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TESTIMONY

BILL: A.B. 402 Revises requirements concerning approval of certain construction on behalf of a health facility.

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Good afternoon, for the record, I am Mary Griffith, Health Resource Analyst for the Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics of the State Health Division. I am here to provide information on Assembly Bill 402.

AB 402 allows an exclusion to the provision of NRS 439A.100 requiring the Director of Human Resources to approve new construction of a health facility.

Currently, the construction of new health facilities at a cost over \$2 million in counties in Nevada where the population is less than 100,000 requires a letter of approval from Nevada's Director of the Department of Human Resources. This approval process is known as Certificate of Need (CON). Proposed new construction projects which require Certificate of Need review must submit an application that justifies the need for the project according to criteria specified in State CON law and regulations, NRS 439A.100 and NAC 439A. This criteria is whether a need for the proposed project exists in the community, whether the proposed project is financially feasible, the effect of the proposed project on the cost of health care and the appropriateness of the proposed project for the community. A public hearing to document public comment in the community of the proposed project is also part of the process.

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