

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
March 9, 2015**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Vice Chair Ben Kieckhefer at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Vice Chair
Senator Mark Lipparelli
Senator Pat Spearman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Joe P. Hardy, Chair (Excused)
Senator Joyce Woodhouse (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marsheilah Lyons, Policy Analyst
Eric Robbins, Counsel
Debra Burns, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services

Senator Kieckhefer:

Today we have Assembly Bill (A.B.) 29 on our agenda.

ASSEMBLY BILL 29: Revises provisions governing the care and treatment of persons with intellectual disabilities and related conditions. (BDR 39-324)

Jane Gruner (Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services):

This bill is a cleanup bill from when our divisions split from the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services. The developmental service piece came over to the Aging and Disability Services Division. I have submitted written testimony ([Exhibit C](#)). Some of the language was left behind. This bill cleans up that portion. The corrective language addresses the sections governing individuals with intellectual disabilities. This bill will require certification from any providers versus just the nonprofits for jobs and day-training providers. The bill provides additional language to enable us to use the restrictive interventions that were already law; they did not move over with us.

Senator Kieckhefer:

This clarifies that all provisions relating to State facilities and State programs are also applicable to other structural organizations, private and nonprofit. Is that accurate?

Ms. Gruner:

Yes, that is accurate. Some of the language is changed. Now, it adds partnerships, firms, corporations and associations to the nonprofit organizations and local and State government agencies that may be certificated to provide jobs and day-training services.

Senator Kieckhefer:

Then there are no substantive policy changes in this legislation? Does it assure statutes conform to existing law and policy?

Ms. Gruner:

Yes, that would be accurate.

Senator Kieckhefer:

We will close the hearing on A.B. 29.

I have two bill draft requests (BDRs) for introduction, BDR 40-981 and BDR 38-982.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST 40-981: Makes various changes relating to public health. (Later introduced as Senate Bill 247).

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 40-981.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BILL DRAFT REQUEST 38-982: Revises provisions relating to persons who are blind. (Later introduced as [Senate Bill 248](#).)

SENATOR LIPPARELLI MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 38-982.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Kieckhefer:

We have no public comment in either Carson City or Las Vegas. The meeting stands adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Debra Burns,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, Vice Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit		Witness or Agency	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	1		Attendance Roster
A.B. 29	C	2	Jane Gruner	Written Testimony