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## WORK SESSION

### Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

#### **SENATE BILL 16**

**(First Reprint)**

**Specifies the effect of abstention from voting by member of certain public bodies on necessary quorum and number of votes necessary to take action on matters. (BDR 19-377)**

**Sponsored by: Senator Care**  
**Date Heard: May 1, 2003**

Senate Bill 16 applies in a county with a population of 40,000 or more (Carson, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Washoe) and provides that a quorum may only be reduced as a result of an abstention if the member of the elected public body receives a legal counsel opinion, in writing, that the abstention is required by law. This measure is intended to clarify provisions approved in Senate Bill 329 of the 2001 Legislative Session that prohibited certain public bodies from taking action by a vote without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the public body.

**Amendments:** None

**Opposition:** None

**Fiscal Impact:** Local Government: No  
State Government: No

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