submitted by the GFO to correct the alleged error. Fiscal staff has not received sufficient supporting documentation to determine whether an adjustment is appropriate. If the GFO decides to submit a budget amendment before the full Committees closing for this budget, Fiscal staff will bring it for consideration by the Committees.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

I will defer to the full Committees until we get additional information on decision unit E-378.

MR. ENGLISH:

There are five Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3141, beginning on page 16 of [Exhibit C](#). The decision before the Subcommittees can be seen on page 17. Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1, decision unit E-376 and Other Closing Item 2, decision unit E-904 be closed as recommended by the Governor; the language recommended by the Governor in Other Closing Items 3 and 4 be added to the Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; the language recommended by Fiscal staff in Other Closing Item 5 be added to the Authorizations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; and requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

E-376 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS - 33

E-904 Transfer from NNCAS to Washoe County Child Welfare — Page DHHS-DCFS - 33

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3141 OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 IN DECISION UNIT E-376 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 DECISION UNIT E-904 BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 3 AND 4 BE ADDED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM; THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 BE ADDED TO THE AUTHORIZATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS SHOWN ON PAGE 16 OF [EXHIBIT C](#); WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Clark County Child Welfare B/A 101-3142, beginning on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#), has five Major Closing Issues and staff recommends four technical adjustments. Major Closing Issue 1 is the adoption subsidy caseload increases. The decision can be seen on page 20 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the updated March 2023 adoption subsidy caseload projections totaling \$6.7 million, of which \$2.8 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium?

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M-200 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-37  
M-201 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-37

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNITS M-200 AND M-201, APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED MARCH 2023 ADOPTION SUBSIDY CASELOAD PROJECTIONS TOTALING \$6.7 MILLION, OF WHICH \$2.8 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM AS SHOWN ON PAGE 17 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2 on page 20 of [Exhibit C](#) is the foster care rate increases. The Governor recommends \$34.6 million, of which \$23.8 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to provide a supplement to the Clark County Child Welfare Block Grant to fund increases to foster care rates.

Unlike the Washoe County Child Welfare budget, this Major Issue contains two decision units. Decision unit E-250 is the same decision unit to bring the Agency from the current rates to the newly proposed rates over the 2023-2025 biennium. Decision unit E-251 increases the rates for Advanced Foster Care and Specialized Foster Care to provide funding to remedy what the Agency describes as underfunding from a previous Legislative Session. The table that describes decision unit E-251 can be found on page 22 of [Exhibit C](#). When decision unit E-250 and E-251 are combined, there is a rate overlap. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment to eliminate the overlap. The table describing the rate overlap and the impact can be seen on the top of page 23 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-250 Infrastructure, Energy & Environment — Page DHHS-DCFS-38

E-251 Infrastructure, Energy & Environment — Page DHHS-DCFS-38

The decision regarding decision unit E-250 for the Subcommittees can be found on page 23 of [Exhibit C](#). Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$20.1 million, of which \$13.9 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to support Statewide rate increases for the Family Foster Care, Advanced and Specialized Foster Care, Kinship Guardianship and Court Jurisdiction programs as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNIT E-250, APPROVAL OF \$20.1 MILLION, \$13.9 MILLION OF WHICH IS GENERAL FUND MONIES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE RATE INCREASES FOR FAMILY FOSTER CARE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP, AND COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AS SHOWN ON PAGE 21 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

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SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

For decision unit E-251, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$12.7 million, of which \$8.6 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to fund additional Advanced and Specialized Foster Care rate increases as recommended by the Governor with noted technical adjustments?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNIT E-251, APPROVAL OF \$12.7 MILLION, OF WHICH \$8.6 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND ADDITIONAL ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS SHOWN ON PAGE 21 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 3 on page 23 of [Exhibit C](#) is the Clark County Child Welfare Block Grant respite funding. General Fund appropriations of \$134,209 in each fiscal year of the 2023-2025 biennium are recommended by the Governor to

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restore funding for respite services in the Clark County Child Welfare budget to FY 2022-2023 Legislatively-approved levels. Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$134,209 in General Fund appropriations each year of the 2023-2025 biennium to fund both traditional and therapeutic respite services within the Clark County Child Welfare B/A 101-3142, decision unit E-360, as recommended by the Governor?

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNIT E-360, APPROVAL OF \$134,209 IN GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO FUND BOTH TRADITIONAL AND THERAPEUTIC RESPITE SERVICES WITHIN THE CLARK COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AS SHOWN ON PAGE 23 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 4 in B/A 101-3142, decision units E-372 and E-373, begins on page 24 of [Exhibit C](#). This pertains to the State support for extended foster care subsidies. The Governor recommends \$2.1 million, of which \$1.6 million is General Fund monies, to extend General Fund support for foster care subsidies for youth who remain in State custody from ages 18 to 21, and to apply the recommended foster care rate increases to this population as a supplement to the Child Welfare Block Grant. Decision unit E-373 is contingent on E-372 and Major Closing Issue 2. The decision for the Subcommittees is on page 26 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$2.2 million, of which \$1.6 million is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium to support extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs, as recommended by the Governor, including the noted technical adjustment in decision unit E-372?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNIT E-372, APPROVAL OF \$2.2 MILLION, OF WHICH \$1.6 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUBSIDIES FOR YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21 WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-372 AS SHOWN ON PAGE 24 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 4 is on page 24 of [Exhibit C](#). If the foster care rate increases in Major Closing Issue 2 are recommended for approval, and support for extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs in Decision Unit E-372 is recommended for approval, then, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$156,190 for decision unit E-373, of which \$87,103 is General Fund monies, to apply the same foster care rate increases

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included in Major Closing Issue 2 to the youth ages 18 to 21, who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 4 B/A 101-3142, DECISION UNIT E-373, APPROVAL OF \$156,190, OF WHICH \$87,103 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, TO APPLY THE SAME FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES INCLUDED IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 2 TO YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21, WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS AS SHOWN ON PAGE 24 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 5 beginning on page 26 of [Exhibit C](#) is the enhanced FMAP rate ending. The Governor recommends \$6.9 million in General Fund appropriations over the 2023-2025 biennium to offset a scheduled decrease in federal Title IV-E funding in the Clark County Child Welfare B/A 101-3142, decision unit E-378.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

I am going to defer this to the Full Committee until we can get those accurate and updated numbers.

MR. ENGLISH:

There are five Other Closing Items for B/A 101-3142 on page 27 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 decision unit E-492 be closed as



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recommended by the Governor; Other Closing Item 2 be closed with the noted technical adjustments; the language recommended by the Governor in Other Closing Items 3 and 4 be added to the Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; the language recommended by Fiscal staff in Other Closing Item 5 be added to the Authorizations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

E-492 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS - 40

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3142 APPROVAL OF OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 DECISION UNIT E-492 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS; THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 3 AND 4 BE ADDED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM; AND THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 BE ADDED TO THE AUTHORIZATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM; WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 27 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are four Major Closing Issues in the Rural Child Welfare B/A 101-3229, with five recommended technical adjustments. Major Closing Issue 1, beginning on page 31 of [Exhibit C](#), is the caseload adjustments. Fiscal staff incorporated the latest March 2023 caseload projections. Do the Subcommittees wish to

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recommend approval of updated March 2023 caseload adjustments totaling \$956,054, of which \$658,926 is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium, for Adoption Subsidy, Family Foster Care, Advanced Foster Care, Court Jurisdiction, Kinship Guardianship, and Specialized Foster Care programs, in decision units M-200, M-201, M-202, M-203, M-204, M-205 and M-206.

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M-200 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-44  
M-201 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-45  
M-202 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-45  
M-203 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-46  
M-204 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-46  
M-205 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-46  
M-206 Demographics/Caseload Changes — Page DHHS-DCFS-47

SENATOR TITUS:

I am hopeful this increase in funds throughout all Nevada counties will increase the number of people willing to be foster care parents. I look forward to hearing new information next time we hear this budget.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I am looking at the caseload numbers around the Specialized Foster Care. Originally there was an expected increase of about 50 percent, and now there is an expected decrease of about 50 percent. Are there any details?

MR. ENGLISH:

I do not have the reason for the decrease other than it was part of the updated caseload numbers provided by the Agency.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229 APPROVAL OF UPDATED MARCH 2023 CASELOAD ADJUSTMENTS TOTALING \$956,054, OF WHICH \$658,926 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, FOR ADOPTION SUBSIDY, FAMILY FOSTER

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CARE, ADVANCED FOSTER CARE, COURT JURISDICTION, KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP, AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS IN DECISION UNITS M-200, M-201, M-202, M-203, M-204, M-205 AND M-206 AS SHOWN ON PAGE 21 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 2, beginning on page 32 of [Exhibit C](#), is the foster care rate increases. The Governor recommends \$2.1 million, of which \$1.6 million is General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium, to increase rates for Family Foster Care, Advanced Foster Care, Specialized Foster Care, Court Jurisdiction, and Kinship Guardianship programs within the Rural Child Welfare B/A 101-3229. On page 34 of [Exhibit C](#) is a technical adjustment recommended by Fiscal staff to align rates in decision unit E-250 with the rates in the other child welfare budgets.

E-250 Infrastructure, Energy & Environment — Page DHHS-DCFS-48

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$2.1 million, of which \$1.6 million is General Fund monies, as adjusted over the 2023-2025 biennium to support Statewide foster care rate increases for Family Foster Care, Advanced and Specialized Foster Care, Kinship Guardianship and Court Jurisdiction programs, as recommended by the Governor, including technical adjustments to correct the Advanced Foster Care and Court Jurisdiction program daily rates?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229 DECISION UNIT E-250 APPROVAL OF \$2.1 MILLION, OF WHICH \$1.6 MILLION IS GENERAL FUND MONIES,

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AS ADJUSTED OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT STATEWIDE FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES FOR FAMILY FOSTER CARE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP AND COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO CORRECT THE ADVANCED FOSTER CARE AND THE COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAM DAILY RATES AS SHOWN ON PAGE 32 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 3, beginning on page 34 of [Exhibit C](#), is support for extended foster care subsidies. The Governor recommends \$102,106 in B/A 101-3229, of which \$78,086 is General Fund monies, to extend foster care subsidies for youth who reenter State custody from ages 18 to 21, and to apply recommended foster care rate increases to this new population. Decision unit E-372 extends the foster care subsidies to the new age range of 18- to 21-year-old youth. Decision unit E-373 is contingent on E-372 and on Major Closing Issue 2.

E-372 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-48

E-373 Promoting Healthy, Vibrant Communities — Page DHHS-DCFS-49

For decision unit E-372, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$56,442, of which \$43,126 is General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium, to support extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21, who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs, as recommended by the Governor, including the noted technical adjustment in decision unit E -372?

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229 APPROVAL OF \$56,442, OF WHICH \$43,126 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, TO SUPPORT EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SUBSIDIES FOR YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21, WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, INCLUDING THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT IN DECISION UNIT E-372 AS SHOWN ON PAGE 34 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

If the foster care rate increases in Major Closing Issue 2 are recommended for approval, and support for extended foster care subsidies for youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs in decision unit E-372 is recommended for approval, do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$14,470 for decision unit E-373, of which \$11,066 is General Fund monies, to apply the same foster care rate increases included in Major Closing Issue 2 to youth ages 18 to 21 who choose to participate in Kinship Guardianship or Court Jurisdiction programs as recommended by the Governor?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229, DECISION UNIT E-373, APPROVAL OF \$14,470 OF WHICH \$11,066 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES, TO APPLY THE SAME FOSTER CARE RATE INCREASES INCLUDED IN MAJOR CLOSING ISSUE 2 TO YOUTH AGES 18 TO 21 WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP OR COURT JURISDICTION

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PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AS SHOWN ON  
PAGE 34 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Major Closing Issue 4 beginning on page 36 of [Exhibit C](#) is funding for high-acuity specialized foster care services in the base budget. The Governor recommends in B/A 101-3229, \$372,300, of which \$285,038 is General Fund monies, over the 2023-2025 biennium, to support a contract with Rite of Passage to provide services to high-acuity specialized foster care youth. There is not a dollar change recommended by Fiscal staff, but there is a recommendation to move these expenditures from the base budget into a new special use budget category so they can more easily be tracked over the biennium.

Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of \$372,300, of which \$285,038 is General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium, within the base budget to fund contract services to provide high-acuity services to specialized foster care youth at a rate of \$340 per day, as recommended by the Governor, and to move these funds to a special use budget category to make expenditures easier to track?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229 APPROVAL OF \$372,300, OF WHICH \$285,038 IS GENERAL FUND MONIES OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, WITHIN THE BASE BUDGET TO FUND CONTRACT SERVICES TO PROVIDE HIGH-ACUITY SERVICES TO SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE YOUTH AT A RATE OF \$340 PER DAY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND TO MOVE THESE FUNDS TO

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A SPECIAL USE BUDGET CATEGORY TO MAKE EXPENDITURES EASIER TO TRACK AS SHOWN ON PAGE 36 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

There are five Other Closing Items in B/A 101-3229 listed on page 37 of [Exhibit C](#). Fiscal staff recommends Other Closing Item 1 decision unit M-103 and Other Closing Item 2 decision unit E-900 be closed as recommended by the Governor; Other Closing Item 3 be closed with the noted technical adjustments; the language recommended by the Governor in Other Closing Item 4 be added to the Appropriations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; the language recommended by Fiscal staff in Other Closing Item 5 be added to the Authorizations Act for the 2023-2025 biennium; and Fiscal staff be granted authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

M-103 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS-DCFS – 44

E-900 Transfer from Rural Child Wlfre to Family Supt Pgm — Page DHHS-DCFS – 49

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES IN B/A 101-3229 APPROVAL OF OTHER CLOSING ITEM 1 DECISION UNIT M-103 AND OTHER CLOSING ITEM 2 DECISION UNIT E-900 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; OTHER CLOSING ITEM 3 WITH THE NOTED TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS; THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 4 ADDED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM; THE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY FISCAL STAFF IN OTHER CLOSING ITEM 5 ADDED TO THE AUTHORIZATIONS ACT FOR THE

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2023-2025 BIENNIUM; WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

Budget account B/A 101-3146 on page 41 of [Exhibit C](#) is a new Family Support Program budget, and being a new budget, it was the Major Closing Issue. In this budget, the Governor recommends net transferred funding totaling \$38.4 million, of which \$3.4 million is General Fund monies over the 2023-2025 biennium, to consolidate family support services in a new Family Support Program budget which would support 49 positions in FY 2023-2024 and 38 positions in FY 2024-2025. Fiscal staff recommends a technical adjustment in this budget that is connected to the technical adjustment recommended in B/A 101-3145 seen on page 43 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Do the Subcommittees wish to recommend approval of the new Family Support Program B/A 101-3146 including decision units E-491, E-500, E-900, E-905 and E-906 for total net funding of \$38.4 million over the 2023-2025 biennium and the transfer in of 38 positions and elimination of 11 positions, as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustment to align revenue sources? Fiscal staff requests authority to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

E-491 Expiring Grant/Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-65

E-500 Adjustments to Transfers — Page DHHS-DCFS-66



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- E-900 Transfer from Rural Child Wlfre to Family Supt Pgm — Page DHHS-DCFS-66
- E-905 Transfer From DCFS Admin to Family Support Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-66
- E-906 Transfer From DCFS Admin to Family Support Program — Page DHHS-DCFS-68

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF THE NEW FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM B/A 101-3146, INCLUDING DECISION UNITS E-491, E-500, E-900, E-905 AND E-906, FOR TOTAL NET FUNDING OF \$38.4 MILLION OVER THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM, THE TRANSFER IN OF 38 POSITIONS AND ELIMINATION OF 11 POSITIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN REVENUE SOURCES AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY AS SHOWN ON PAGE 41 OF [EXHIBIT C](#).

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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MR. ENGLISH:

I will present the DCFS budgets the Subcommittees have not previously reviewed and Fiscal staff is responsible for developing closing recommendations.

The Information Services B/A 101-3143 has no major closing issues. Staff recommends three technical adjustments which can be seen on pages 45 and 46 of [Exhibit C](#), including decision unit E-554.

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E-554 Technology Investment Request — Page DHHS-DCFS – 28

The Children's Trust Account B/A 101-3201 is on page 49 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing issues identified in this budget and no technical adjustments.

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Budget Account 101-3201

Budget Account 645-3242 is the Child Welfare Trust budget. There are no major closing issues in this budget and no technical adjustments are recommended.

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Budget Account 645-3242

There are no major closing issues identified in the transition from Foster Care B/A 101-3250 on page 53 of [Exhibit C](#). There is one technical adjustment recommended to align the budgeted funds with the contract back-up provided by the Agency.

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Budget Account 101-3250

The final budget is the Review of Death of Children B/A 101-3251 on page 55 of [Exhibit C](#). There are no major closing issues in this budget and no technical adjustments are recommended.

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Budget Account 101-3251

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As previously noted, Fiscal staff is responsible for developing recommendations for the following budgets to assist with this closing. Fiscal staff has identified the budgets recommended to be closed, as recommended by the Governor, with technical adjustments noted.

Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3143 decision unit E-554, B/A 101-3201, B/A 645-3242, B/A 101-3250 and B/A 101-3251 be closed as shown on page 57 of [Exhibit C](#) and as recommended by the Governor and requests authority for Fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF B/A 101-3143 DECISION UNIT E-554, B/A 101-3201, B/A 645-3242, B/A 101-3250 AND B/A 101-3251 INCLUDING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS SHOWN ON PAGE 57 OF [EXHIBIT C](#), WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

We will now hear public comment.

ZACHARY GRAY (Chief Executive Officer and Owner, Revive Health):

I am here to represent our nursing homes. My wife and I own three nursing homes in Northern Nevada. Medicaid is a complicated issue. I am here to talk about nursing home rates which are grossly underfunded and have been for many years. The last rate increase was in 2017, and since that time, expenses have risen dramatically. I have shared the Medicaid rates with the Committees. It is hard to share this information in two minutes, and I am hoping some of you come talk to us personally.

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On the Medicaid rates, our three nursing homes are reimbursed respectively, \$243, \$257 and \$238 per day. I have also provided for the Committees, the provider tax form every facility in Nevada completes each month. We maximize the provider tax form for nursing homes. Revive Health's provider tax fee is \$25.51 per day. It is a good program, and the hospitals are attempting to get it passed this Session. To get a true understanding of our equivalent daily rate, you need to subtract it from the equivalent daily rates we receive. If you subtract the \$25.51 from the daily rates our three nursing homes get, you get an equivalent daily rate of \$217, \$232, and \$213 per day. This is what we get paid to take care of a nursing home resident in Nevada. Chelsea and I take care of over 400 residents in our three nursing homes.

As we lobby for a rate increase, we use an equivalent daily rate of \$257 per day. That is a blended rate of all the nursing homes and not exclusive of the provider tax. I do not want anyone to get confused; that is not what we get paid. It is important you understand, as we ask for rate increases. If I seem scared or worried, it is because I am. I am asking for your help to take care of Nevada's most vulnerable seniors, the disabled. Healthcare workers deserve more, and I hope you can help us.

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CHAIR NGUYEN:

Hearing no further public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Dee Chekowitz-Dykes,  
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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