

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Seventy-Fourth Session
April 23, 2007**

The Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Sheila Leslie at 2:34 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2007, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chair
Assemblywoman Susan I. Gerhardt, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Bob Beers
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain
Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart
Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber
Assemblywoman RoseMary Womack

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah J. Lutter, Committee Policy Analyst
Patricia Evans, Committee Secretary
Olivia Lloyd, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

John A. Liveratti, Social Welfare Program Chief, Compliance Unit,
Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Human
Services

Leslie A. Johnstone, Executive Officer, State of Nevada Public
Employees' Benefits Program

Chair Leslie:

[Meeting called to order. Roll called.] Please mark members present as they arrive. We will open the hearing on Senate Bill 142.

Senate Bill 142 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing certain forms used by hospitals in this State. (BDR 40-602)

John A. Liveratti, Social Welfare Program Chief, Compliance Unit, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Department of Human Resources:

[Read from prepared text ([Exhibit C](#)).]

Chair Leslie:

Senate Bill 142 replaces form UB-04 with generic language. Is that correct?

John A. Liveratti:

That is correct.

Chair Leslie:

Has anyone objected to the language in this Bill?

John A. Liveratti:

It was amended to this language, and agreed upon.

Chair Leslie:

Are there any questions from the Committee? Would anyone else like to testify in favor or against S.B. 142? The hearing is closed on S.B. 142. We will hold this bill until all committee members are present. Senator Horsford will not be able to join us today; therefore, we will skip Senate Joint Resolution 6. The hearing is open on Senate Joint Resolution 14. Is there anyone here to speak on behalf of S.J.R. 14?

Leslie A. Johnstone, Executive Officer, State of Nevada Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP):

This resolution was recommended by the Assembly Concurrent Resolution 10 interim committee that studied the PEBP for the last two interims. The Public Employees' Benefits Board does not have a position on this Bill.

Chair Leslie:

Would you like to briefly describe what this bill does?

Leslie A. Johnstone:

It would request that Congress consider lowering the age for Medicare eligibility from age 65 to age 62.

Chair Leslie:

What is the purpose?

Leslie J. Johnstone:

The intent of the Committee was to acknowledge that more people are uninsured at the age after retirement, but before the age of Medicare eligibility. It is to help with the coverage for medical expenses during that window period.

Assemblyman Hardy:

Will this potentially decrease the burden on PEBP?

Leslie A. Johnstone:

That would be the direct impact. There would be some financial implications on the federal side which would trickle down to us.

Chair Leslie:

Thank you for asking the question, Assemblyman Hardy. Guess who is going to get the floor statement? We will close the hearing on S.J.R. 14. I will accept a motion to take a vote on S.J.R. 14.

Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto:

Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security are all in trouble. Why would we want to start paying for people who are younger?

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain:

We did a survey of people age 50 and older in Nevada. Six percent of people over age 50 do not have health insurance. Eighty-three percent of those people are between the ages of 50 to 64.

Chair Leslie:

Are there any other comments?

Chair Leslie:

I remind the Committee that this is a Resolution. There is a motion on the floor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PARNELL MOVED TO DO PASS
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GERHARDT SECONDED.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO AND
ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART VOTED NO.)

Chair Leslie:

Assemblyman Hardy, you will have the floor statement for S.J.R. 14. Senator Barbara Cegavske is not here. As a courtesy to the Senator, we will not hear Senate Joint Resolution 17 until she is present. Is there any other business to come before the Committee today? [There was none.]

[Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Patricia Evans
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Health and Human Services

Date: April 23, 2007

Time of Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A	*****	Agenda
	B	*****	Attendance Roster
SB 142	C	John Liveratti, Department of Health and Human Services	Regarding UB-04