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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Interim Finance Committee
(*Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.400*)

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Nevada Legislature Office Building, Room 165
7230 Amigo Street
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119

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Legislative Building, Room 4100
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A. ROLL CALL.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in-person, by phone, or by written comment.

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2023, MEETING.**D. STATEMENT OF IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT BALANCE.**

*For
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E. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) PURSUANT TO NRS 353.268 (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Aging and Disability Services Division - Request for an allocation of \$1,398,412 to fund a shortfall in the Rural Regional Center budget due to higher than anticipated service expenditures, changes in the mix of clients and services, and shortfalls in different funding sources. REVISED 7-17-24.

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F. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) TO IMPLEMENT LANGUAGE ACCESS PLANS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ASSEMBLY BILL 480 OF THE 82ND (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) (Reference list F).

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G. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATIONS FROM THE IFC CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT (GENERAL FUND) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 7(1)(a) AND 7(1)(b) OF ASSEMBLY BILL 518 OF THE 82ND (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION (Note: IFC may approve a different amount for an allocation than the amount requested) (Reference list G).

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H. REQUESTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS, BETWEEN BUDGET ACCOUNTS, OR WITHIN DEPARTMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 36, 37, 39, 44, 45, 50, 52, 54, 56, AND 58 OF SENATE BILL 511 OF THE 82ND (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION (Reference list H).

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I. REQUEST PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(1)(b) OF SENATE BILL 504 OF THE 82ND (2023) LEGISLATIVE SESSION - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Request for an exemption to establish revenue authority to receive funds awarded under the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grant and increase expenditure authority. RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS M.80 AND M.89.

- J. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.
1. Statement of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund obligations and remaining unobligated balance.
 2. Status report on the administration, obligation and expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (Letter of Intent, 82nd [2023] Legislative Session).
- K. WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220(5)(a) - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN NRS 353.263 OR FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE OR PROPERTY - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - Transfer of \$459,307 to fund a shortfall in food costs. **Work Programs #24FR132792 and #24FRF37171.**
- For Possible Action* L. APPROVAL OF WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 353.220 (Reference List L).
- For Possible Action* M. APPROVAL OF GIFTS, GRANTS, WORK PROGRAM REVISIONS, AND POSITION CHANGES NOT INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 353 OF NRS. (Reference List M).
- For Possible Action* N. REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNT FOR FORECLOSURE MEDIATION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO NRS 107.080(13)(b) - Request for the transfer of ~~\$444,482~~ **\$48,267** to Home Means Nevada, Inc. for support of the program for foreclosure mediation. **REVISED 7-17-24.**
- O. STATUS REPORT ON THE HOME MEANS NEVADA INITIATIVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY - Housing Division - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - Status report on the Initiative as requested during the April 7, 2022, meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.
- P. PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO NRS 428.375 TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE STATEWIDE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONEY TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT ACT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Director's Office - Grants Management Unit - INFORMATIONAL ONLY - Submittal to the Interim Finance Committee for a hearing to receive public comment pursuant to NRS 428.375 of the ~~final~~ **proposed** plan for the statewide use and distribution of the money to be provided through the Community Services Block Grant Act ~~and copy of the plan~~ for the period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. **REVISED 7-29-24.**

Q. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (Reference List Q).

R. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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S. ADJOURNMENT.

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Date: June 30, 2024
To: Amy Stephenson, Director
Governor's Finance Office
From: Budd Milazzo, Executive Branch Budget Officer *Budd*
Governor's Finance Office, Budget Division
Subject: INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE **ACTION** ITEM

The following describes an action item submitted for placement on the agenda of the next Interim Finance Committee meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

Agenda Item Write-up:

Pursuant to Section 7.1 (a) of Assembly Bill 518 of the 82nd Legislative Session, the Department of Indigent Defense Services requests an allocation of \$2,827,002 from the Interim Finance Committee to fully reimburse the counties expenses in excess of the maximum contribution for indigent defense related costs. Relates to work program #C69492.

Additional Information:

Section 7.1 (a) of Assembly Bill 518 of the 82nd Legislative Session appropriated \$6,306,880 for Fiscal Year 2024 for allocation to the department of Indigent Defense Services to fund the reimbursement of counties for the costs in excess of their maximum contribution amounts for the provision of the indigent defense services, including, without limitation, the costs of compliance with service workloads. Attached are details for each county's reimbursement requests.

Statutory Authority:

Assembly Bill 518 Section 7.1 (a) (2023)

REVIEWED: *Budd*

GFO ACTION ITEM: _____

LCB AGENDA ITEM: _____

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Date: July 9, 2024
To: Amy Stephenson, Director
Governor's Finance Office
From: Budd Milazzo, Executive Branch Budget Officer
Governor's Finance Office, Budget Division
Subject: INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE **ACTION** ITEM *Bu*

The following describes an action item submitted for placement on the agenda of the next Interim Finance Committee meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES

Agenda Item Write-up:

Pursuant to Section 7.1 (b) of Assembly Bill 518 of the 82nd Legislative Session, the Department of Indigent Defense Services requests an allocation of \$686,103 from the Interim Finance Committee to fund the costs of compliance with the Davis v. State consent judgement. Relates to work program #C67456.

Additional Information:

Section 7.1 (b) of Assembly Bill 518 of the 82nd Legislative Session appropriated \$6,613,033 for Fiscal Year 2025 for allocation to the department of Indigent Defense Services to fund the costs of compliance with the Davis v. State consent judgement. This request funds four separate areas of compliance.

Statutory Authority:

Assembly Bill 518 Section 7.1 (b) (2023)

REVIEWED: <i>Bu</i> _____
GFO ACTION ITEM: _____
LCB AGENDA ITEM: _____



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**STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**

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Amended Memorandum

DATE: July 31, 2024
TO: Budd Milazzo, Executive Branch Budget Officer
FROM: Marcie Ryba, Executive Director, Department of Indigent Defense Services
SUBJECT: Request for AB518 Funds to Replenish Allocated Funds to Reimburse Counties Over Maximum Contribution (Work program C69492)

Marcie Ryba

NRS Chapter 180 sets forth the maximum amount that each county will pay for the provision of indigent defense services. This memorandum serves as a request for approval of the Department of Indigent Defense to seek additional funding from the Interim Finance Committee to reimburse counties pursuant to the maximum contribution formula.

The maximum contribution formula provides the maximum amount that a county shall pay for the provision of indigent defense services. The amounts are statutorily specified and increase by annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Western Region (All Items) or 5%, whichever is less. Section 7.1 of AB518 (2023) set aside \$6,306,880 for allocation to the Department "to fund: [] [t]he reimbursement of counties for costs in excess of their maximum contribution amounts for the provision of indigent defense services."

This request is to reimburse those counties for FY24 expenses which exceed the amounts of funds allocated to the Department for the payment of such expenses.

The following Counties have met their maximum contribution: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine.

The Department requests an allocation of **\$2,827,002** from the Interim Finance Committee to fully reimburse the Counties expenses in excess of the maximum contribution for indigent defense related costs.

Work program C69492 has been submitted for this request.

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Memorandum

DATE: August 5, 2024
TO: Budd Milazzo, Executive Branch Budget Officer – Team Lead
Don Carlson, Budget Advisor, ASD
FROM: Marcie Ryba, Executive Director, Department of Indigent Defense Services
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Request for AB518, Section 7 Allocation (Work program C67456)

Marcie Ryba

At the December 2023 Interim Finance Committee (“IFC”) meeting, funds were appropriated from AB518(2023)¹, Section 7 funding, to assist the Department with costs related to compliance with the Davis v. State (Nev. First Jud. Dist. Ct. Case No. 170C002271B (Aug. 11, 2020)) consent judgement. Herein is a request for an allocation of **\$686,103** from Assembly Bill 518(2023), Section 7 to continue the programs in Fiscal Year 2025.

Oversight Requirements

The *Davis* Stipulated Consent Judgment requires the following:
Consistent with the ABA Ten Principles, Defendants through the Board, shall ensure that public defense counsel are **systematically reviewed on an annual basis for quality and efficiency according to nationally and locally adopted standards**, including, but not limited to, the ABA Criminal Justice Standards.²

¹ AB518(2023), Section 7 appropriates funding to the IFC for allocation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services to fund:
(a) The reimbursement of counties for costs in excess of their maximum contribution amounts for the provision of indigent defense services, including, without limitation, the costs of compliance with workload standards;
(b) The costs of the Department related to compliance with the Davis v. State (Nev. First Jud. Dist. Ct. Case No. 170C002271B (Aug. 11, 2020)) consent judgment;
(c) The costs of the Office of State Public Defender for contracting for legal services for complex cases; and
(d) The costs for training and pay parity for attorneys who provide indigent defense services.

² Judgment, 16 (emphasis added).

To comply with these oversight requirements in the judgment, IFC historically approved \$626,335 in Fiscal Year 2024 at the December IFC meeting to allow the Department to contract with oversight analysts and employ an Administrative Assistant.

Contracts for two part-time oversight analysts were approved at the February Board of Examiners (“BOE”) meeting. A third contract, for a full-time contract oversight analyst, was approved at the March BOE meeting.

To continue the systematic review that is required by the consent judgment, the Department requests an allocation to continue to fund:

- (1) the salaried Administrative Assistant and associated costs,
- (2) one-full time and two-part time hourly contract attorneys that are contracted to provide oversight and their associated travel expenses to perform oversight.

As stated previously, the Department requested operating funds to contract with attorneys to serve as oversight analysts, rather than hire staff attorneys, because prevailing state salaries are substantially lower than the salaries offered at county public defender offices or compensation offered to contract attorneys; thus, the Department does not believe it will be able to fill staff attorney positions with attorneys possessing the requisite knowledge to provide oversight.

Costs associated with continuing the oversight would total \$916,439, in Fiscal Year 2025. NEBS210, NEBS 130, and backup documentation are attached. Work Program C69238 balanced forward to Fiscal Year 2025 the unspent Fiscal Year 2024 authority in the amount of \$364,743 (BA 1008, Category 36). An additional work program will be processed to balance forward unspent Fiscal Year 2024 Oversight Funds in the amount of \$55,686 (BA 1008, Category 01: \$35,261 and BA 1008, Category 04: \$20,425).

Total Funding Request for Oversight: Fiscal Year 2025: \$496,010.

Indigent Defense Services Training

The *Davis* Stipulated Consent Judgment requires the following:

Consistent with the ABA Ten Principles, Defendants through the Board and Executive Director, shall provide indigent defense providers with access to a systematic and comprehensive training program, specifically including a certain amount of CLE specific to criminal defense.³

The Judgment states that the Defendants must offer “a systematic and comprehensive training program,” which covers “at a minimum: (1) client intake interviews; (2) client communication; (3) securing pretrial release; (4) preparation for arraignment, including preservation of client’s rights and requests for formal and/or informal discovery; (5) investigation; (6) filing and responding to pre- and post-trial motions; (7) plea and sentencing outcome negotiations; (8) trial advocacy; (9) appeals; and (10) special issues

³ Judgment, 16.

regarding the representation of juveniles.”⁴ This provision of the Judgment suggests a systematic approach to ensuring that attorneys have training in all areas crucial to public defense.

At the December IFC, the Department was appropriated \$89,340 to ensure compliance with the training requirement of the consent judgment. In the Eleventh Report of the Davis Monitor, the Monitor represents that she is encouraged by the increase in training opportunities.⁵ The Department is requesting a similar appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025.

First, as previously approved at the December 2023 IFC meeting and based upon the recommendations of the *Davis* monitor for compliance with the *Davis* training requirements, the Department requests an allocation of \$37,340 per year of the biennium in additional training authority to offer increased CLE for indigent defense attorneys for the purpose of sending five rural attorneys per year to a national trial advocacy college (or similar training). This funding would allow 5 rural indigent defense services attorneys to attend National Trial College (NCDC) per year.⁶ The mission of the college is to provide the highest standard of trial skills training to criminal defense attorneys across the United States to ensure that people accused of crimes are represented by zealous counsel.

- Estimated Cost to Send Attorneys to Nationally Accepted Trainings: Fiscal Year 2025: \$ 37,340

Second, as previously approved at the December 2023 IFC meeting, and due to a subgrant from the Department of Public Safety having expired, the Department requests an allocation of AB 518 (7)(1)(d) funds to enhance the Annual Conference:

- Funding to reimburse rural attorneys to travel to annual conference:
 - Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$39,989
- Funding to reimburse nationally accepted trainers for travel expenses and compensation to provide training at the Annual Conference:
 - Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$28,789
- Funding to provide for event space, AV equipment, setup/teardown fees, service charges, and other miscellaneous venue expenses, needed to host the Annual Conference:
 - Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$36,050
- Funding to engage a professional conference manager. The conference manager will find conference space and negotiating the contract, holding planning meetings

⁴ Judgment, 16

⁵ Eleventh Report of the Monitor, *Davis v. State*, Case No. 170C002271B, February 23, 2024, p. 13-14.

⁶ This estimate is based upon the following NCDC TPI Attendance Costs where the total cost per attorney to attend the training is approximately \$7,468.00, including tuition (\$2,700), housing (\$1,633), per diem (\$644), and airfare (\$620). Information was obtained from the NCDC website at <https://ncdc.net/trial-practice-institute/>.

for stakeholders, serve as a key point of contact for the event, market the training to the rural offices and encourage participation, establish an online registration for the conference, secure speakers and make travel arrangements, assume responsibility for participate certificates and conference closure, and provide staff to facilitate the conference.

- o Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$21,500

The total estimated cost for compliance with *Davis* Training Requirements is \$163,668. Work Program C69238 balanced forward to Fiscal Year 2025 the unspent Fiscal Year 2024 authority in the amount of \$9,940 (BA 1008, Category 37). An additional work program will be processed to balance forward unspent Fiscal Year 2024 Training Funds in the amount of \$40,489 (BA 1008, Category 37).

Total Funding Request for Compliance with Davis Training Requirements:
Fiscal Year 2025: **\$113,239.**

Data Collection and Reporting Requirements

The Judgment requires that indigent defense providers report data in a uniform fashion, including case numbers; type; outcome; the hours worked by attorneys, staff, investigators, and experts; the number of motions to suppress filed and litigated; the number of trials; and the attorney's private workload, if any. The Judgment further requires that the Department provide the data collected on rural indigent defense systems to the Plaintiffs and the public on a quarterly basis.⁷ This data is collected using a case management system.

First, as was previously approved at the December 2023 IFC, the Department is requesting \$4,186 to continue to cover a shortfall created by the new contract for the data collection case management system. A failure to continue the case management system will result in a failure to comply with the data collection and reporting requirements.

- Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$4,186

Second, the Department is requesting \$7,100 to enable the vouchering module within the LegalServer case management system. Enabling the vouchering module will increase attorney efficiency, reduce the amount of time spent by DIDS's staff to input data, and it will improve data collection efforts and incentivize attorneys to use the LegalServer system. The cost is \$3,500 to enable the module and a fee of \$300 a month for use of the module.

- Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$7,100.

Next, as recommended by the Davis Monitor, the December 2023 IFC approved funding for the Department to provide Westlaw EDGE to appointed attorneys that are providing indigent defense services in rural counties. As discussed at the December 2023 IFC, providing access to an online legal research service will incentivize attorneys to comply with the workload reporting requirements so that the State will be compliant with the

⁷ Judgment, 18

uniform data collection requirements of the judgement because it would cost an attorney \$504 a month to have similar access. Also, prosecutors are routinely provided free access to online legal research systems and such an action would provide the same resources to indigent defense services attorneys as are provided to prosecutors.

Funding is requested to continue to provide an online legal research system to indigent defense services attorneys.

- Estimated Cost: Fiscal Year 2025: \$65,568 (12 months at \$5463.94 per month)

Total Funding Request for Data Collection Compliance: Fiscal Year 2025
\$76,854.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Department respectfully requests a total allocation of **\$686,103** from the AB518(2023), Section 7 appropriation to continue to comply with the *Davis Stipulated Consent Judgment* in the following areas: (1) Oversight; (2) Training; and (3) Compliance with the Data Collection and Reporting Requirements.