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BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

May 2, 2003

To: Assembly Government Affairs

From: Dorla M. Salling, Chairman *DMS*  
Board of Parole Commissioners

Subject: Senate Bill 229

The Board of Parole Commissioners (Parole Board) conducts annually over 7,000 hearings to consider inmates for release or continuation on parole. Parole hearings are quasi-judicial proceedings and are exempt from the provisions of NRS 241 (open meeting law) except where provided for in NRS 213 (that parole hearings be open to the public).

The amendment to the original bill inserted language pertaining to a "*public body that is a governing board*" with a definition that includes "*an executive body that has the authority to adopt a regulation or to make a decision that constitutes a final decision for the purposes of judicial review.*"

This provision could have a dramatic impact on the operation of the Parole Board if interpreted contrary to my understanding that it does not apply to parole hearings. Therefore, I respectfully request clarification on this Bill as to the Legislative intent pertaining to the conduct of parole and clemency related hearings.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

cc: Senator Ann O'Connell  
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