

**MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Seventy-Eighth Session
April 1, 2015**

The subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Greg Brower at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in Room 2134 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Greg Brower, Chair
Senator Becky Harris, Vice Chair
Senator Aaron D. Ford

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Patricia Farley, Senatorial District No. 8

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Guinan, Policy Analyst
Nick Anthony, Counsel
Lynn Hendricks, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marc Johnson, President, University of Nevada, Reno
Cheryl Hug-English, M.D., Medical Director, Student Health Center, University of Nevada, Reno

Chair Brower:

I will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 339.

SENATE BILL 339: Authorizes the Nevada System of Higher Education to impose additional restrictions relating to the use of tobacco. (BDR 15-873)

Marc Johnson (President, University of Nevada, Reno):

We are here to support S.B. 339. I have written testimony explaining the need for this ([Exhibit C](#)).

This bill adds the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions and property to the list of entities that can impose further controls on the use and sale of tobacco products on its grounds. This is one of several measures we are implementing to put the emphasis on human capital development, physical as well as intellectual, on the part of our students. It is important for a medical school that conducts social and behavioral health research to implement behaviors that are consistent with the research that comes out of the institution.

The Board of Regents of NSHE supports this move. At the University of Nevada, Reno, we have had strong endorsement through surveys and resolutions on the part of our student senate ([Exhibit D](#)), the faculty senate and the staff employees' council. There is strong support across the campus to move to a tobacco-free environment, and this bill will allow us to do so.

We know from research that people who smoke before the age of 20 years tend not to be lifetime smokers. Those who are still smoking when they reach 20 years tend to smoke all their lives. A tobacco-free campus will provide an environment that discourages people from becoming lifelong smokers. This increases productivity and decreases health costs for those individuals and society as a whole.

Cheryl Hug-English, M.D. (Medical Director, Student Health Center, University of Nevada, Reno):

I have written testimony describing the positive impact S.B. 339 could have for NSHE institutions and Nevada ([Exhibit E](#)).

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Chair Brower:

We are adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lynn Hendricks,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Greg Brower, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit		Witness or Agency	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	7		Attendance Roster
S.B. 339	C	1	Marc A. Johnson	Written testimony
S.B. 339	D	2	Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada	Resolution in support of the Tobacco Free Campus Policy
S.B. 339	E	1	Cheryl Hug-English	Written testimony