



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2015

**DATE:** June 23, 2015  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Doreen Ertell, Risk Management Division  
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**THROUGH:** Joey Orduna Hastings, Assistant County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Approve the settlement of the claims by Rachael Elainehope Brimhall, on behalf of herself and as guardian of her minor child, Madyson Scott; and Heidi Lynn Dutchover against Washoe County *et al*, for a total sum of \$168,500 for all claims against all defendants, with funding from the Risk Management fund. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

We are seeking the approval of the Board to settle the referenced claims against Washoe County *et al*, for a total of \$168,500 for all claims against all defendants. Pursuant to WCC 65.240(5), the Board has sole authority to settle any claim or suit for damages in this amount.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Achieving Long Term Financial Stability.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous action by the Board on this matter.

### BACKGROUND

This matter arose from an automobile accident involving a County vehicle.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Risk Management Fund, cost center 195053, account 710597, to pay the proposed settlement.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the claims by Rachael Elainehope Brimhall, on behalf of herself and as guardian of her minor child, Madyson Scott; and Heidi Lynn Dutchover against Washoe County *et al*, for a total sum of \$168,500 for all claims against all defendants, with funding from the Risk Management fund.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

I move to approve the settlement of the claims by Rachael Elainehope Brimhall, on behalf of herself and as guardian of her minor child, Madyson Scott; and Heidi Lynn Dutchover against Washoe County *et al*, for a total sum of \$168,500 for all claims against all defendants, with funding from the Risk Management fund.